

# **Caloosa Dive Club February Adventure**



**Feb 9, 2019 Saturday 1:30pm**

## **Rainbow River Drift Dive**

Rainbow Springs State Park,  
19158 SW 81st Place Rd.  
Dunnellon FL 34432  
Park #352-489-3055  
Capt. Britt #352-427-0457

There is a \$15 park usage fee and a \$10 fee for the boat ride to near the head waters to start the drift dive.

The water is crystal clear. With springs bubbling up from the river bottom, lush sea grass, fish and possibly small fossils on the bottom. This is about a 2 to 2 1/2 hour drift and can be done with 1 or 2 tanks, by snorkeling (20-25 foot depth or less) or floating on a raft. Dive flags are needed. The water is 72 degrees all year long. A wet suit and fresh water weights are recommended. Rafts are only available in the summer from the park, but can be rented nearby. The boat departs after dropping us off so bring only what you intend to drift with. There are not manatees in this part of the river.

**Feb 10, 2019 Sunday 8:30am**

## **Crystal River Manatee Snorkel**

Crystal River Manatee Snorkeling Crystal Lodge Dive Center - 525 NW 7th Ave, Crystal River, FL 34428

1-352 795 6798 <http://www.manatee-central.com/index.php>

We will rent a ponton boat from the Crystal Lodge Dive Center. The boats allow a maximum of 8 and cost \$30 an hour with a 2 hour min. We may be 2-3 hours, and should be able to rent a second boat if needed. Total cost will be divided between participants.

This is a snorkel trip. Equipment is available to rent, but I recommend you bring your own. The water temp is 72 F year round. We want to start early as when the air warms the manatees leave the springs for the day.

**Please contact Elida Byard, 717-239-6432 by 1/31/19 to reserve.**

I will be renting an AirBNB house or rooms and may have a few beds available for Sat. night.