

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS
OFFICE OF PARK PLANNING**



**GILCHRIST
BLUE SPRINGS**

SURVEY RESULTS

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4	11/10/2017 15:35	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)					Canoeing/Kayaking		Education center				Ecosystems Restoration			I would also love to see more public education/interaction between park rangers/biologists and the people there for recreation.
5	11/11/2017 9:37	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming	Hiking										Public Recreational Access		Please build a new boardwalk made of composite materials. Please allow direct access from Santa Fe River to boardwalk. Please move canoe/kayak launch to said location. Please allow swimming in blue spring run.
6	11/11/2017 13:31	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming					Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study						Public Recreational Access		Along with public recreational excess of course I would want springs to be preserved, people to be able to view wildlife from a accessible meandering boardwalk from the spring to the river. Camping of course but I would love for the state to put up some of those nice new cabins that some of the state parks have. Please keep the area surrounding the spring as natural as possible & "no concrete please. Don't make it look like a retaining wall surrounding it. The beauty of blue Springs is its natural environment that can be enjoyed from outside the water and with in it. Maintaining spring health and the actual plant life is important too. Snorkeling is wonderful, but for those who don't want to get wet, and elevated boardwalk so people can see what's going on in the spring is critical too. I have some of the canoe launch away from the headspring and put it in at the river.
7	11/13/2017 8:13		Swimming	Hiking			Canoeing/Kayaking			Water Quality/Springs Protection						
10	11/14/2017 23:44	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming			Tubing				Water Quality/Springs Protection						Please respect that Blue is home for many of us.
11	11/15/2017 7:58			Hiking				Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study	Preserve run. No feet or tubes in Run. Only allow swimming in run from 8-10AM in summer/allow all day in winter.	Water Quality/Springs Protection						Limit people allowed in park at one time. Wheelchair accessible with as Natural accessible paths and boardwalk and ramp as possible. Keep boardwalk. Make it so people can snorkel run to end of boardwalk but have to climb up to come back up run to main HeadSpring so not to trample vegetation. Camping with primitive cabins. No showers or toilets in cabins to limit runoff and polluted water from excess use of sewage. Have to use bathhouse. Primitive camping
12	11/15/2017 9:20	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming					Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study		Water Quality/Springs Protection						
14	11/15/2017 16:32	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming	Hiking						Water Quality/Springs Protection						Please don't split up campsites into a greater amounts . Keep them private . Allow camping at Jonson spring as is- as one site, not split up into multiple sites. Allow swimming only in spring runs and main spring. No walking in spring runs. No tubing in spring runs. Rebuild boardwalk to match existing charm of original. Allow access to river from boardwalk so swimmers can walk up onto boardwalk at the end of blue run after swimming .
16	11/16/2017 10:40	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming				Canoeing/Kayaking			Water Quality/Springs Protection						I'm part of a large group from Jacksonville called Native Sons & Daughters. It's a program for dads and their kids to learn about nature and experience the outdoors by camping, swimming, and hiking. Blue Springs Park over the years has become one of our favorite places to bring the group for weekend camping. The intimacy as well as the beautiful spring for swimming and kayaking out to the Sante Fe River are two of the many reasons why we love Blue Springs year after year. We hope that the new management will allow us to keep coming to Gilchrest and continue to make lifelong memories with our kids.
17	11/16/2017 13:37	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming						Jumping/diving platform					Public Recreational Access		The swimming area and platform are the biggest draw to the springs.
18	11/16/2017 13:37	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)				Tubing								Public Recreational Access		As the Board Chair of the Native Sons and Daughters Program of Jacksonville, Blue Springs has been a great place for our program to camp with our kids. Ginny Springs is too wild for families but Blue Spings has not been. Camping and Tubes would be nice. A lifeguard would also be great as our program members have twice saved other people's kids from drowning. Please don't mess it up with State park rules (no BB guns, no archery, no fires) and don't mess up the ability to reserve sections for a group like the other state parks do.
19	11/16/2017 23:16	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)								Water Quality/Springs Protection						
20	11/17/2017 13:49	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming					Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study		Water Quality/Springs Protection						would love to see an exhibit detailing what individuals, businesses and elected officials can do to restore, preserve and protect our springs
21	11/18/2017 15:11	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming				Canoeing/Kayaking							Public Recreational Access		Keep the boardwalk Keep camping, including primitive sites Keep tent only areas, separate from RV Allowing floating access into GB Swimming Dont change the park much. Limit posted signs everywhere
22	11/19/2017 9:53		Swimming		Picnicking			Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study				Wildlife Habitat/Endangered Species Protection				Lights over toilets..people want to see they are 'clean'. Keep bathroom very light and airy. Playground area. horseshoe rental old fashion shuffle board rental Hammock rental better driveway without all the sand. Mini Golf with Local Nature theme.
23	11/19/2017 19:45	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming					Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study		Water Quality/Springs Protection						I am very glad to see that the state purchased blue Springs in Gilcrest county I've been going there for 30+ years and enjoyed it but realize that monetary support and resources are needed to preserve their integrity of the water in average. I think it was a wise use of state money and look forward to it being preserved.
25	11/22/2017 15:23	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)				Tubing	Canoeing/Kayaking						Ecosystems Restoration			This is a beautiful park, please don't overdevelop it.
26	11/22/2017 15:27		Swimming				Canoeing/Kayaking	Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study		Water Quality/Springs Protection						
28	11/24/2017 11:50	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming					Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study		Water Quality/Springs Protection						
29	11/25/2017 9:07		Swimming	Hiking				Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study		Water Quality/Springs Protection						Preserving our aquifer, plant life, and natural habitat for marine animals top my list of what I feel is important. Thanks!
32	11/27/2017 16:54						Canoeing/Kayaking	Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study	Interpretation signs on improved boardwalk	Water Quality/Springs Protection						Would like to see as much protection for the run vegetation as possible.
33	11/27/2017 17:00		Swimming				Canoeing/Kayaking	Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study		Water Quality/Springs Protection						
34	11/27/2017 17:04		Swimming	Hiking			Canoeing/Kayaking			Water Quality/Springs Protection						

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36	11/28/2017 14:21	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming					Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study						Public Recreational Access		
37	11/28/2017 14:48	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming				Canoeing/Kayaking			Water Quality/Springs Protection						I would really like to see cabins and camping available
39	11/28/2017 15:17	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming				Canoeing/Kayaking							Public Recreational Access		Don't change the way that people have been using the springs and surrounding property by making no swimming areas, removing docks, boardwalks or limiting access to the over 400 acres of property.
40	11/28/2017 15:47	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming	Hiking						Water Quality/Springs Protection						a new boardwalk so we can float downstream to the river and walk back. allow access to float to the end of Naked spring run and swim up to the main vent
41	11/28/2017 16:35		Swimming				Canoeing/Kayaking		Scuba	Water Quality/Springs Protection						
43	11/28/2017 16:54	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming				Canoeing/Kayaking			Water Quality/Springs Protection						Please restore the boardwalk out to the river.
44	11/28/2017 17:02			Hiking			Canoeing/Kayaking	Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study		Water Quality/Springs Protection						Please protect our springs from commercial development!
45	11/28/2017 17:01								Scuba diving					Public Recreational Access		
46	11/28/2017 17:07								Scuba diving	Water Quality/Springs Protection						
47	11/28/2017 17:13		Swimming				Canoeing/Kayaking		Snorkeling	Water Quality/Springs Protection						This spring by allowing people stroll the boardwalk and to view the spring underwater has done more to educate the public and create an appreciation for springs than any lecture, handout or book!!!!
48	11/28/2017 17:40								scuba diving/cave diving	Water Quality/Springs Protection						
49	11/28/2017 17:59	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)				Tubing	Canoeing/Kayaking			Water Quality/Springs Protection						
51	11/28/2017 18:19								Cave Diving	Water Quality/Springs Protection						Blue Springs should be open to cave diving for "full cave" level divers with an "abe davis" (100 logged cave dives) or equivalent endorsement.
52	11/28/2017 18:37	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)						Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study	Cave diving					Public Recreational Access		
53	11/28/2017 18:46	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)							Diving if cave accessible	Water Quality/Springs Protection						Thank you for the opportunity !
54	11/28/2017 18:53		Swimming	Hiking					Diving/ SCUBA. (Even open water would be great)					Public Recreational Access		I hope the boardwalk can be repaired. Also being able to swim/snorkel up the run would be nice
55	11/28/2017 18:54	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)						Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study	Scuba Diving	Water Quality/Springs Protection						
56	11/28/2017 18:59	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)							Cave diving					Public Recreational Access		
57	11/28/2017 19:05	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)							Scuba diving	Water Quality/Springs Protection						Good spring for limited recreational scuba diving
58	11/28/2017 19:09								Cave diving					Public Recreational Access		
59	11/28/2017 20:11	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming						Scuba	Water Quality/Springs Protection						I would love to see the boardwalk restored/improved after Irma's damage.
61	11/28/2017 20:16		Swimming				Canoeing/Kayaking	Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study		Water Quality/Springs Protection						Please keep the dock for safe jumping as a recreational option.
62	11/28/2017 20:27	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)					Canoeing/Kayaking		scuba diving	Water Quality/Springs Protection						
63	11/28/2017 20:33								Scuba Diving	Water Quality/Springs Protection						
64	11/28/2017 21:01						Canoeing/Kayaking	Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study	Scuba / Cave Diving	Water Quality/Springs Protection						
67	11/28/2017 21:40															
69	11/28/2017 22:33								Scuba	Water Quality/Springs Protection						
70	11/28/2017 23:06	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming						Scuba diving	Water Quality/Springs Protection						
71	11/28/2017 23:24	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)				Tubing	Canoeing/Kayaking			Water Quality/Springs Protection						
72	11/29/2017 0:01		Swimming		Picnicking		Canoeing/Kayaking			Water Quality/Springs Protection						
74	11/29/2017 6:42			Hiking			Canoeing/Kayaking		Diving					Public Recreational Access		
75	11/29/2017 7:04		Swimming			Tubing			Cave Diving	Water Quality/Springs Protection						
77	11/29/2017 8:38	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming				Canoeing/Kayaking			Water Quality/Springs Protection						
78	11/29/2017 9:20		Swimming	Hiking					Scuba diving, scuba diving with instructor/commercial pass holder	Water Quality/Springs Protection						Find a way for spring to be used by both open water divers and swimmers. See usage at Jackson Blue County Park for where spring use and diving board use coexist. Consider trial period with only commercial pass (dive instructors) permitted.

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79	11/29/2017 12:00	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)		Hiking			Canoeing/Kayaking			Water Quality/Springs Protection						
81	11/29/2017 12:03	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)				Tubing	Canoeing/Kayaking			Water Quality/Springs Protection						
82	11/29/2017 12:04	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)					Canoeing/Kayaking			Water Quality/Springs Protection						
83	11/29/2017 16:17	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming						cave diving					Public Recreational Access		Reasonable camping accommodations and diving/boat access could be a huge draw for the area and bring in income. Also with the Ginie college crowd nearby a well enforced family environment would be most welcome.
84	11/29/2017 17:53	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming						Scuba	Water Quality/Springs Protection						Would be nice to keep the jumping area for the kids and camping. It would also be nice to allow scuba diving to the limits of certificate
85	11/29/2017 21:14		Swimming				Canoeing/Kayaking	Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study					Ecosystems Restoration			
86	11/29/2017 22:34	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming						Scuba	Water Quality/Springs Protection						
87	11/29/2017 22:55	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming						Scuba Diving	Water Quality/Springs Protection						It would be great to allow scuba diving in the park. Water quality is key but immediately followed by protection/interpretation of historical sites.
90	11/30/2017 15:01	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming		Picnicking									Public Recreational Access		This is a beautiful park that is loved by the community preserving it for future generations to enjoy the recreation is very important.
91	11/30/2017 17:22	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)		Hiking			Canoeing/Kayaking							Public Recreational Access		Gilchrist Blue has been a place for locals and visitors to enjoy for many years. We need to make sure Gilchrist Blue is open for public use. We invite folks to come and explore our Santa Fe River and all its hidden beauty!
93	11/30/2017 17:28		Swimming	Hiking			Canoeing/Kayaking				Protection of Archaeological and Historic Sites					
94	11/30/2017 20:05	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)					Canoeing/Kayaking		Cave diving					Public Recreational Access		
95	12/1/2017 12:01								cave diving					Public Recreational Access		
96	12/1/2017 12:07	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)					Canoeing/Kayaking		Snorkeling					Public Recreational Access		Keep Gilchrist Blue open for public access as it has been for many years
97	12/1/2017 12:11	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)					Canoeing/Kayaking		Snorkeling					Public Recreational Access		Please operate Gilchrist Blue the way it has been run for many years. Locals as well as visitors love this park!
98	12/1/2017 13:21			Hiking	Picnicking				scuba diving	Water Quality/Springs Protection						
99	12/5/2017 13:22		Swimming					Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study	keep walkway out to the river	Water Quality/Springs Protection						No alcohol and reasonable entry fees. A place to swim, picnic and walk to the river.
102	12/6/2017 15:44	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)	Swimming				Canoeing/Kayaking			Water Quality/Springs Protection						
103	12/6/2017 20:00	Overnight Accommodations (i.e. camping, cabins)					Canoeing/Kayaking		Diving	Water Quality/Springs Protection						
104	12/11/2017 10:03		Swimming				Canoeing/Kayaking		Educational Facilities	Water Quality/Springs Protection						An onsite educational facility would better improve public understanding about the threats facing our springs and possibly provide a learning space for students. Also, prohibiting swimming in the spring run is important to protect the vegetation.