

KP Hole Park and Rainbow River Rules

- Pets (excluding service animals) and alcohol are not permitted.
- Coolers are subject to search.
- Disposable containers (such as cans, plastics, glass, plastic foam or paper) are not permitted on the Rainbow River.
- Divers and snorkelers are required to float a "diver-down" flag.
- The entire Rainbow River is a designated "Idle Speed/No Wake" zone.
- The main springs are protected. Motorized vessels, anchoring, diving and fishing are not permitted beyond the marker buoy.
- Exiting the Rainbow River at any point except the Tuber's Exit (also known as Blue Run of Dunnellon Park) is considered unlawful trespassing and violators may be subject to arrest.
- Personal float size may not exceed 60 inches in any dimension. Tying or lashing together of floats may not exceed ten feet.
- Fees and cut-off times are subject to change without notice.
- All rentals require proof the renter is at least 18 years of age. Acceptable identification includes a driver's license, state-issued identification card, military identification or passport.
- All tubers must be a minimum of 3 years old to tube from this facility and it is strongly recommended they have the ability to swim.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does "KP" stand for? KP Hole is named after the Knights of Pythias, a fraternal order much like the Masons or Knights of Columbus. This area was used as their annual Fourth of July Boys Picnics in the early to mid-1900s.

How long is the Rainbow River (a.k.a. Blue Run)? The Rainbow River is 5.7 miles long from the headsprings (located at the Rainbow Springs State Park) to the conflux of the Withlacoochee River.

How much water flows from the main springs? The four main 'vents' (encompassed by the Rainbow Springs State Park) have an average daily output of more than 400 million gallons of water per day.

How fast is the current of the Rainbow River? The current averages approximately 1 ½ knots.

What is the water temperature of the Rainbow River? Like most freshwater springs in Florida, the average water temperature is 72 degrees year round.

How deep is the Rainbow River? Most of the natural river bed ranges between 8-15 feet deep, although there are deeper areas. Garfish Hole, also known as Devil's Elbow, located approximately ½ mile upriver from the K.P. Hole, on the east side of the Rainbow River, is the deepest accessible area for divers. It averages between 20 and 26 feet deep.

What size boats are allowed on the Rainbow River? There is no size restriction for boats. However, vessels must travel at idle speed as the entire Rainbow River is a designated "Idle Speed / No Wake" zone *Marion County Parks and Recreation reserves the right at any time to adjust dates, prices, and locations for all programs, rentals and memberships as necessary.*

Can I bring my dog? We're sorry but pets are not permitted in the park, on our shuttles or in our tubes or vessels. However, if you are launching your own boat you can walk your leashed dog down the boat ramp and load your pet into your boat. Please remember to clean up after your pet if necessary.