



ULTIMATE CRYSTAL RIVER MANATEE SNORKELING CHECKLIST

Before You Go:

- Confirm Your Tour Reservation:** Contact your chosen guide center to confirm your booking details, including the date, time, and any special instructions they might have for your manatee snorkeling tour.
- Check Equipment Provided:** While most tours offer snorkeling gear and wetsuits, it's best to verify what's included. Ask if there are items you should bring that aren't covered.
- Understand the Rules:** Familiarize yourself with the guidelines for interacting with manatees. Your guide center will provide instructions on how to behave to ensure a respectful experience for both you and the manatees.

What to Bring:

- Eco-Friendly Sunscreen:** Opt for reef-safe sunscreen to protect your skin while minimizing impact on the marine ecosystem.
- Personal Snorkeling Gear:** If you prefer using your own equipment, consider bringing a mask, snorkel, and fins. Ensure they are in good condition and fit well for the best experience.
- Wetsuit for Warmth and Buoyancy:** Check if your tour provider supplies wetsuits. If not, or if you prefer your own, bring one along to stay warm in the cooler spring waters.
- Waterproof Camera or GoPro:** Document your encounter without disturbing the manatees. Make sure it's fully charged and has enough memory space.
- Towels and a Change of Clothes:** You'll want to dry off and change into warm clothes after your snorkeling session.
- Reusable Water Bottle:** Stay hydrated with a water bottle that can be refilled, reducing plastic waste.
- Snacks:** Bring light, eco-friendly snacks to keep your energy up, especially for tours that last several hours.
- Cash for Tips:** Having cash on hand allows you to tip your guide or boat captain for their expertise and service if they did a good job. (And in our small town of Inglis, Yankeetown, and Crystal River, they always do)

Disclaimer: "This is just for reference, this is not a complete list and cannot cover every situation or need that could arise. We are just getting you pointed in the right direction. We accept no responsibility for your use of this list. Now get out there and have fun."

