



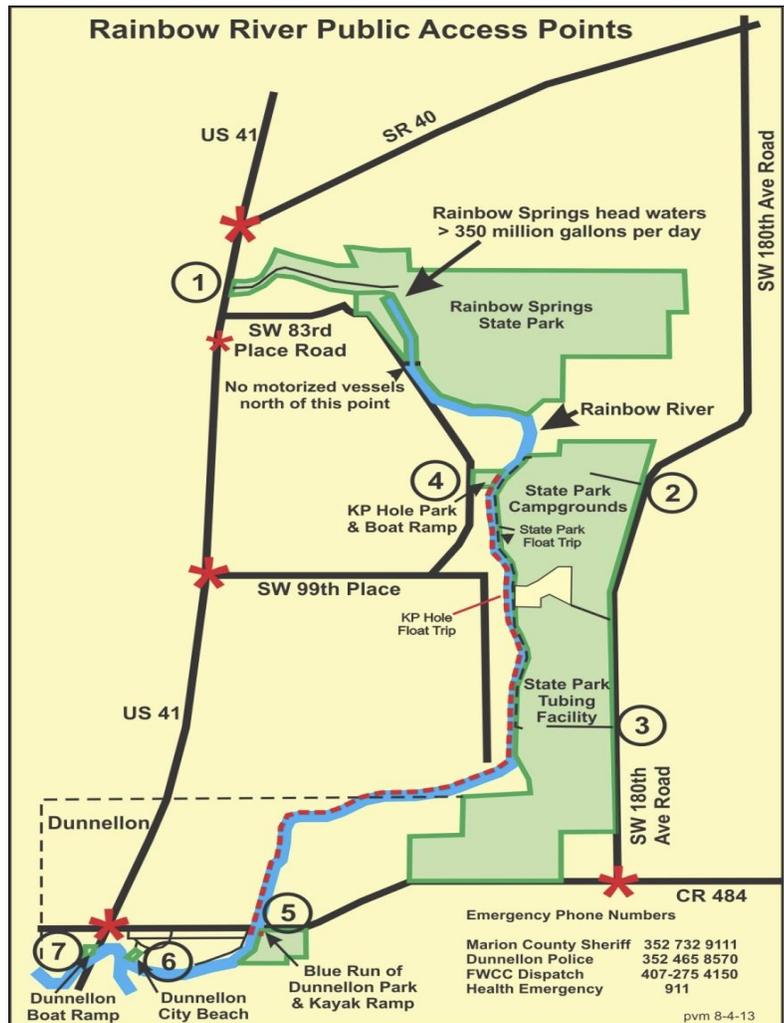
Enjoying Birding & Hiking the Rainbow

Keeping the Rainbow River Healthy and Beautiful



The Rainbow River is a first-magnitude, spring-fed, Outstanding Florida Waterway and Aquatic Life Resource. From one of the 7 public access points shown on the map, it is important that visitors follow proper etiquette and the resource will be preserved for generations to come.

- Both the Rainbow Springs State Park and the Rainbow River are listed on the Great Florida Birding Trail. Both wading birds and upland birds can be viewed from the many trails in the State Park. Paddling or boating the river gives the visitor the ability to see wading birds stalk and catch prey in the river marshes and by diving in the clear water to catch fish, crabs and invertebrates.
- Non-property owners should enter or exit the Rainbow River only at designated public access points. Doing otherwise is unlawful trespassing and violators may be subject to arrest and fines. They are Rainbow Springs State Park headsprings, State Park Campground, State Park Tubers Launch (tubes only), KP Hole Park and boat ramp, Blue Run of Dunnellon Park, Dunnellon beach, and Dunnellon boat ramp. These access points are shown on the map.



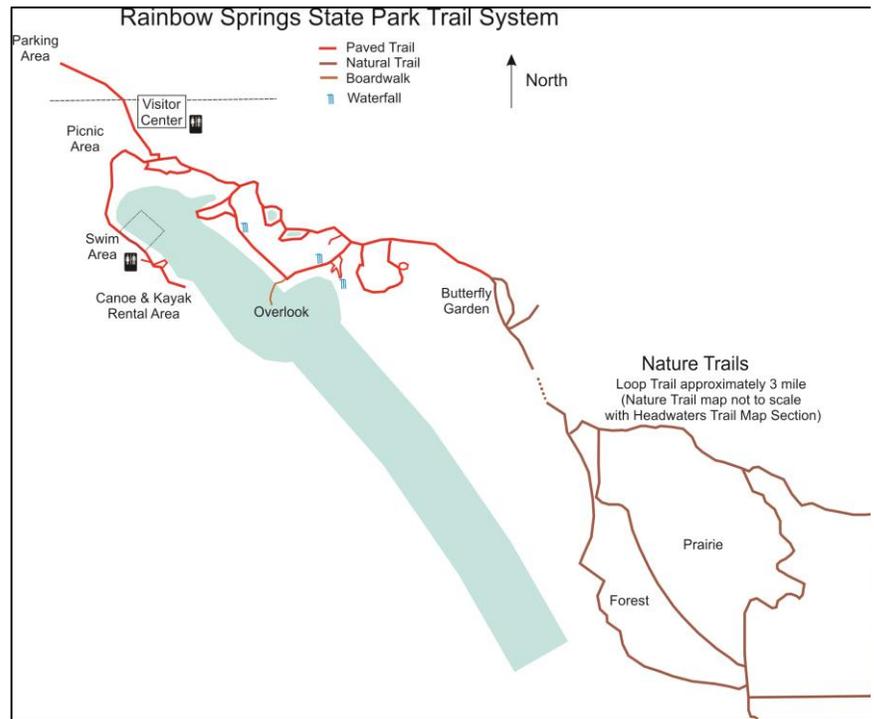
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- When on the river it is your responsibility to abide by the laws of Florida waters, including the Rainbow and Withlacoochee Rivers. All laws are enforced by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), the Marion County Sheriff's Department and the Dunnellon Police Department. <http://www.floridabirdingtrail.com/>
- Go around groups of birds or other animals rather than forcing them to disperse.

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- Taking any type of alcohol or disposables on the Rainbow River is prohibited by law. Acceptable containers include Tupperware, Rubbermaid or a thermos. Unlawful containers include: paper sacks, boxes, plastic water bottles, aluminum cans, breakable plastic utensils, paper napkins and towels.
- Lighting fires or discharging firearms is prohibited in the Aquatic Preserve, Rainbow Springs State Park or Blue Run of Dunnellon Park. Stay on trails and paths to minimize habitat disturbance.



- Consider asking an experienced hiker or birder to accompany you if this is your first trip to see the 60-plus species of birds that live and feed on the river. Obtain a brochure from Rainbow Springs State Park to help you identify the many species of animals and birds seen on the river.
- Use binoculars to observe nesting or resting birds from a distance to avoid disturbing them. Do not use recordings to attract birds. Sit or crouch to appear smaller. Move slowly and steadily rather than quickly and sporadically.



Birds of the Rainbow River