

**Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Recreation and Parks**

**Ravine Gardens State Park Public Meeting
May 24, 2023**

Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to receive public input on proposed improvements and facilities at Ravine Gardens State Park.

Background

Ravine Gardens State Park is a 152.67-acre property located in Putnam County, in Palatka, Florida. The Park is managed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP).

Improvements

The following developments/improvements are proposed for the updated Ravine Gardens State Park management plan:

- Redesign parking lot and improve traffic circulation
- Conduct an engineering study for the park's loop drive
- Consider widening the park loop drive
- Evaluate the feasibility of setbacks along the park's loop drive
- Increase interpretation along the road
- Continue to prohibit parking on the vegetation
- Restore and maintain the log trellises
- Use a portion of the center for passive interpretation
- After acquiring Water Works, connect it to the Civic Center
- Develop a planting plan
- Install interpretive signage in Formal Garden area
- Update and replace all interpretive and directional signage as needed
- Conduct an annual inspection for suspension bridges
- Consider conducting a hydrological study
- Form a stormwater management plan for the loop drive and boundary
- Provide a 3-bay shop building and equipment shelter
- Bury the overhead powerlines
- Consider replacing the existing fence
- Provide an off-grade path across the railroad tracks
- Construct a bridge crossing along the existing berm
- Create an observation platform at the end of the berm trail
- Replace assistant park manager residence
- Investigate the five optimum boundary parcels for potential of acquisition

Public Input

Thank you for taking the time to share your comments with us. Please provide any comments you have on the [back of this page](#) no later than **June 7, 2023**. You may also provide your comments by calling (850) 245-3051, sending an email with the park name in the subject line to FLStateParkPlanning@floridadep.gov, or by regular mail at the address below.

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