

Tallahassee
City Hall

Cody Scarp
(2.25 miles)

Church Sink
(3.5 miles)

Lake Munson
(5.5 miles)

Wakulla
Springs
(15 miles)

WALK for WAKULLA SPRINGS

Wakulla Springs has been good for Tallahassee.
Now it's time for Tallahasseans to be good to Wakulla Springs.

Saturday, November 13

9 a.m. Rally at Tallahassee City Hall

Join us

as we walk toward Wakulla Springs with stops at the Cody Scarp, Church Sink, and Lake Munson Preserve. We will "follow the water" from City Hall to Lake Munson to demonstrate that the daily activities of Tallahasseans are affecting Wakulla Springs.

Details

Take the free bus from any of these stops to Lake Munson Preserve for lunch. Return transportation to City Hall will be available at no charge. Bring a refillable water bottle. We'll provide water along the way.

Register

Call 561-7278 for free registration or for more information. The first 200 participants who register in advance get a free t-shirt.

What we'll do on this walk

- Trace the underground path of water from Tallahassee to Lake Munson
- Get some great exercise
- Enjoy the company of like-minded citizens
- Show the world that you support healthy springs and clean drinking water

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Why Walk for Wakulla Springs?

Wakulla Springs is one of the largest springs in the world and one of the finest wildlife observation areas in Florida. Every year, the spring attracts 200,000 visitors and generates \$22 million for the local economy.

Tallahasseeans value Wakulla Springs as a superb natural area to take visiting friends and relatives for a swim, a boat tour, dinner in the Lodge, or just to ooh and aah at the amazing natural phenomenon of the spring itself. The spring makes a significant contribution to our quality of life.

Most Tallahasseeans are not aware that their lawn maintenance practices and the City's stormwater and wastewater are affecting Wakulla Springs.

Tallahassee and Wakulla Springs are connected by waterways beneath our feet.

Tallahassee and Leon County are located in the Wakulla Springs Basin. The basin supplies the water that flows out of the ground at Wakulla Springs. The stormwater that drains into sinkholes and to Lake Munson eventually flows underground to Wakulla Springs. Also, the effluent from septic tanks and wastewater treatment facilities eventually reaches the springs.

Nitrates from these sources are altering the ecology of the springs and river, causing horrendous unnatural growths of algae and hydrilla. The apple snails and the limpkins that feed on them have disappeared from Wakulla Springs and the Wakulla River. To stop this degradation of the spring, we must reduce the nitrates and other contaminants reaching the springs from Tallahassee.

To raise awareness of the aquatic connection between Tallahassee and Wakulla Springs and of the need to improve protection efforts, the Friends of Wakulla Springs and several other organizations are sponsoring a "Walk for Wakulla Springs" on Saturday, November 13. We will begin with a rally at 9:00 a.m. in front of City Hall, where we will be joined by government officials and the press, and then we will **follow the water** to Lake Munson Preserve on Crawfordville Road. Along the way we will stop at the Cody Scarp and at Church Sink. Geologists and biologists will interpret the geology and hydrology at each stop.

Lake Munson is connected to one of the cave systems that conduct water to Wakulla Springs. At Lake Munson Preserve, walkers will enjoy a picnic, along with exhibits and talks about the Wakulla Springs Basin. Buses will transport walkers back to City Hall. If you are not able to walk, join us for the rally. If you are not able to walk 5.5 miles to Lake Munson, you can catch a free van ride back to City Hall from any of the interpretive stops along the way. Walkers may also arrange for their own return transportation.

Please join us in this important demonstration of support for our Wakulla Springs.