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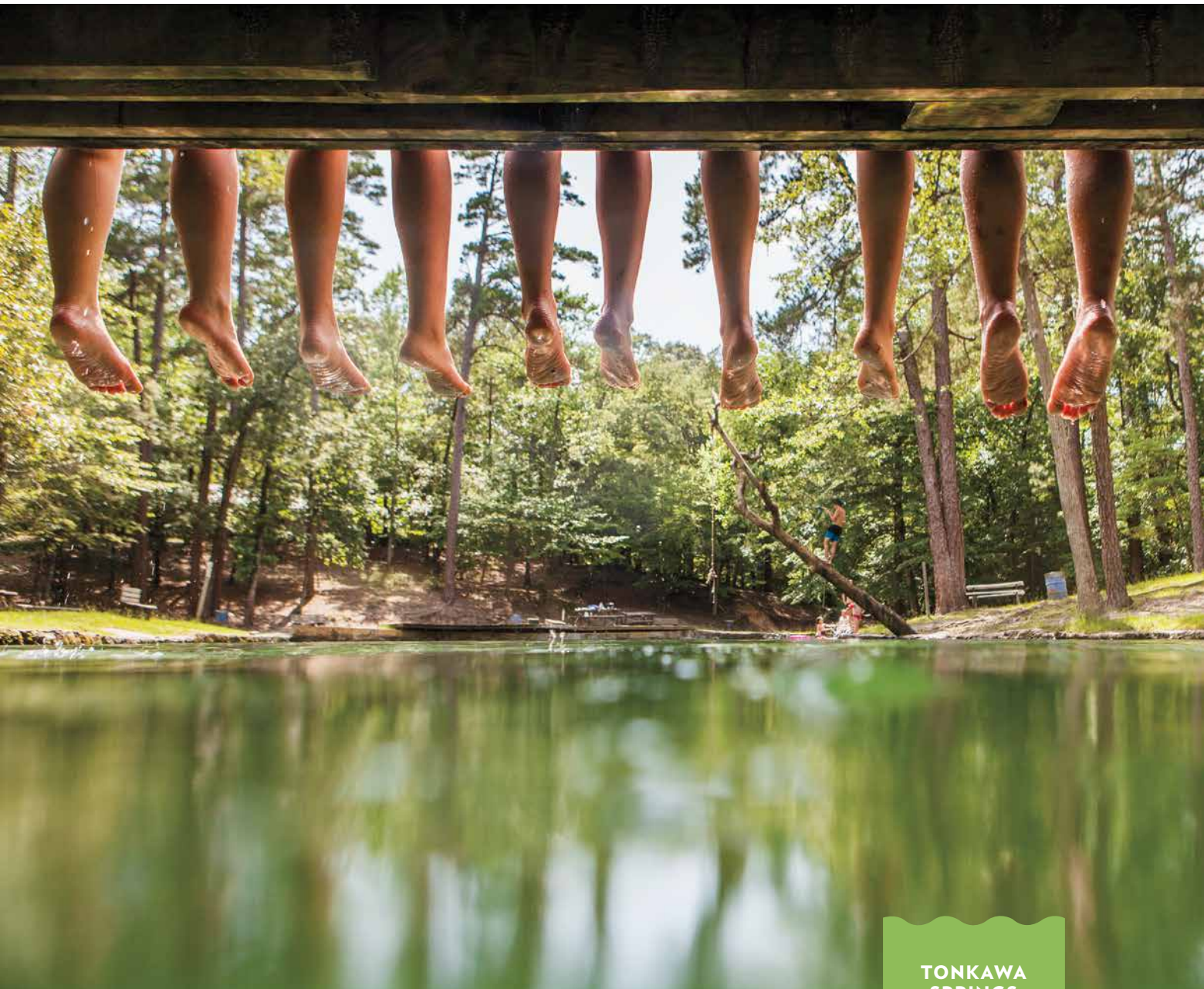
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**T**his idyllic spring-fed pond, nestled within the East Texas Piney Woods, draws visitors who can't resist the lure of ice-cold water, a white sandy bottom, and a good rope swing.

That swing, by the way? Notches in a tree that slants over the water serve as steps, making it easy to grab the rope and launch into water that hovers around 68 degrees. From there, you may as well kick back a while and contemplate this place's colorful history.

In the early 1900s, the springs turned a wheel that operated a gristmill here. The Civilian Conservation Corps built stone retaining walls around the spring in the 1930s, which was when the Boy Scouts began leasing the property. Troops flocked to the site for campouts until the 1960s. When they left, organized fox hunts took place at the site. Then, in the 1980s, the Ozarka Water Company pumped water from the springs.

The spring's owners opened the pool as a park in 2001, complete with a campground and RV hookups, and a new generation is lazing away summer days playing Marco Polo in its waters.

Camp Tonkawa Springs is at 4675 County Rd. 153 in Garrison. Entry costs \$10 per person age six and older; \$5 on Wednesdays, family day. **Call 936/564-8888; [www.camptonkawa.com](http://www.camptonkawa.com).**

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