

**WAKULLA SPRINGS STATE PARK and  
ST MARKS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
JANUARY 12, 13, 14, 2018**



**Friday, Jan 12.** Leave Tampa (~3 hr drive) in time to meet for picnic lunch and birding at Fanning Springs, on the banks of the Suwannee River at noon. From there we'll drive to Wakulla Springs State Park to check in at the historic Lodge. After birding along the Nature Trail in the Park we'll have dinner at the Lodge.

<http://www.wakullaspringslodge.com/>



E. Wood-Pewee,  
St Marks, Roger  
Sheets

**Saturday, Jan 13.** After breakfast at the Lodge, 7:30 am, we'll leave for a day of birding in St Mark's NWR with box lunches. The Visitor Center has an observation deck and warbler walk which we will check for warblers and vireos. Then on to the wildlife drive and stops at any of the ponds or trails that look promising. Wintering ducks are usually plentiful, and depending on water levels there should be lots of shorebirds in the various ponds and marshes. We'll lunch at the picnic grounds, then continue down toward the lighthouse ponds. Dinner can be at the Lodge or any of several local restaurants.

[https://www.fws.gov/refuge/st\\_marks/](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/st_marks/)

**Sunday, Jan 14.** Breakfast at the Lodge, followed by a 9:30 am trip on the State Park tour boats down the Wakulla River. It's a short river, but completely created by the huge spring in front of the Lodge! We're usually accompanied by flotillas of hooded mergansers on the river, and plenty of other bird and wild life. You can get lunch at the Lodge snack bar or choose to stop along your way home to Tampa. For those who are interested, you can meet the leader again at 2 pm in the Crystal River Archeological Park for some final birding along the river, marshes and Indian mounds.

<https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Crystal-River-Archeological>



Wakulla Spring, head of the river, at the Lodge.

**Limited to 20 people!** Registrants will receive detailed maps and directions.

**Cost: \$30 registration** fee covers your box lunch, boat tour and park entrance fees.

**Rooms:** Room rates at the Edward Ball Lodge at Wakulla Springs are between \$129 and \$159 per night, depending on the room you choose. However, if you call them and book into one of our block of reserved rooms you will receive a 10% discount. You *must call*, not reserve online, and *ask* for the Tampa Audubon rate. 1-850-421-2000.

**Meals:** Breakfast (Saturday and Sunday) is included in the cost of the room. Saturday lunch is included in your registration with TAS. Dinners are not included. Local restaurants vary from barbeque to seafood. Food at the Lodge is generally excellent.

**Registration:** Fill out the lower section of this page and mail with your check for \$30 per person, made out to Tampa Audubon Society, to TAS, PO Box 320025, Tampa FL 33679.

For details or questions, contact the leader, Mary Keith, [mary.keith@tampaudubon.org](mailto:mary.keith@tampaudubon.org) or 813-767-5863.

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