



Treasures of the Hillsborough River Guide Questions



Part 1: The Upper or Natural River,

When is the dry season?

What use is made of the watershed along the upper portion of the river?

What causes the dry season clear river to turn dark?

What use of the river has been discontinued since 1971?

What pollutants come into the river via tributaries?

Who owns the land adjacent to the river between HRSP and the Tampa Bypass Canal?

What is the function of the bypass canal and the flood control structures of the four river flows control project?

What types of recreational uses are made of the upper portion of the Hillsborough River?

List 3 parks found along the upper portion of the river.

- **Stop here & discuss the upper river (Green Swamp to 1-75).**



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Part 11: The Residential River

What are some uses people make of the residential section of the river?

How has public policy changed to help the river? What are the benefits of this change?

Why is there a restriction on eating large mouth bass?

List 3 parks found along the middle portion of the river.

How can changes in human habits affect the health of the river?

What problems occur above the dam in the river during the dry season?

How must we manage our use of the river to keep it healthy?

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- **Stop here & discuss the middle river (1-75 to the dam).**



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Part III: The Lower or Urban River

What is the water quality of the lower river? What affects it?

What spring provides water to the lower river?

What uses were made of this spring in the past? Why was this use discontinued?

Who is working to correct this problem? What are they doing?

What past solutions created the storm water pollution problems?

What large mammals use the Sulphur Springs area of the river?

What problems do they have in the river?

Why are natural plant communities important in the lower Hillsborough River?

How is the city changing Lowry Park to make it better for the river?

How can boaters play a role in preventing problems on the river?

How are groups helping the river?

How has the use of the lower river changed?

How can we as individuals and as a community protect the river?

- **Stop here & discuss the lower river (dam to Tampa Bay)**