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The Springs Of Florida



Synopsis

Many rare underwater photographs, many of unique underwater species. Detailed descriptions and maps of Florida's major spring parks, including Silver Springs, Weeki Wachee, and Wakulla Springs. A must-have for canoeists, kayakers, divers, and snorkelers.

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beautiful book - -just what I wanted

Wonderful!

A great book if you would like to take a "spring" vacation. The history is excellent but the location and description of each spring is worth the price.

As a scuba diving instructor and an active diver who visits the Florida panhandle at least six times a year, I was delighted to find a book about the springs of Florida. Undoubtedly, Florida's reefs and wrecks are better known, but to access them, one must first go through the condo-congested coastal areas and tourist jammed highways and airports. The springs are generally located in the interior, which means less development and less traffic, but more effort to reach and fewer amenities. The photographs, maps, and great detail about the natural history (particularly the fauna) are documented evidence that the effort is worth it, and evoke wonderful memories for those who have been there. For somebody interested in diving in the springs, this book captures the feel of

this particular environment more effectively than the other guides to diving in Florida, and should be a great book for non-diving nature lovers as well.

Ever since I was a kid, the springs of Florida have fascinated me. I knew I wanted to get my scuba certification so I could dive them. I have dove many of these springs listed in this book, and I must say, the information is right on the money. If you are looking for a comprehensive dive guide, you are not going to find it in this book. What you will find is beautiful photographs of the native flora and fauna of a spring, like plants, fish, reptiles, mammals (like the manatee) etc.... All in all, Mr. Stamm has given us a great book about the glorious, beautiful, and magical elude of Florida's fresh water springs. I highly recommend it....

I'm sure Mr. Stamm is a wonderful individual. I feel this needs to be said because it seems that many people take any criticism on an author's work as a personal attack on said author. So, with that out of the way: this book was not for me. I've had it one night and already wish I wouldn't have bought it. It is outdated, poorly put together and incomplete. Stamm includes no additional info on many of the springs he maps. Overall, this book is very frustrating. If you're simply looking for an introduction in to the mere existence of Florida springs, then perhaps this book will be useful. Even then, you can read the book in a single evening and be ready for more by the next morning. Check this book out at the library if you must. However, if you're looking for a detailed guide to the many springs of Florida as a reference with which to plan outings and explorations, keep looking. This book doesn't cut it.

This book was photographed and written for the diver and spring side visitor who wants to know more about the springs environment. It is not a dive location guide, but a guide to the inhabitants and forces that make the springs of Florida a unique ecosystem in our world. They are beautiful places and inhabited by a variety of creatures. This book was made for divers and visitors who want to know more about what they see.

if you need info on the fl. springs for a term paper at school this is your book. lots of "deep" info on springs of florida wildlife, fish, plants, that are in and around the springs. i was looking for more dive info for the springs i haven't been in yet. the pics in the book are great. thanks for the book mr. stamm
capt. rob

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