

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



**NATURAL BRIDGE
BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC
STATE PARK
Horn Springs Addition**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS
AND COMMENTS**

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COMMENT FORM

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Please choose your top 3.

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- Fishing
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- Wildlife Viewing/Nature Study
- Other - Write In _____

2. In your opinion, what is the most important issue to consider in the future management of Horn Springs? **Please choose your top priority.**

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3. Please include any other comments or suggestions:

Horn Spring, as well as Horn Spring #1 and Horn Spring #2
are beautiful examples of ~~and~~ natural freshwater springs.
Given the right improvements, this area could rival the
more popular springs on the Santa Fe and Suwannee.
There is already a nice area to sit and enjoy the spring.
I could see a nice boardwalk out to Horn Spring #1. This
small spring is strikingly beautiful. I would love to
be involved in the plans for this area.

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AS A PERSON OF MANY HOBBIES I LOOK FORWARD TO THE
HORN SPRINGS ADDITION TO NATURAL BRIDGE. I THINK HORN
SPRING WOULD MAKE FOR A GREAT SWIMMING HOLE & OW
DIVE SITE WHILE THE RHODE SPRINGS COULD PROVIDE CAVE
DIVING POTENTIAL FOR ^{QUALIFIED} DIVERS. I DO ALOT OF LONG-DISTANCE
MOUNTAIN BIKING A LOOK FORWARD TO THIS TRACT ADDING
MORE GREEN SPACE & OFFROAD CONNECTIVITY TO BORDERING
PARKS. WE DO QUITE A BIT OF PADDLING IN OUR HOUSEHOLD
SO ANOTHER PUT-IN FURTHER UPSTREAM OF HWY 98 IS WELCOMED.
IM SURE THE PHOTOGRAPHIC OPPORTUNITIES ARE ENDLESS

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- Other - Write In Hunting and public boat access to St. Marks River

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St. Marks River must be preserved as a public water way thru the State Park. St. Mark river must not be closed off to the public like the Wakulla River has ~~at~~ at the State Park boundary.

Historically the area has a strong hunting tradition and the public should still have the opportunity to hunt the area.

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Other - Write In Hunting - most important!

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Allow the public to hunt (i.e. St. Marks NWR hunts)
the property in a manner that benefits the wildlife resources
and the habitat.

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Other - Write In SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY HUNTS I.E. WOUNDED WARRIORS, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

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① PROTECT ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC SITES

② PROVIDE INTERPRETIVE MARKERS FOR EXISTING STATE PARK (NATURAL BRIDGE BATTLEFIELD PARK)

③ INCREASE STAFFING !!!

④ DO NOT FENCE OFF THE RIVER LIKE WA/KULLA Springs.

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I recommend that a paddling trail be created and maintained, from Natural Bridge to Horn Spring. I paddled this section of the river, 15 to 20 yrs ago, by kayak. This section of the St. Marks goes through an undisturbed portion of Florida, Real Florida. The multitude of pull-overs over the downed trees makes this river now all but inaccessible.

Thank you

Bob Thompson

P.S. I am a retired Park Ranger (Nakulla Springs), Biologist, and amateur photographer. I have time and a flexible schedule to take photos - let me know - 850-962-2064

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KAYAK/canoe launch on Lower st MARKS RIVER to public & outfitters
paddling and camping opportunities on upper & lower st. marks RIVER
Hiking & Biking & Fishing

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