

# DIVE INTO MAD LIBS: FLORIDA SPRINGS

**DIVE IN**  
to Preserve and Protect  
*Our Springs*

Here is a story about the history of our springs and why they are so important today. Fill in the blanks to make the story your own.



## People have been living near the Florida springs and coming to visit them for a long time.

The Native American Indians used to spend time at springs like Ichetucknee, which means “place of the beavers.” They would drink fresh water, hunt the animals, and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Fun action verb*

Next missionaries and farmers came to the springs. They started churches and planted crops like sugarcane and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Your favorite snack*

Many areas with fresh water springs were named state parks. You might have heard of Manatee Springs State Park. Did you know its spring pumps more than \_\_\_\_\_ gallons of water per day?  
*A really big number*

(OK, the real number is 100 million gallons.)

Our springs continue to get visitors and attract business. When visiting a Florida state park or natural spring area, it is best to bring along \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Random noun*

Our springs face challenges, like pollution and \_\_\_\_\_. You can do your part to protect them! When you visit the springs, remember to pick up trash and leave them better than you found them.  
*Something scary*

Now all that’s left to do is share what you’ve learned about the springs with family and friends like \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Your friend’s name*



# DIVE INTO THIS SPRINGS WORD SEARCH

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Think of things you find at the springs. Animals who call the springs home, in the grass. Fun water activities that make the time pass. How many words can you find?



B S K A Y A K W D E J L Y M G  
V P O X O O G D N N X X X T L  
B L M N L L I A D F C W W V V  
Z A V O T T F R Q I Y O H X P  
N S L I E F T P G S A U I R D  
L H B P X C I O R D D V T N O  
I L G F A O V U A W B K E I Z  
W V H N W I O U Y L T T D E M  
B B E A V F R B F T L A E Y R  
S L B A T T P F O B L K E K E  
W Y K E M P Y E X S G R R A C  
S X Y A T U N N N O V E P T Y  
W M O G N L D I V E K P X K C  
I U K L P F D G J G R I D B L  
M B K E Q P H I J Y D L S D E



### SPRINGS ANIMALS & ACTIVITIES

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|---------------|-------------|----------|------------|------------|
| 1. BEAVER     | 3. GRAY FOX | 5. EAGLE | 7. SWIM    | 9. DIVE    |
| 2. WHITE DEER | 4. OTTER    | 6. KAYAK | 8. RECYCLE | 10. SPLASH |