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Free festivals: Good cheap fun

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Looking for something fun -- and free -- to do this weekend?

Then check out Wekiva Riverfest, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 7, at Wekiwa Springs State Park, off Wekiwa Springs Road in Apopka.
www.friendsofwekiva.org/events_riverfest.html

Visit the park for free and peruse educational displays offering info on Central Florida's unique water resources and wildlife. Activities include music, children's nature crafts, food vendors, book signings, pontoon boat rides, and paintings by internationally known artists.

Swing by the Florida Wildflower Foundation's booth to get **a free pack of wildflower seeds!**

If you can't make it this weekend, then check out the **Florida Wildflower Festival on March 28**. To be held in historic downtown DeLand, the festival features educational displays, vendors, children's arts and crafts, plus guest speakers such as horticulturist Tom MacCubbin and University of Florida wildflower expert Jeff Norcini, who will share tips on wildflower cultivation and landscaping

Guided field trips are available to Forest Groves Wildflower Farm, a Stetson University native plant garden, Hickory Bluff Preserve and Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge. A Wildflower Photography Workshop at Skinner Citrus & Wildflower Grove is also planned. Reservations are required; call 386-734-0162.

The festival starts at 9 a.m. and wraps up at 4 p.m. For more information on the festival, go to www.floridawildflowerfestival.com

