Silver Springs State Park is almost 5,000 acres of Central Florida natural beauty. In the midst of the rush and bustle of urban living lies an oasis of peace and tranquility surrounding the Head Springs of Silver River.

The Park Offers:

River Entrance - South (Baseline)

- 15 miles of hiking and biking trails
- Three picnic pavilions with grills
- A playground for the youngsters
- Ten luxurious camping cabins
- 59 spacious campsites
- An environmental education center and museum in cooperation with Marion County School Board
- A glimpse into the stunning variety of Central Florida ecosystems
- Canoe and kayak launch
- Authentic Cracker Village

Springs Entrance - North (SR 40)

- Ornamental Gardens
- Educational Center
- Covered Viewing Deck
- Paved Trails
- Canoe and Kayak Launch and Rentals
- Glass Bottom Boat Tours *(additional fees apply)*
- Spring Side Restaurant

Horse Equestrian Trails (SR40 - Gate #5)

The admission fees include all entrances: the North Entrance and Equestrian Trail on State Road 40 as well as the South Entrance State Road 35 (Baseline) south of SR 40.

River Patrol Volunteers

What is a CSO?

Friends of Silver Springs State Park is a **C**itizen **S**upport **O**rganization, a not-for-profit corporation developed for the exclusive purpose of supporting, enhancing and assisting Silver Springs State Park.

Many of Florida's award winning State Parks have CSO's working with park staff to develop new programs, increase public awareness, and offer a broader array of services to guests.

CSO members may participate in numerous volunteer projects, join in for special events, and all membership dues and donations are used toward the betterment of the Silver Springs State Park.

Membership benefits include:

- Membership card
- Regular email updates
- Attendance at CSO special events and volunteer appreciation days
- 12 free entries to the park - a $96.00 value
- Satisfaction of being part of the park "Family"

Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the museum classroom.

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Ocala, Florida

The mission of the Friends of Silver Springs State Park, Inc. is to provide support to the park, enhance public awareness and community involvement, and to protect park resources.

Glass Bottom Boat

Who are Friends of Silver Springs State Park?

Friends of Silver Springs State Park are people and businesses that care about the quality of community life in Ocala and the Marion County area. We are people with diverse interests, but a common thread…. We care about the natural resource we have available in the Silver Springs State Park.

We are bike riders, boaters, paddlers, equestrians, campers, dog walkers, hikers, photographers, bird watchers, nature enthusiasts, parents and grandparents, school children, volunteers and business owners. What brings us together is the beauty, recreational value, and the expansive ecological variety of Silver Springs State Park.

Bluegrass in the Park Volunteers

Follow us on:

Facebook: Friends of Silver Springs State Park

www.thefriendsofsilversprings.org

www.floridastateparks.org/silversprings

Volunteer Landscapers

Active and Future Goals

- Build a core group of active volunteers and donors interested in assisting with the Silver Springs State Park's growth
- Sponsor special events for Park guests
- Develop outreach tools to enhance the community's awareness of what the Silver Springs State Park has to offer
- Create educational programs for guests and volunteers
- Be an intergral part of the planning and future goals of the Silver Springs State Park
- Provide volunteer opportunities for interested parties of all ages and abilities
- Assist financially and physically with trail development, facilities improvement, expansion of appropriate recreation
- Be a foundation of support in areas of concern to park staff and park guests
- What else? We are limited only by our own enthusiasm and imagination!

Yes! I want to be a member!

☐ Student	$ 5.00
☐ Individual Member	$ 15.00
☐ Family Member	$ 25.00
☐ Corporate Member	$ 50.00
☐ Non-Profit Organization	$ 35.00

☐ No Thanks, but I would like to show support! $ _____

Name

Address

Email - *All CSO correspondence is sent via email.*

Phone

Your Volunteer Interests:

__ I am interested in volunteering at the Park

__ Add me to your list to contact for work days

__ Add me to your list to contact for special events

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