

ABOUT GEMINI SPRINGS PARK

The sprawling 210 acres that encompass Gemini Springs were purchased in 1994, through the combined efforts of Volusia County, the Trust for Public Lands, the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Florida Communities Trust. Approximately 6.5 million gallons of sparkling fresh water bubble up from the two springs each day, flowing into Lake Monroe and the St. Johns River.

Gemini Springs is situated between the Town of Enterprise, which was a busy center of commerce and government in the early days of the Florida frontier, and the City of DeBary, named for Frederick DeBary, an agent for Mumm's Champagne in New York. DeBary came to Enterprise in 1868 to establish a winter retreat. His estate of 458 acres extended north from the edge of Lake Monroe and DeBary Bayou. His former mansion, DeBary Hall, is one-quarter mile northeast of Gemini Springs. A survey marker at the park indicates the southwest corner of his estate.

In the 1800s, farming operations at Gemini Springs included growing timber and citrus, and tapping longleaf pine trees for turpentine. John H. Padgett, who purchased the land around the turn of the century, is believed to have built the two-story farmhouse and barn on the property. The Padgett family raised cattle and grew sugar cane. They operated a cane press and sold sugar juice to train passengers as they passed by on the railroad to Enterprise.

In 1969, the Charles Gray family purchased Gemini Springs and raised prize-winning Santa Gertrudis cattle on the property. Under their ownership, the earthen dam and reservoir were built, along with the arched bridges, a stone barbeque building and the spring house.

Today, Gemini Springs is one of the Volusia's most popular parks for outdoor recreation. It also is part of the first link of the county's Spring-to-Spring Trail.

WELCOME!

To retain the natural beauty of the park, the number of posted rules and regulations signs has been reduced. Please follow the rules listed below. Your cooperation will assist in protecting and maintaining the park. Thank you.

- The park is open from sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise posted. The entry gate closes approximately 30 minutes prior to sunset.
- Please refrain from using profanity or other destructive behavior.
- Glass containers are not permitted.
- Open fires and fireworks are not permitted.
- Fires are permitted in grills or designated fire rings only.
- Please deposit all refuse in litter receptacles throughout the park. Separate recycling receptacles are available for your convenience.
- Pets must be leashed at all times, except in designated leash-free area, and are not to be left unattended. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals (County Code Chapter 14). Animal waste bags are available. Proof of rabies vaccination is required (tag). Pets are not permitted in the water or within 50 feet of the shoreline.
- Vehicles are permitted only on the asphalt, shell road, shell parking lots and overflow parking areas.
- The speed limit within the park is 10 m.p.h.
- All bicycles should be parked and secured in a designated bike rack.
- Please stay on sidewalks and designated trails.
- Please do not remove plants, feed the animals or disturb the wildlife.
- Parents must supervise their children at all times.
- Jumping, diving and climbing are prohibited on the boardwalks and fishing pier.
- Fishing is only allowed on the fishing pier. A valid Florida freshwater fishing license is required.
- All fishing debris must be disposed of properly.
- All campsite visitors must leave when the park closes or pay an extra fee.

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Gemini Springs Park 37 Dirksen Drive, DeBary

INFORMATION: 386-668-3810

For more information about facilities, fees and reservations, please call Gemini Springs Park.

Visit us on the internet at: www.volusia.org/parks
Fees and hours are subject to change without notice.



DIRECTIONS

From I-4. Take exit 108, turn right on Dirksen Drive.

The park is one mile on the left. From U.S. 17-92, go east on Dirksen Drive, then turn right at the park entrance.



PARK FEATURES

- Canoe launch and rental
- Fenced, leash-free dog area
- Fishing pier
- Horseback riding trail
- Nature trail
- Pavilions
- Picnic area
- Playground
- Primitive tent camping
- Restrooms
- Showers (cold water only)

CAMPING

Each campsite is equipped with a fire ring, picnic table, lantern-hook pole, grill and groomed sand. All are in proximity of restrooms.

SEASONAL CAMPING FEES

(Tents only) Tax not included

April 1 - August 31

\$10 per night

\$60 per week

September 1 - March 31

\$15 per night

\$90 per week

Fees during special events:

\$20 per night

\$120 per week

Firewood \$3 per site/night

Dumping fee \$5

Campsites are limited. Please call for reservations **386-668-3810**

PICNICKING

Picnic pavilions may be reserved by visiting or calling the Gemini Springs Park office.



FISHING

Fishing is allowed on the fishing pier. You must have a valid freshwater fishing license.

CANOEING

The canoe launch is near the fishing pier with seasonal hours of operation posted (\$7 per hour, \$25 per day). Canoe rental includes personal flotation device, cushions and paddles. All children and all non-swimmers, regardless of age, must wear a life jacket. A life jacket for each passenger also must be in the canoe. Canoes hold three small adults easily or two adults with up to three children. Please use care when launching your canoe. Except for the bow and stern seats, all passengers must sit on the floor of the canoe. Avoid rocking the canoe or leaning to the side and use caution when paddling. Persons must be 18 years or older to rent canoes. Low water levels may prevent rentals.

WALKING AND BICYCLE RIDING

- Trails (includes section of Spring-to-Spring Trail)
- 3/4 mile nature trail, and one mile bike trail (loop from entrance road to bicycle rack to exit road).

SIDEWALKS

- 651 feet from the east parking lot to the spring house; 907 feet from west parking lot to the spring house
- Bridge loop (1/4 mile)

HORSEBACK RIDING

Horseback riding is available on two miles of marked trails. Please see park personnel to make arrangements for parking horse trailers.

DISABLED ACCESSIBILITY

Volusia County welcomes all visitors to its many outdoor recreation areas. The county is continually upgrading and improving its facilities to expand accessibility for people with disabilities. Please note that some facilities may not be accessible to all people of all disabilities due to natural environmental barriers.