

Yippie-Ki-O-Ki-Yay.....we are *rollin'* Along with plans for **Freeway's Spring Round-Up Picnic** at Rainbow Springs State Park on May 6th.

**Freeway's Spring Round-Up** weekend begins **Friday evening** in the lobby of Comfort Suites for some pizza and good company! **Saturday** is a day at the Park, surrounded with all of its beauty along the Rainbow River. A lazy day for hounds and humans to relax and visit with old friends and make new friends. Sit back and relax, enjoy lunch and maybe a game of Bingo or Corn Hole Toss and hopefully be a lucky Raffle winner! And what better way to our picnic-day than dining with our hounds and human friends at Swampy's Restaurant along the Rainbow River.

**Join us for the entire weekend or just the Picnic.**

**Rainbow Springs State Park** offers nature at its best along the Rainbow River. Take your hounds on a leisurely walk along the trails, view birds, observe nature and enjoy the historical gardens and butterfly garden. Or swim in the springs (sorry our hounds have their own swimming pools near the Pavilion).

**Rainbow Springs State Park** is located along the Rainbow River at 19158 SW 81st Place Road, Dunnellon, Florida, 34432, about thirty minutes west on US 40 from Ocala's second exit off I-75. The Park opens at 8:00 AM and we suggest you arrive early to insure entrance into the Park. Due to heavy popularity, the Park often reaches capacity by 10:00 AM. Once the Park reaches full capacity, no other visitors are

permitted to enter until space for new guests is made. The Park Entrance fee is \$2.00, which Freeway will 'refund' to each guest with two Raffle tickets!

For more information on **Rainbow Springs State Park**, please visit their webpage:

[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Rainbow-Springs](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Rainbow-Springs)

Freeway's picnic will be at the **Felburn Pavilion**, not too far from the Park's main entrance. Please be sure to bring blankets for your hounds and lawn chairs. There is ample seating in the Pavilion, but the grassy area is nice for barefootin'!

We will be serving-up a delicious picnic lunch: 100% Angus Beef hot dogs with all the trimmings including Diana's special chili, tossed salad with choice of dressing, potato salad, chips and cupcakes for dessert. Water is available for both humans and canines!

During the day, there will be complimentary bingo with grab bag prizes, a Chinese auction table, and a few Raffle items. Corn hole toss will be set up in the grass for those who want to test their tosser skills. (No experience necessary). We may throw in a few more fun activities. Participation in any of the

games is an option....if you prefer to nap with your hound, go for it...we will try not to toss a corn bag in your direction!

For those who want to sleep over, the **Comfort Suites**, a short 'run' from the Park, is very excited to be hosting our greyhounds! This new hotel is offering rooms during the Spring Round-Up weekend for \$99.00. Be sure to mention "*FREEWAY*" for the special room rate. All of the guest rooms are spacious and comes equipped with a sofa, desk, microwave and refrigerator. Wi-Fi is included. Please make your reservation early. You can cancel up to twenty-four hours prior to your stay without any financial obligation.

**Comfort Suites** love canines, especially Greyhounds! We are welcome around the hotel and lobby. You'll be able to start your mornin' off right with a complimentary breakfast, which includes meat, eggs, waffles, yogurt and fresh fruit.

For more information please visit **Comfort Suites'** webpage:

[www.choicehotels.com/florida/dunnellon/comfort-suites-hotels/fld08](http://www.choicehotels.com/florida/dunnellon/comfort-suites-hotels/fld08)

Ending our day in the park, there is plenty of time to freshen up and feed the hounds before dinner. Saturday evening we are invited to dine at **Swampy's Restaurant**, sitting outside along the Rainbow River with our best fur friends.

Looking over the beautiful Rainbow River from our restaurant deck, you can enjoy and understand the inspiration which created **Swampy's**. It is the raw beauty of the Florida river swamp with a few extra conveniences added - **Swampy's** great food and drink.

And to make it even more fun, dress your cowpokes in costume following the western theme (this will be the last time I promise!) and we will entertain the patrons and staff at **Swampy's** with our cuties in costume.

Check out **Swampy's** menu on the link below:  
<http://swampys.restaurant>

Following Sunday's breakfast with our greyhounds and humans, we must include saying "Happy Trails (or Tails?)"... 'til we meet again!

Please [click here](#) to go to our Registration Page. Please enter your name, your spouse and/or guests and the names of your greyhounds. There is a \$10.00 charge per person **to be paid at the Picnic** which includes all the food, games and activities That's it!! And we will 'reimburse' the Park's entrance fee of \$2 with two Raffle tickets! Wahoo!!

If you would like a CD mailed to your home, we will have an address form to complete with appurtenant information and

collect a few dollars to cover cost of CD and help with postage and packaging.

Raffle tickets will be sold for the Chinese Auction - 6 tickets for \$5.00, 15 tickets for \$10.00...quantities over that we will just throw in some extras! 50/50 Raffle tickets will be sold separately which may include a very special item!!!

Please contact Diana if you have any questions or comments.

Hats off to Joyce Layne, Jackie Pinson and Theresa Floyd for all your help putting the Picnic together. (Applause)