

## Kelly Park FAQs

Q. How much is it to get into the park?

A. Admission for 1 – 2 people is \$3, 3 – 8 people is \$5. Busses are \$10 for the bus + \$1 per person. Entrance fee is cash or credit card with a valid photo ID and at this time we only accept Visa and MasterCard.

Q. How much is camping?

A. For camping information please see the Camping Guide on the Kelly Park webpage.

Q. Where can I get a re-entry pass?

A. If the park is full, we typically do not allow re-entry. In the event that the park is not at capacity your entry receipt can be used to get back in.

Q. Where can we rent a tube?

A. We do not offer any tube rentals inside the park. Tubes can be rented at the Rocks Springs Bar and Grill on the corner of Kelly Park Road and Rock Springs Road. Tubes can be rented at the Rock Springs Bar and Grill (a vendor outside the park) and the prices are subject to change. Call 407-886-0057 for pricing.

You may bring your own tube, pool noodle or float as long as it is not over five feet in length or width.

Q. What size floats do you allow?

A. Nothing larger than five feet in length or width.

Q. Do you have an air pump for tubes?

A. We do not offer this service. We recommend that you bring your own small pump to inflate your tubes.

Q. Once the park is full, what time do you re-open?

A. Each morning 280 vehicles will be allowed entry, and an additional 50 vehicles are allowed in after 2 p.m. with our afternoon parking pass. These 330 vehicles equate to an average of 1,350 visitors each day. You must get a voucher in the morning once we hit our initial capacity to be able to gain access at the 2 p.m. re-open time. Only one voucher will be given per car and they are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Q. How can we find out if you have hit capacity?

A. Once we hit our carrying capacity, we update our website to reflect that we are now full. We also have a hotline that you may call that we update when we are full as well. The hotline phone number is 407-254-1906. This is an important information line only and has no options to speak with staff.

Q. Do you offer any canoe, kayak or paddleboard rentals?

A. We offer a primitive canoe/kayak launch at our sister site next door called Camp Joy; however, no rentals are offered at Camp Joy or Kelly Park, nor do we offer any shuttle service. If you wish to rent a vessel, please see Wekiwa Springs State Park, Kings Landing or Wekiva Island.

Q. Do you rent cabins?

A. We do not have any cabins for rent at Kelly Park. We do offer dorm style accommodations at Camp Joy with minimums that must be met for the group size. For information on Camp Joy rates please see the Orange County camping brochure on the Orange County website.

Q. What time should we arrive to gain access?

A. With the popularity of the park increasing it seems that every year we seem to be getting busier and busier. On a typical summer day the park will be full within one hour of opening and people tell us that they were in line as early as 4:30 a.m. If you do not make it in, we hand out vouchers to the first 50 cars in line that will allow them access starting at 2 p.m.

Q. Are you in summer or winter hours?

A. Park hours change when the time changes. From around March until early November we will be open from 8 a.m to 8 p.m. From November until March we are open from 8 a.m until 6 p.m. Please keep in mind that the water front area as well as the trails close one hour prior to the park closing so that staff has time to safely get everyone out.

Q. How cold is the water?

A. 68 – 72 degrees year round.

Q. Are alcoholic beverages permitted?

A. Orange County ordinances do not allow alcoholic beverages on park property. Violation of this ordinance may be grounds for expulsion from the park.

Q. Are you pet friendly?

A. Unfortunately we do not allow pets at the park or in the campground. Service animals are welcome.

Q. Are there really alligators and snakes in the water?

A. It is not a common occurrence but from time to time we do see wildlife such as alligators and snakes in the water. If you happen to see one, please notify any staff on site and they will activate the protocols that we have in place for such instances.

Q. Do you see manatees at this site?

A. Not at this site. Blue Springs State Park is known for the manatees.

Q. Can we bring our own grill?

A. As long as the grill is at a picnic area you may use it. We do not allow any grills near the water. We also ask that you do not place any hot grills or cooking utensils on the table itself as it damages them. Propane grills are welcome as well. If you bring a charcoal grill please do not dump your hot charcoal on the ground.

Q. Can we bring a pop up shelter?

A. We allow pop up tents no larger than 10 x 10' in the picnic area. You may not set up any tents at the water front area. Camping style tents are not allowed in any area other than the campground. All tents must have full visibility through the tent.

Q. Can we still get in the water if it is raining?

A. We have a Thorguard lightning prediction system that will trigger if lightning is in the area; however, staff has the right to shut the water down if conditions warrant it. During peak season, lifeguards will be on stand throughout the river and will shut the water down if they lose sight of the bottom of the river even if the Thorguard has not triggered.

Q. Is the water safe for small children?

A. Yes. If your child is not a strong swimmer feel free to ask a staff member about obtaining a life jacket. Please keep in mind lifeguards are not on stand year round so please help monitor your children to assure their safety.

Q. Do you have lockers?

A. We do not offer any lockers. We recommend that everyone lock all valuables in their car; Orange County is not liable for any thefts.

Q. Do you offer a shuttle back?

A. Our run is fairly small, taking you only about 25 minutes to float down. Once you get out there is only about a 10-minute walk on a paved sidewalk back to the main park area.

Q. What should we do if we see an alligator?

A. If you see an alligator, please report the sighting. Staff will then verify the sighting and set into motion our protocols for such events.

Q. Can we go into the cave?

A. For the safety of the public, we keep all people away from the cave area.

Q. Is there a concession stand?

A. The concession stand is open daily from spring break until early October and is cash only. A few of the things he sells are hotdogs, hamburgers, snow cones and funnel cakes, as well as charcoal, condiments, bug spray and things of that nature. Item availability is subject to change.

Q. Do you take credit cards?

A. We do, but only Visa and MasterCard with a valid photo ID

Q. Why is it so hard to get through on the phones?

A. Due to the popularity of the park we tend to receive more calls than we can take in. If you leave a message, staff will call you back as soon as we can.

Q. My family is already inside, can I get in even though you are at capacity?

A. Unfortunately, no. We recommend families arrive at the same time to make sure that you can all get in.

Q. I paid to get into Rock Springs Run State Reserve; can I get into your site with that admission?

A. No, that is a State run facility and we are Orange County.

Q. Do you allow drones to be flown in the park?

A. Drones are allowed to be flown in the park if they take off and land in the designated take off/landing area. For our site the designated area is the main picnic area that is adjacent to our drop off area. For the safety of the public no low fly overs of the water will be allowed.