

# Springs Crossword Puzzle

Use the clues and the word bank to complete the puzzle.

## Springs Word Bank:

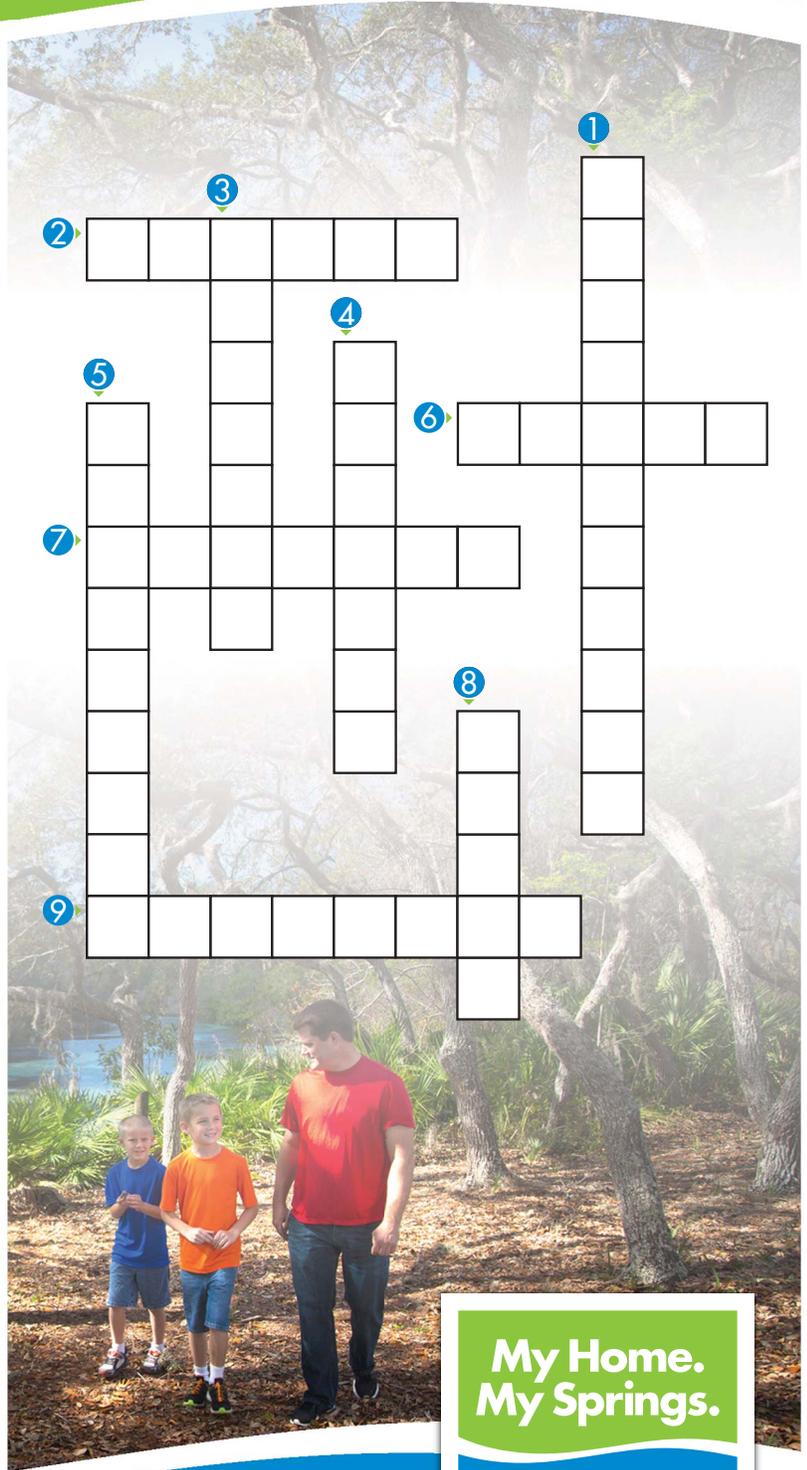
ecosystem ♦ water ♦ springs  
plants ♦ aquifer ♦ manatees  
temperature ♦ clean ♦ opening

### Across

- 2 The springs and their associated rivers and bays have tremendous ecological value, and are home to countless animals and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 We all should do our part to keep Florida's springs \_\_\_\_\_ and healthy.
- 7 A spring is a natural \_\_\_\_\_ in the ground where water flows to the Earth's surface.
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ seek refuge in springs during the cold winter months.

### Down

- 1 A spring's constant \_\_\_\_\_ and stable discharges, support a variety of plant life, including ancient cypress trees, rare orchids, lilies and eel grass.
- 3 Spring vents are windows into the \_\_\_\_\_, which is the main source of drinking water in west-central Florida.
- 4 Florida has the largest concentration of \_\_\_\_\_ anywhere in the world.
- 5 An \_\_\_\_\_ is a community of plants and animals and their physical environment.
- 8 A springshed is the area of land that contributes \_\_\_\_\_ to a spring. Your actions within the springshed affect the quality of water flowing from the spring.



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# Find the Hidden Springs Message

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2 = b

3 = c

4 = d

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7 = g

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9 = i

10 = j

11 = k

12 = l

13 = m

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15 = o

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19 = s

20 = t

21 = u

22 = v

23 = w

24 = x

25 = y

26 = z

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