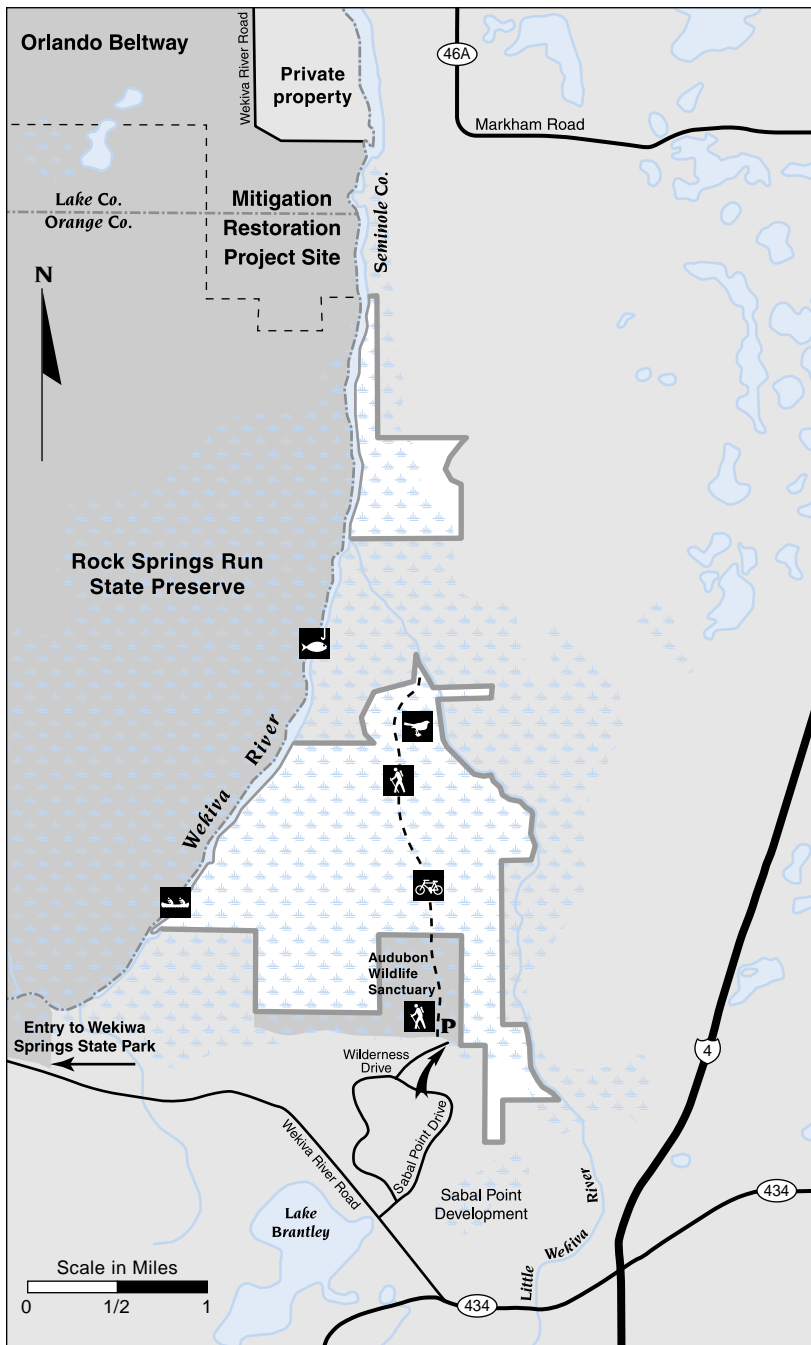


Wekiva River

CONSERVATION AREA



Size: 2,342 acres.

Location: In northwestern Seminole County, six miles east of Sanford. The Wekiva River forms the western boundary and the Little Wekiva River forms the eastern boundary.

Description: The Wekiva River Buffer Conservation Area includes mainly seasonally flooded wetlands in the floodplain between the Wekiva and Little Wekiva rivers. Protection of the area in a natural condition helps preserve the water quality of the Wekiva and Little Wekiva rivers. The District, the state and the Florida Audubon Society have acquired the area primarily through mitigation to offset development elsewhere in the county. The conservation area is within the Wekiva River Protection Area.

Wildlife viewing: The area supports a diversity of wildlife and is part of a corridor for the threatened Florida black bear between the Ocala National Forest and Rock Springs Run State Preserve. Other wildlife sightings include ibis, wood storks, great blue herons, egrets, river otter, barred owl and pileated woodpecker.

Recreational activities: Fishing, hiking, bicycling, canoeing, bird-watching and picnicking (see Using District Land section at the end of this document). This area is in the process of being incorporated into the Wekiwa Springs State Park for management.

Restrictions: Category 3 (see Restrictions section at the end of this document).

Access: From I-4, take SR 434 west. Turn onto Wekiva River Road. Access is through the Sabal Point development to Wilderness Drive. Signs identify access through the Audubon Society's Sabal Point Wildlife Sanctuary.

For more information: Call the District's Division of Land Management at (407) 893-3127, Wekiwa Springs State Park at (407) 884-2006 or the Audubon Society at (407) 260-8300.

