



# Enjoying Tubing 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.

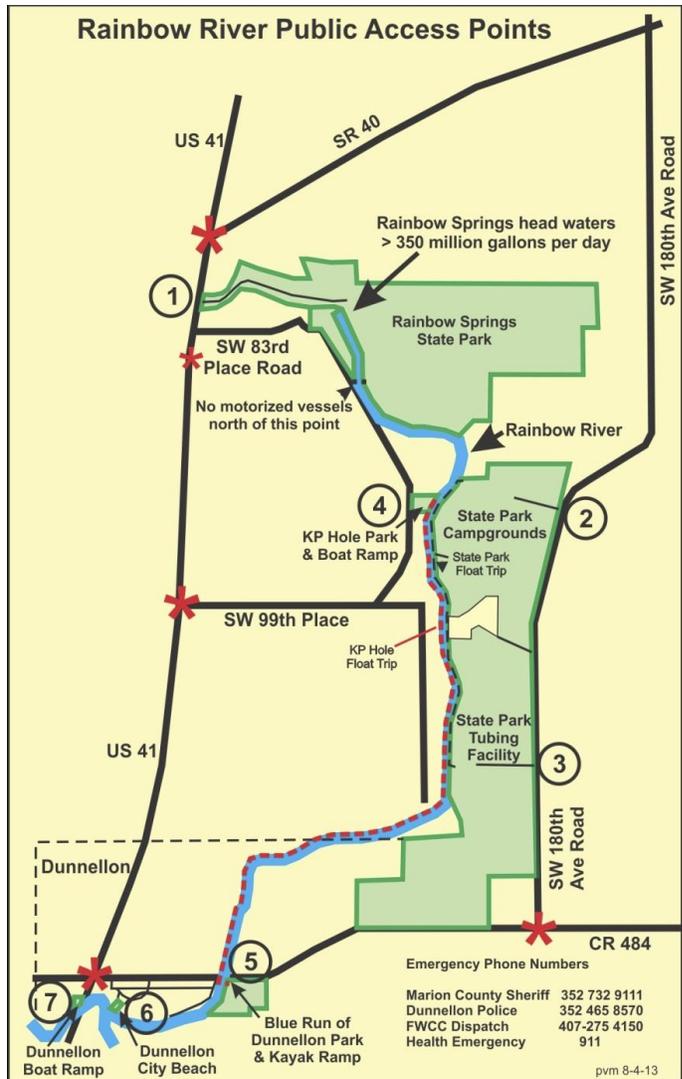
- The average tube trip from KP Hole Park to the take out at Blue Run of Dunnellon Park is 3.3 miles long and takes an average of 4 hours to complete. Tubing from the Rainbow Springs State Park tubing site with the shuttle to the campground river access takes an average of 2 hours.

- Non-property owners should enter or exit the Rainbow River only at designated public access points as shown on the map. Doing otherwise is unlawful trespassing and violators may be subject to arrest and fines. Tuber access points are State Park Campground, State Park Tubers Launch and KP Hole Park. (Number 2,3,4 on 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://kphole.com/>

<http://www.floridastateparks.org/rainbowsprings/default.cfm>

- 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, breakable plastic utensils, paper napkins and towels.





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- Avoid entanglement and standing in vegetation in or adjacent to the river, barefoot or with fins. Destruction of the grasses will result in loss of food sources for wading birds and aquatic creatures, some of which are federally protected and feed only in areas like the Rainbow River. Destroying native vegetation also encourages growth of destructive, invasive plants, and can make the water unhealthy.
- Bring your own float for your cooler as coolers are not permitted in rental tubes. Only non-disposable containers are allowed on the river.
- All tubers from KP Hole and the Rainbow Springs State Park tubing site must be a minimum of 3 years old. It is strongly recommended they have the ability to swim. Wear a whistle on wrist or neck lanyard should you require assistance. Use it only in case of emergency.
- You may bring your own tube, but all personal floatation devices are limited to no more than 60 inches in diameter. Lashing of clusters of tubes shall not exceed 10 feet.
- Watch for boats, kayaks, and canoes. If possible, maneuver to the right of them and/or use your whistle to alert them to your presence if you believe they don't see you.
- Respect the rights of private homes and docks. These are private property and off limits to river recreational users. Do not engage in loud behavior or disturb native wildlife.



Coolers on the river must have their own tube



Pontoon boat diverting to shallows to avoid tubers.



Large groups of tubes tied together block the navigation channel for boats and paddlers to use the river