

## Silver River Fact Sheet

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### Mileage One-Way

(Remember, "river left" is the left side of the river headed downstream.)

Note: The Ft King Canoe Trail is a good alternate to heading downstream from the Silver Springs pool. It is narrower and more shaded than the main river, offers abundant bird, turtle and gators and thus very scenic. However, it bypasses the gorgeous head spring, The Abyss and Blue Grotto. Take your pick, they are both wonderful paddles and are approximately the same distance.

- 0.0 Silver Springs State Park hand launch (N29.21341 W82.05504)
- 0.1 Pass entrance to Ft King Canoe Trail, river right
- 0.2 Silver Springs pool (N29.21618 W82.05293)
- 0.3 The Abyss/Reception Hall Spring and Jacob's Well Spring, river right (N29.21461 W82.05140)
- 0.4 Shipwreck #5 (dugout canoe) and Blue Grotto on river right (N29.21549 W82.05017)
- 0.5 Shipwrecks #3 & 4 in cove (old rowboat under tree) river left (N29.21617 W82.04926)
- 0.8 Shipwreck #2 from movie just downstream from island (N29.21548 W82.04408)
- 0.9 Ft King Canoe Trail joins, river right (N29.21535 W82.04341)
- 1.0 Gar Cove, river right (N29.21497 W82.04119)
- 1.5 Silver River State Park nature trail boardwalk, river right (N29.21150 W82.03541)
- 2.4 Silver River State Park dock, river right, portolet, picnic table, good break spot (N29.20386 W82.02915)
- 3.4 Cove on river left, one of the few always dry landing spots (N29.20339 W82.01667)
- 4.9 Shipwreck #1, river left, remains of a river boat from the 1800s (N29.20728 W81.99689)
- 5.3 Leave Silver River and enter canal on river left (N29.21061 W81.99140)
- 5.6 Ray Wayside County Park boat launch (N29.21412 W81.99240)

### Directions to Silver Springs State Park:

5656 East Silver Springs Boulevard, Silver Springs, FL 34488 352-236-7148

State Park admission fees apply + \$4 launch fee.

N29.21801 W82.05620

From the intersection of State Rd 40 (Silver Springs Blvd) and State Rd 35 in Silver Springs, go east on SR 40 for 0.1 miles to the State Park entrance on the south (right) side of the highway. Ask at the fee station for directions to the boat launch which is in the SE corner of the parking lot. There is a circular drive for unloading your boats and a portolet. It's a short carry to a nice carpeted boat ramp. The ramp can be very busy, so don't block the ramp while loading up and moving your vehicles. There is a kayak rental company at the launch, but as of December 2015 they do not offer shuttles and will not allow you to shuttle their boats, so if you rent you will have to do an out-and-back.

**Directions to Ray Wayside County Park:**

9564 NE 28 Lane, Silver Springs, FL 34488 352-671-8560

\$5 parking fee in 2015.

N29.21412 W81.99240

From the junction of State Rd 40 and State Rd 35 in Silver Springs, go east on SR 40 for 3.6 miles to the park entrance on your right. Entrance is just before the high-rise bridge over the river. Picnic pavilions and restrooms on site. The hand launch is at the very south end of the parking area, past the concrete boat ramps.