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Tour Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020, "SAVING WAKULLA SPRINGS"

\$18.00

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8:00 am - Noon

Car caravan/walking tour departs from Cascades Park in Tallahassee. Meet in parking lot located on the west side of the Edison Building 15 minutes prior to start of the tour.

Follow the amazing underground journey of precious "blue gold" southward from Tallahassee to the mother lode of Wakulla Springs. Join **Jim Stevenson**, Florida Springs expert, on our fascinating tour of the **Wakulla Spring Basin** which examines the sources and **traces the water journey** to the world famous Wakulla Springs. **See the actual sinkholes** hidden away in the woods where exploration cave divers enter **one of the longest and deepest underwater cave systems in the world**. Learn how this **incredible connection of caves** conducts groundwater through the Floridan Aquifer from Leon County south to Wakulla Spring. **Learn what you can do to help save our precious Wakulla Springs!**

There are seven stopping sites of interest en route to Wakulla Springs including lakes, sinkholes and the wastewater treatment plant. We will observe land use activities that affect the **quantity and quality of the water** flowing to the spring and hear about steps taken during the past 20+ years to protect the precious Wakulla Springs. **Experience the scenic basin area** of Wakulla Springs and observe protection strategies against the enjoyable backdrop of **local vegetation and wildlife**. Jim will share his remarkable knowledge of education, stormwater management, wastewater management, land acquisition, land use planning, research, monitoring, and best management practices.

"SAVING WAKULLA SPRINGS" is a car caravan/walking tour. Tour departs from the Cascades Park at 8:00 a.m. and ends at the tower overlooking the spring at 12:00 noon. Each tour is limited to 20 participants and carpools are strongly encouraged. (Some of the visit sites have very limited parking).

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Tour covers the entrance fee to Wakulla Springs State Park. Additional options include [lunch in the Lodge](#) and a [boat tour](#) to observe the wildlife and ecology of the river. **The majority of your tour fee will be donated to the *Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park, working toward protection of the spring.**

If you want to learn why the Floridan aquifer is considered "blue gold" and understand better the journey of water travel and its vital importance to you, "SAVING WAKULLA SPRINGS" is the ideal tour! \$18 per person.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR TOUR LEADER: Jim Stevenson was the chief naturalist of Florida's state parks for 20 years, the former coordinator of the Wakulla Springs Basin Working Group, and former chairman of the Florida Springs Task Force.

**[Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park](#) works to conserve, protect, restore and enhance the natural, historical, cultural and recreational resources of Wakulla Springs State Park for present and future generations.*

For additional questions or assistance with your tour registration, please call 850-926-3376.

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