

The Fountain of Youth



A painting shows members of an expedition led by Juan Ponce de León. The goal of the expedition was to find new lands and possibly to find the fountain of youth. According to a story Ponce de León had heard, the fountain flowed with water that kept people young. He never found it, but the search led him to what is now Florida. He was the first European to set foot in the area.

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But Ponce de Leon was not the only one...

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Alexander the Great, who conquered most of the known world before he died around 323 B.C., may have been looking for a river that healed the ravages of age. During the 12th century A.D., a king known to Europeans as Prester John supposedly ruled a land that had a river of gold and a fountain of youth.

Now, there is Fountain of Youth Archeological Park in Florida. No fountain has been found...yet. There is, however, a hidden cemetery.