Safety First
• All boats and paddle craft are required to have a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket (PFD) for each person and a sound producing device on board (i.e. a whistle).
• Inflatable PFDs are prohibited for personal water crafts (i.e. jet ski).
• Children under 6 must wear a life jacket.
• Snorkelers/divers must clearly display a diver down flag when in the water.
• Boat operators born on or after Jan 1, 1988 must have a Florida Boating Safety Education ID for a 10+ HP motorboat.
• Boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs is dangerous and illegal.
• Bow riding or extending into the water while underway is illegal in city limits.
• Recreational vessels are required to display navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and during periods of reduced visibility (fog, rain, haze, etc).

Rules on the Water
• Share the waterways: paddle crafts do not always have the right-of-way. Often a power boat has less maneuverability since they must stay within deeper water.
• Boats do not have brakes and need room to maneuver in the tighter canals.
• Be mindful of swimmers and divers down flags. Motorized vessels must make reasonable effort to maintain a distance of at least 100 feet from any diver down flag for inland waters.

Kings Bay Springs Group
Kings Bay has over 100 springs that feed fresh water into Crystal River. Below are some of the spring vents noted (o) on the map:
1. Miller's Creek 6. Little Sister
2. Hunters Springs 7. Big Sister
3. House Springs 8. Pretty Sister
4. Jurassic Springs 9. Idiot's Delight
5. Magnolia Springs 10. King Spring

Manatee Viewing Guidelines and Prohibitions
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service encourages passive observation; don’t initiate contact with manatees. Calmly observe from a distance at the surface of the water. The following activities are prohibited (50 CFR 17.108):
• Chasing or pursuing a manatee
• Disturbing/touching a resting manatee
• Diving from the surface onto a resting or feeding manatee
• Cornering or surrounding a manatee
• Riding, holding, grabbing, pinching, poking, prodding, or stabbing a manatee with anything - including hands and feet
• Standing on a manatee
• Separating a mother and calf, or any group of manatees
• Giving manatee(s) anything to eat or drink
• Actively initiating contact with belted or tagged manatee(s)
• Interfering with rescue/research efforts
Call FWC to report injured manatee: #1-888-404-3922

Protect the Wildlife
• Observe wildlife at a distance.
• Minimize noise for a better experience.
• Plastics, fishing line and trash in general are harmful to wildlife. Please recycle/dispose of these items responsibly.

Protect the Shoreline
• Do not tie to trees or any man-made objects: use designated moorings or kayak tie-ups where available.
• Do not pull your vessel onshore.
• After swimming, re-board your vessel without coming ashore to reduce erosion.
Speed Zones in Kings Bay
- 25 MPH within this channel.
- Slow Speed/Minimum Wake Zone (5-7 MPH): Fully off plane, settled in the water.
- Idle Speed/No Wake Zone (2-3 MPH): Minimum speed at which you can maintain steerage and headway with no wake.
- Idle Speed/No Wake (Sept 1 - April 30) / Slow Speed Remainder of Year.
- Idle Speed/No Wake (2-3 MPH). Eel grass restoration is in process, please be mindful of impact on vegetation. Pole anchoring is recommended.
- Idle Speed/No Wake (2-3 MPH). No Alcohol permitted. Eel grass restoration is in process, please be mindful of impact on vegetation. Pole anchoring is recommended.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Refuge Headquarters: 915 N Suncoast Blvd.
- Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge. For more information please call: 352-563-2088
- Manatee Sanctuaries: Sanctuaries are in effect during manatee season (November 15 to March 31). Other springs may experience temporary closures during manatee season as determined by USFWS.

City of Crystal River Waterfront Parks with Kayak Launches (parking fees apply)
1. Kings Bay Park 268 NW 3rd Street
2. Hunter Springs Park 104 NE 1st Avenue
3. Kings Bay Springs System please see other side of brochure for names and more information

Kayak Launch (launch fee may apply)
3. Crystal River Kayak 1422 SE US Hwy 19

Boat Ramps (* = not on map) ($ = fees may apply)
1. 3rd Ave Ramp 540 NW 3rd Avenue
2. Pete’s Pier 1 SW 1st Place ($)  
3. Adventure Center 9301 W Ft Island Trail ($)
4. Captain Mike’s 1610 SE Paradise Pt Rd ($)
5. Crystal River Water Sports 2380 N Suncoast Blvd ($) (*)
6. Ft Island Trail Park 12073 W Ft Island Trail (*)

Welcome Center (not on map) open M-F 8AM - 5PM. 915 N Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River, 34428