

# **Silver Springs Kayak Trip**

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**

After gathering at Kmart; traveling to Silver Springs State Park; and enjoying a late morning pizza, 17 paddlers embarked on a 5.5 mile trip down the Silver River.

The weather was great and the Silver River is one of the most beautiful rivers we have visited. The waters are crystal clear and the scenery was lush and thick. It was one of the few trips where there are no houses to be seen the entire way. It was an active day on the river, but not so bad as to interfere with our enjoyment of the day. We saw turtles -- lots of turtles; plenty of birds; lovely flowers; and MONKEYS!!. Yes, this is one of the few areas in the U.S. where you can see monkeys in the wild. We also saw a couple of alligators (and heard several more), including one curious fellow that wanted to join our group. To add to the unique character of this trip, Lori had us live on Facebook for a while.

After a leisurely nearly 3 hour trip, 17 dry paddlers emerged at the takeout, loaded our boats and headed for a late lunch or early dinner. Mojo's Grill and Catering in Ocala had a nice setup for us to enjoy a rehash of our trip and to enjoy a nice meal. Everyone opted to return home after the meal, rather than stay over in Ocala.

Check out the website ([www.myhbyc.com](http://www.myhbyc.com)) or the club's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.1605239046256876&type=3>) for pictures.

Next up Hillsborough River (South) on May 19..

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