

Meet Our Adoptable Manatees

BLUE SPRING MANATEES

ANNIE: Rescued as an orphaned calf and released back to the wild in 2008, Annie is not shy and is quite popular with park visitors.

AQUA: First sighted at Blue Spring in December 2011, Aqua has since been a regular visitor. She has two known calves.

BRUTUS: One of the largest manatees, Brutus weighs in at almost 1,800 pounds and has been a regular since 1970.

DEEP DENT: A medium-sized male who first arrived at Blue Springs in 1979, Deep Dent gets his name from a deep, “dent-like” propeller wound on his tail.

DOC: Returning to Blue Spring every winter since 1976, Doc is nearly ten feet in length and is one of the few manatees frequently spotted at the park in the summer.

ELAINE: Born at Blue Spring in 1985, Elaine is playful, and has been known to get into mischief!

FLASH: A large male manatee first identified in 1977, Flash is shy and will take off in a “flash” when disturbed.

FLOYD: Born in the summer of 1978, Floyd has spent every winter at Blue Spring State Park. He is a “ham” and is often seen in films and magazines.

GATOR: Our newest Blue Spring adoptee! First identified in 2011, he has been spotted on the webcam chasing and playing with an alligator at the park. That’s how he got his name!

HOWIE: A large male known to winter at the park since 1971, he once tipped over the research canoe – with the researchers in it!

LENNY: Born in 1978 Lenny winters at Blue Spring each year. He prefers rest to all other activities.

LILY: One of the few adult females to regularly winter at the park, Lily has returned each year since 1974 and is the mother of several calves.

LUCILLE: Born in 1980, Lucille had her first calf at an early age and, in 1993, she became a grandmother.

MARGARITO: The son of Lily, who brought him to Blue Spring on November 24, 1984, Margarito has returned every winter since. He can be identified by his missing right flipper.

MERLIN: An adult male, over 10 feet long, Merlin has been wintering at the spring since 1970, when attendance records first began. His nickname is “Tail-End Charlie,” as he often arrives late each year.

NICK: First identified in 1977, Nick’s unusual behavior, such as traveling north when all the other manatees are heading south, has earned him the nickname “Crazy Nick.”

PADDY DOYLE: Named after the famous “fighting Irishman”, Paddy Doyle bears the distinction of being one of the feistiest manatees in the Blue Spring area.

PHILIP: Born in the summer of 1982, as a youngster, Philip was one of the most playful manatees at Blue Spring. He seems to love can following the research canoe everywhere.

PHYLLIS: Thought to have been born in 1985, in 1991, she gave birth to twins – a rare event for manatees. She is now the mother of several calves.

ROBIN: Born on April 15, 1980, Robin is one of the few manatees who has a recorded birth date because his mother was being monitored by researchers when he was born.

ROCKET: A male manatee rescued as a tiny orphan in 2006, Rocket was released with Annie, and they stayed together for over a year.

WHISKERS Born to Dana in 1996, Whiskers is an exceptionally curious manatee. Whiskers started “hanging out with the guys” and venturing away from his mother at a very young age.

HOMOSASSA SPRINGS MANATEES

ARIEL: Just two weeks old when she was rescued with her mom, Amanda, Ariel is a regular at the manatee education programs and often lifts her head out of the water to “smile” at the visitors.

BETSY: Named after a Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park Ranger, Betsy is very friendly and curious and is quick to investigate anything new. She currently resides at Ohio’s Cincinnati Zoo, where she serves as a companion for manatees in rehabilitation..

ELECTRA: Rescued in 1998 after suffering trauma from a boat strike and entanglement in a crab trap, Electra is the smallest, and youngest, manatee living at the park. Despite

her size, park staff say she’s spunky and likes to follow her own path.

LORELEI was born on May 3, 1975, and she is the first manatee born and raised in captivity. She is a physical fitness type and swims laps from one end of the spring to the other!

EAST COAST MANATEES

CHESSIE: First sighted in the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland in July, 1994. When by October of that year, he had not headed south on his own, Chessie was rescued and flown back to Florida so he wouldn’t die from cold stress.

ILYA: Known to researchers for 15 years before he decided to travel outside Florida, in the summer of 2009, he went all the way to Cape Cod, Massachusetts before being rescued from chilly waters near New Jersey in October 2009. Proceeds from Ilya’s adoptions support rescue and rehabilitation.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA MANATEES

ELSIE; Easily identified because her tail was badly mutilated from an encounter with a boat propeller, despite her past injuries, Elsie is a traveler and visits the Fort Myers and Tampa areas.

Flicker; An adult female first documented in the winter of 1983 at the Fort Myers power plant, her name comes from her many small propeller scars that resemble flickering flames.

GINGER: Spending summers in the Marco Island area, Ginger has two known calves. One of them was born in 1996 and is named Ale!

JEMP: Rescued in July 1995, after being exposed to red tide, Jemp is known to frequent the Sarasota and Lemon Bay areas, but he also travels in a wide range along Florida’s west coast.

VECTOR: A traveling manatee who likes to go solo. He has been tracked as far north as the Suwannee River and as far south as the Peace River.

ALABAMA MANATEES

BAMA: The first manatee ever captured and tagged in Alabama waters by Dauphin Island Sea Lab’s Manatee Sighting Network. Now a local attraction in Mobile Bay in the spring and summer, Bama has migrated from Alabama to Crystal River, Florida each winter.

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