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Launch Site Address

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Launch site is in Ocala National Forrest,
Juniper Springs Campground

Sandy beach/ boat ramp. Toilets,
concessions stand and water close by.

Directions

Take I-75 North to Ocala, take Rt 40 to the right (East) thru Ocala for about 33 miles. Take a left into the Campground. Park fee is \$4 per person. The spring launch site is about 100 yards down a winding path. Take a kayak trolley or borrow one from the park. Before launching you must plan your return to your car(s). You can either shuttle a car to take-out location (about 10 miles away) or ride a park shuttle for about \$5.

Sights to See

This is a beautiful, spring fed creek. The water is cool (72 degrees F), clear and swift. The quick current and winding creek can cause you to be pushed into overhanging trees or bushes unless you pay attention to your run-line. The photo opportunities are fantastic.

Suggested Trips

The major negative about this trip is downed trees across the creek. You either have to get out of your boat or limbo under some extremely low branches (I counted 6 of these in the 7 mile trip). Another note of caution, on summer weekends, this creek is extremely crowded with rental canoes and people who know nothing about being on the water.