

SUWANNEE RIVER PADDLE TRIP

March 29 thru April 5 2008

Saturday 3/29

- Drive from New Bern to White Springs FL (about 600 miles)
- Camp at Stephen Foster State Park near White Springs on Saturday night
- Stay in the Cable Crossing Group Camping area at \$2 per person

Sunday 3/30

- Shuttle cars to Branford Park Boat Ramp (about 36 miles)
- If we leave any cars at Stephen Foster State Park, they will charge \$5 per night so we'll have to find another place to park but that shouldn't be a problem
- Pack and launch boats by noon for the short paddle to Woods Ferry
- Paddle to the Woods Ferry platform (about 10 miles)
- Two platforms reserved for 10 to 12 people (\$20 per platform)
- Platform offers: screened 16'x16' shelter, hot shower, w/ ceiling fans and fire ring

Monday 3/31

- Depart platform early (for longest day of paddling, 21 miles). The 1 to 2 mph river current will help
- The paddle from Woods Ferry to Holton Creek platform will take you through a twisting, remote, high bank area.
- Plan lunch and explore the ruins of the old Suwannee Sulfur Springs Resort and Springs
- Two platforms reserved for 10 to 12 people (\$20 per platform)
- Platform offers: screened 16'x16' shelter, hot shower, w/ ceiling fans and fire ring

Tuesday 4/1

- Paddle from Holton Creek to the Suwannee River State Park (about 11 miles)
- Stay at the Lime Sink Group Camping Area reserved @ \$2 per person
- Explore Little (Lime) Gem Springs and bluffs in the park or paddle up the Withlacoochee River to Blue Springs

Wednesday 4/2

- Paddle from Suwannee River SP to **Dowling Park (about 15 miles)
Note: This** is actually the Advent Christian Village offering public lodging, restaurant, food store, canoeing biking and camping
- Plan lunch, explore and perhaps swim at Anderson Springs along the way
- Reservations made at Camp Dowling @ \$5 per person including hot showers

Thursday 4/3

- Paddle from the ACV to Lafayette Blue Springs State Park (about 12 miles)
- Park offers walk in tent camping (primitive w/ outhouse??)
- Explore Thomas Springs and perhaps stop for lunch and a swim at Charles Spring Park

Friday 4/4

- Paddle from Lafayette Blue Springs State Park to Peacock Slough Platform (about 8 miles)
- Two platforms reserved for 10 to 12 people (\$20 per platform)
- Platform offers: screened 16'x16' shelter, hot shower, w/ ceiling fans and fire ring
- Explore the many dive/snorkel springs in area including Telfor, Cow, Running and Bath Tub Springs

Saturday 4/5

- Paddle from Peacock Slough to the City of Branford Park and Boat Landing off Hwy 27 (about 19 miles)
- Unload gear, pack car and head for Lake City, FL and spend night in motel
- Drive home on Sunday

For more information:

or <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/suwannee/>
or <http://www.floridastateparks.org/wilderness/default.cfm>

