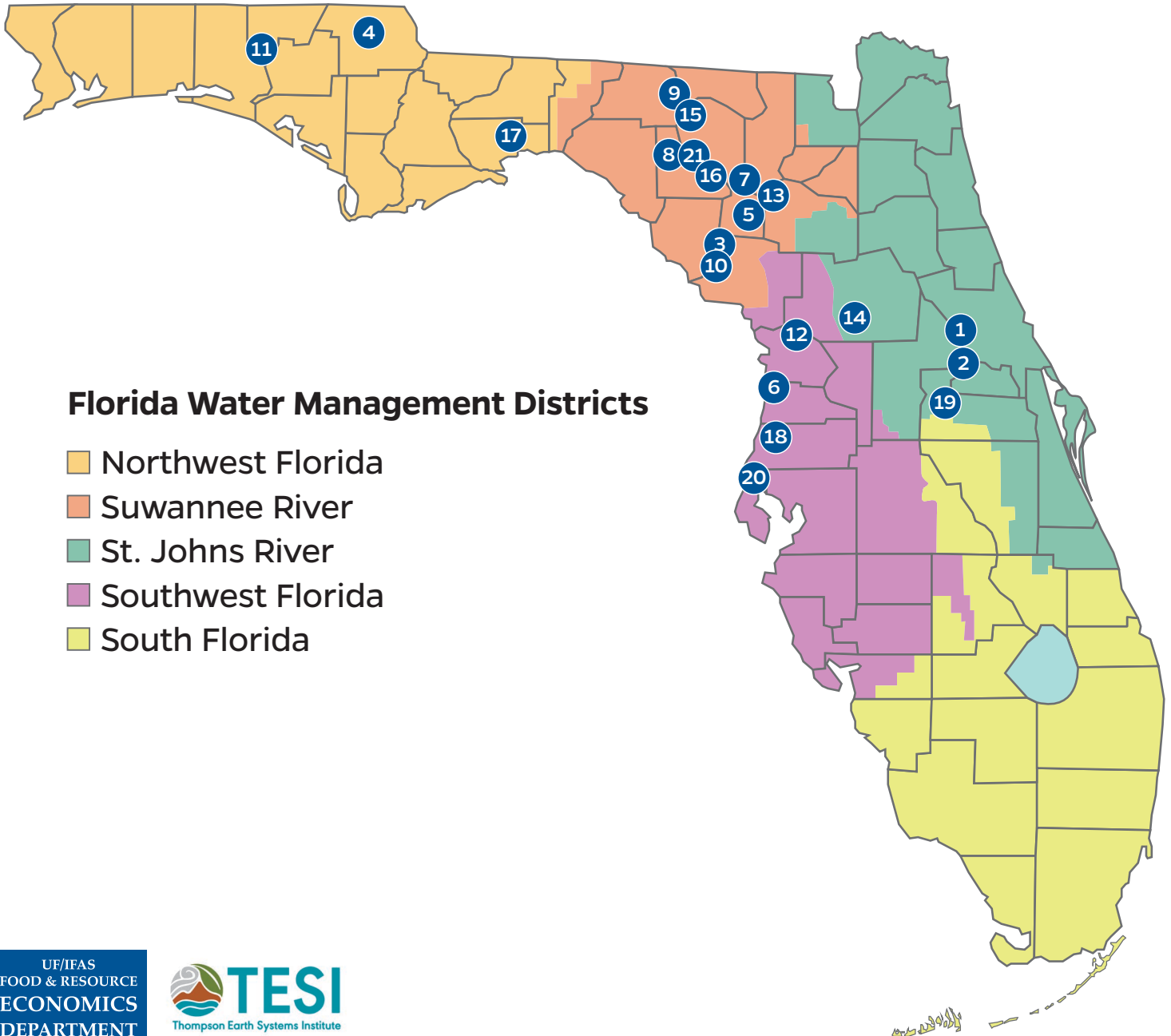


# How Springs Invigorate *Florida's Economy*



Florida has wonderful water resources. Our seashores, estuaries, springs, rivers, lakes, and wetlands are a big reason why our state is such a great place for people and all living things. Springs are a unique and valuable ecosystem to Florida. Every year, millions of people are drawn to our state's springs for recreation and employment. In fact, when you put it in economic

terms, water resources generate a lot of money for our state. Take, for instance, the springs in our state parks. In 2019, springs in Florida's state parks were visited by more than **3.9 million** visitors, who spent over **\$350 million** in local economies, supporting **4,885** jobs.



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**\*Direct Economic Impact (DEI):** The amount of new dollars spent in a local economy by non-local park visitors and park operations.

- 1. Blue Spring State Park**  
(Volusia County)  
561,219 annual park attendance  
\$48.8 million DEI\*  
572 total jobs supported
- 2. De Leon Springs State Park**  
(Volusia County)  
243,285 annual park attendance  
\$21.4 million DEI\*  
300 total jobs supported
- 3. Fanning Springs State Park**  
(Levy County)  
180,423 annual park attendance  
\$15.7 million DEI\*  
220 total jobs supported
- 4. Florida Caverns State Park**  
(Jackson County)  
44,215 annual park attendance  
\$4.5 million DEI\*  
63 total jobs supported
- 5. Gilchrist Blue Spring State Park**  
(Gilchrist County)  
138,015 annual park attendance  
\$12.1 million DEI\*  
169 total jobs supported
- 6. Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park**  
(Citrus County)  
316,420 annual park attendance  
\$28.8 million DEI\*  
403 total jobs supported
- 7. Ichetucknee Springs State Park**  
(Columbia County)  
258,078 annual park attendance  
\$21.7 million DEI\*  
304 total jobs supported
- 8. Lafayette Blue Springs State Park**  
(Lafayette County)  
17,671 annual park attendance  
\$1.8 million DEI\*  
26 total jobs supported
- 9. Madison Blue Spring State Park**  
(Madison County)  
24,558 annual park attendance  
\$2.2 million DEI\*  
31 total jobs supported
- 10. Manatee Springs State Park**  
(Levy County)  
256,631 annual park attendance  
\$22.6 million DEI\*  
316 total jobs supported
- 11. Ponce de Leon Springs State Park**  
(Holmes County)  
69,073 annual park attendance  
\$6.3 million DEI\*  
89 total jobs supported
- 12. Rainbow Springs State Park**  
(Marion County)  
353,764 annual park attendance  
\$31.1 million DEI\*  
436 total jobs supported
- 13. River Rise Preserve State Park**  
(Alachua & Columbia counties)  
2,451 annual park attendance  
\$0.2 million DEI\*  
3 total jobs supported
- 14. Silver Springs State Park**  
(Marion County)  
399,465 annual park attendance  
\$35.9 million DEI\*  
503 total jobs supported
- 15. Suwannee River State Park**  
(Hamilton, Madison, & Suwannee counties)  
45,465 annual park attendance  
\$4.2 million DEI\*  
59 total jobs supported
- 16. Troy Spring State Park**  
(Lafayette County)  
6,450 annual park attendance  
\$0.6 million DEI\*  
9 total jobs supported
- 17. Wakulla Spring State Park**  
(Wakulla County)  
218,735 annual park attendance  
\$19.7 million DEI\*  
276 total jobs supported
- 18. Weeki Wachee Springs State Park**  
(Hernando County)  
284,470 annual park attendance  
\$19.3 million DEI\*  
410 total jobs supported
- 19. Wekiwa Springs State Park**  
(Seminole, Orange, & Lake counties)  
431,982 annual park attendance  
\$38.2 million DEI\*  
535 total jobs supported
- 20. Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park**  
(Pasco County)  
27,001 annual park attendance  
\$2.5 million DEI\*  
36 total jobs supported
- 21. Wes Skiles Peacock Springs State Park**  
(Suwannee County)  
11,118 annual park attendance  
\$1.0 million DEI\*  
14 total jobs supported