



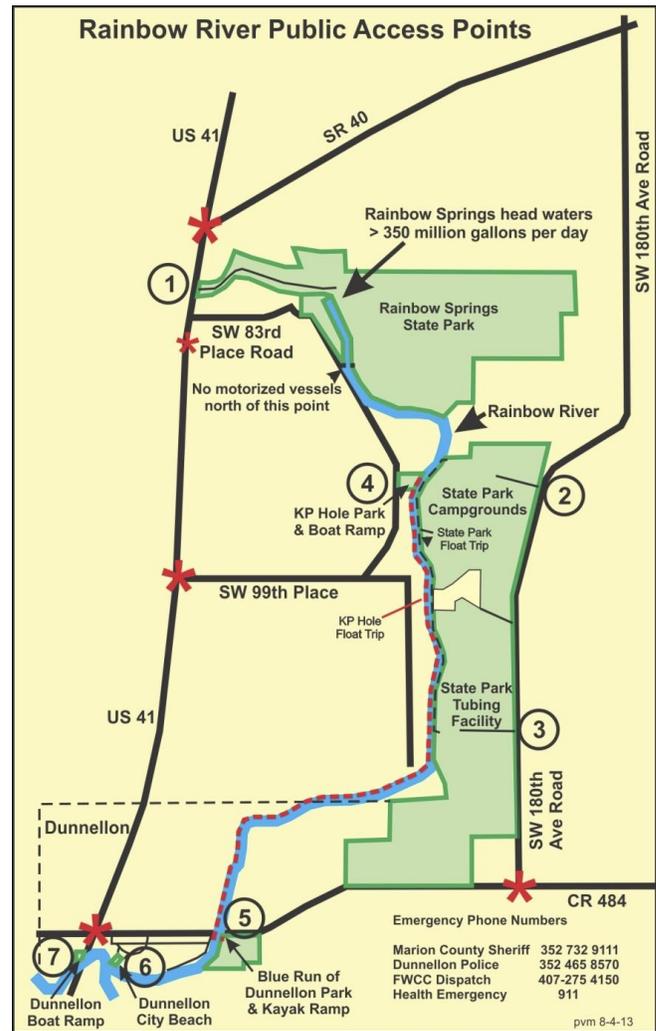
# Enjoying Fishing on the Rainbow

## Keeping the Rainbow River Healthy and Beautiful



The Rainbow River is a first-magnitude, spring-fed river, designated by the State of Florida as an Outstanding Florida Waterway and Aquatic Preserve. Recreational users should access the river only from one of the 7 public access points shown in the map below. Because of the river's popularity, it is important that visitors follow proper etiquette so that all can have an enjoyable visitor experience and the resource will be preserved for generations to come.

- Boat access to the river is available at the boat ramps at KP Hole Park and the Centennial Park at Dunnellon City Hall, numbers 4 and 7 on the map. Kayak and canoe access is also available at the Blue Run of Dunnellon Park number 5 on the map.
- 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://myfwc.com/license/recreational>
- 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.
- Fishing is not allowed at KP Hole or within the first 1700 feet of the spring run (Rainbow Springs State Park).
- Fishing is allowed in all other areas of the river south of the *No Motorized Vehicles* sign, by boat or float.



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- Practice “Catch-and-Release” and no live bait in the aquatic zone between the marker buoy at 1700 feet from the Rainbow Springs State Park headsprings and KP Hole, to allow bass and other game fish to recover.
- Use barbless hooks and avoid entanglement of lines in aquatic vegetation.
- Do not cast baits into branches or vegetation or leave broken fishing line to entangle fish, birds, turtles, otters or other creatures.
- Gently remove, if possible, recently tangled lines to avoid destruction of vegetation and habitat. Attempting to remove long-term embedded items may result in greater habitat destruction.
- Contact Wildlife Alert in a wildlife emergency: 1-888-404-3922 or Text [Tip@MyFWC.com](mailto:Tip@MyFWC.com)

