

August 28, 2026

White Springs historic property owner

I do not have an email address for you. If you have one that you would like me to use in the future, please give me a call (904.534.4417) or email it to me Sharonallen.shea@gmail.com.

White Springs Historic Preservation Society will offer walking tours beginning in October through the end of the year. Bruce Witton has been an excellent tour guide. We are very happy that he will continue to lead tours and mentor our new tour guides. Your lovely property or home is featured on the Walking Tour Brochure and on the Historicwhitesprings.com website. **The purpose of this email is to keep you informed and ask if you are interested in having us feature your property during one or more of our tours.**

We are expanding our tour routes and will offer some specialty tours. Specialty tours may include the opportunity for the tour guide to show his/her group more of your house and/or property. **Are you interested? If so, we will discuss this with you personally.** It could be just bringing the group onto your porch or yard or walking them through part of your home. We will respect your privacy and use two guides to keep the group together.

Types of Tours: Unless specified all tours will start at the **Tourism Center** and end at the **Suwannee Hardware Store**, lasting approximately two hours. Refer to the brochure to see where your property is included.

1. Heart of the Historic District - (River St. and Spring St.) markers (A), 1 - 24 (H) *This is the tour that we have offered for the last couple of years.*

New tours:

2. Northwest - Booger Bottom and Hobokon - markers (A), Spring House, Library, markers 25 - 30; Turn right on Jewitt St (marker 28); turn right on Bridge St, down the hill (Booger Bottom); turn right on Hamilton Avenue; turn right into Amoglee Park and turn right on Spring St. (Hwy 41); Hardware Store - Murals (Old Fire Station - G and Hardware Store - H. Turn right on Bridge St to see marker 24 (SBA HQ). Visit Hardware Store.

3. River Street and Northeast of Town - Golf Cart Tour - markers (A), 1 - 14; ride along Spring St. Marker 33 (J); visit the Cemeteries; turn left on Spring St and return to town starting with markers 15 - 22 and the Laundromat mural next to Fat Bellies; turn right on Kendrick St. marker 19; turn left on Mill St and then left on Wesson to return to Hwy 41; turn

left and see markers (G & H) 23 - 24 and Murals (Old Fire Station and Hardware Store). Visit Hardware Store.

4. **Haunted Haunts of White Springs** - available as a walking tour or golf cart tour. This tour may be scheduled around full moons and will be at night. We've heard the stories of haunted houses and other paranormal occurrences in our town. **Do you have stories to share? If so, we would like to hear them. Would you like us to include your home as a possible stop to share your house's haunted experience with our walking tour guests?**

We are trying to attract more history-oriented visitors to White Springs and generate some donations to support WSHPS and help the Suwannee Hardware Store.

Please respond to this letter with **"Yes, I'm interested in having my house featured during one or more walking tours."** Or if you want to find out more or have questions, please let me know and Bruce and/or I will meet with you to discuss opening your property during a tour.

If you would like me to drop off some brochures for you to give out when visitors walk by your property, please let me know. Thank you for being part of our historic community. We appreciate your response.

Sincerely,
Sharon Shea, Wesson St.
WSHPS president
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HISTORIC WHITE SPRINGS

Tour Descriptions

Tours vary based on the tour guide and other factors. Tours are appropriate for high school age and older and may vary from 1.5 – 2 hours. Come decide for yourself what White Springs remembers. For tour times, dates, and information: www.historicwhitesprings.com.

Heart of the Historic District

WALKING TOUR

Discover the White Springs that grew around the famous spring and became one of Florida's early resort destinations. Stroll along historic River and Spring Streets as local stories bring old hotels, homes, businesses, colorful residents, and the rise and fall of this once-bustling town back to life. This is the perfect introduction to White Springs - where the buildings that remain are only part of the story.

Booger Bottom & Hoboken

WALKING TOUR

Go beyond the familiar historic district and discover the White Springs locals remember. This walk explores Booger Bottom, Hoboken, the old Spring House area, historic neighborhoods, murals, and the Adams Country Store, weaving together the stories behind some of the town's most intriguing names and lesser-known places. A little history, a little local lore, and a side of White Springs you won't discover from the highway.

Beyond the Historic District

RIVER STREET & NORTHEAST WHITE SPRINGS • GOLF CART TOUR or BICYCLE

Climb aboard and explore more of White Springs than you can see on foot. This guided golf cart tour travels from historic River Street into the northeastern reaches of town, with stops and stories encompassing historic homes and landmarks, local cemeteries, neighborhood history, public murals, and places that helped shape everyday life in White Springs. It's a relaxed way to discover the town's history beyond its best-known streets - and hear the stories you might otherwise drive right past.

White Springs Remembers: A Haunted History Walk

NIGHT WALKING TOUR • SELECT DATES

At dusk, White Springs begins to tell a different kind of history. Walk the old streets as daylight fades and hear the documented history, local legends, unexplained experiences, and ghost stories that have lingered for generations - from the grand old Telford Hotel and the Adams Country Store to the spring, the river, the devastating fire of 1911, and places that have disappeared altogether. Some stories are history. Some are firsthand accounts. Some are folklore. And some have been told so long that it's difficult to know where one ends and another begins.