



KIDS GUIDE

to Wakulla County



We could all use a little more nature in our lives, and Wakulla County boasts dozens of ways for you and your kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors together. With an abundance of parks, historic sites, educational opportunities and beyond, a visit to Wakulla County brings out the kid in everyone.





PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS

Throughout the towns of Wakulla County, you'll find numerous parks and playgrounds where you and your children can run, play, or enjoy a relaxing family picnic.

WAKULLA STATION BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Location: 1358 Old Woodville Rd,
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Website: www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/tallahassee-st-marks-historic-railroad-state-trail/experiences-amenities

This unique playground in Crawfordville is designed to be easily usable for kids with and without disabilities. It features many interactive play areas and educational activities, and is located near the trailhead of the Tallahassee-St. Marks Historic Railroad Trail.

MYRON B. HODGE CITY PARK

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Location: 220 Park Ave, Sopchoppy, FL 32358

Website: www.sopchoppy.org/parksfacilities.html

Myron B. Hodge City Park is nestled on the banks of the beautiful Sopchoppy River. It offers playground facilities and sports facilities including a basketball court, softball field, and fishing piers.





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WOOLLEY PARK

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Location: 48 Mound St, Panacea, FL 32346

Website: www.mywakulla.com/departments/parks/woolley_park.php

Woolley Park is one of the most beautiful spots in the small town of Panacea, and its waterfront location and boardwalk are great for bird watching and nature exploration.

HICKORY PARK

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Location: 26 Hickory Ave.
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Website: www.mywakulla.com/departments/parks/hickory_park.php

Right near the heart of Crawfordville, Hickory Park is home to amenities such as a walking trail, playground equipment, and recently renovated picnic facilities.





HISTORIC LANDMARKS

Wakulla County has played a part in vital moments of North American history, from the times before European colonists arrived to the U.S. Civil War and up to today. These historic sites and educational centers allow you and your kids to gain a new perspective while embarking on a fun adventure.

GULF SPECIMEN MARINE LAB

Hours: Weekdays 9AM - 5PM,
Weekends 10AM-5PM

Location: 222 Clark Dr, Panacea, FL 32346

Website: <https://gulfspecimen.org/>

This working laboratory in Panacea celebrates the diverse marine ecosystem of our area. Kids and adults alike will love seeing and even touching some of the unique aquatic animals that live here.

ST. MARKS LIGHTHOUSE

Hours: Daylight Hours

Location: 1255 Lighthouse Rd St. Marks, FL 32355

Website: www.fws.gov/refuge/St_Marks/visit/plan_your_visit.html

Nestled at the mouth of the St. Marks River, the St. Marks Lighthouse has been guiding vessels on the gulf coast since the mid-19th century. You can see this beautiful structure in person and learn more about its role in the history of the region.

FORT SAN MARCOS DE APALACHE HISTORIC STATE PARK

Hours: Monday, Thursday - Sunday 9AM-5PM,
Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Location: 148 Old Fort Rd, St Marks, FL 32355

Website: www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/san-marcos-de-apalache-historic-state-park

This fort, constructed by Spanish colonists, was built on a site rich with American Indian tools and pottery, and it was later occupied by Confederate forces during the Civil War.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

EDWARD BALL WAKULLA SPRINGS STATE PARK

Hours: Weekly 8AM - 7:30PM

Location: 465 Wakulla Park Dr, Wakulla Springs, FL

Website: www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/edward-ball-wakulla-springs-state-park

This natural wonderland features the largest and deepest freshwater springs in the world, and it's a great place to let the kids cool off on a hot day. It also spans 6,000 acres with trails and diverse wildlife.

ST. MARKS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Hours: 8AM-4PM

Location: 1255 Lighthouse Rd, St Marks, FL

Website: www.fws.gov/refuge/St_Marks/visit/plan_your_visit.html

The St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge is a haven for nature lovers, and its 68,000 acres are waiting to be explored by the young and young at heart. The refuge also hosts educational events and special nature presentations from wildlife experts.





WHERE TO STAY

Whether you're looking for a campground, a full service hotel, or more personal lodgings, you'll find the perfect place for your family to call home during your visit.

HOTELS

BEST WESTERN WAKULLA INN & SUITES

The Best Western features recently renovated rooms at affordable rates, and includes complimentary breakfast.

Location: 3292 Coastal Highway 98
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Phone: 850-926-3737

Website: www.wakullainn.com

WAKULLA SPRINGS LODGE

The historic Wakulla Springs Lodge is located inside beautiful Wakulla Springs State Park, and its elegant architecture and relaxed yet sophisticated dining options are guest favorites.

Location: 550 Wakulla Park Dr.
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Phone: (850) 421-2000

Website: www.wakullaspringslodge.com

THE MAGNUSON INN AT WILDWOOD

This comfortable Crawfordville Hotel is pet friendly and includes a pool, making it a great option for your next family vacation.

Location: 3896 Coastal Highway
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Phone: (800) 878-1546 or (850) 926-4455

Website: www.innatwildwood.com



CAMPGROUNDS

HOLIDAY PARK AND CAMPGROUND

This waterfront campground is situated on the Ochlockonee Bay in Panacea, and is known for its gorgeous sunset views, playground equipment on site, and beachfront fire pits.

Location: 14 Coastal Hwy Ochlockonee Bay, FL

Phone: (850) 984-5757

Website: www.holidaycampground.com

PANACEA RV PARK

Panacea RV Park is conveniently located on Highway 98 in the quiet and peaceful town of Panacea, and is just a short trip from popular attractions in the area.

Location: 1089 Coastal Hwy Panacea, FL 32346

Phone: (850) 984-5883

Website: www.panacearvpark.com

NEWPORT PARK

NewPort Park in Crawfordville offers a variety of different campsites, and provides easy access to the river and Gulf of Mexico via boat ramps.

Location: 8046 Coastal Hwy, Crawfordville, FL

Phone: (850) 925-4530

OCHLOCKONEE RIVER STATE PARK

Near the banks of the tranquil Ochlockonee River, this campground has 30 sites with water and electric service, and picnic tables and fire rings at each site.

Location: 429 State Park Rd. Sopchoppy, FL 32358

Phone: 850-926-2771

Website: www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/ochlockonee-river-state-park

VACATION RENTALS

OCHLOCKONEE BAY REALTY

Ochlockonee Bay Realty offers short-term and long-term rentals so that you can find your home away from home to explore Wakulla County.

Location: 146 Coastal Hwy., Panacea, FL 32346

Phone: (50) 984-0001 or (850) 926-9260

Website: www.alligatorpointbeachrentals.com

SOPCHOPPY RIVER HOUSE

This charming riverfront rental house has everything you need for a fun-filled family vacation.

Location: Sopchoppy, FL 32358

Phone: 920-535-0242

Website: www.sopchoppyriverhouse.com