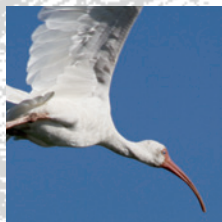


LAKE OKEECHOBEE SCENIC TRAIL

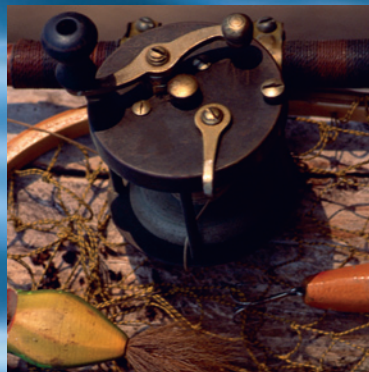
Designated as a segment of the Florida National Scenic Trail, this 110-mile portion circles Lake Okeechobee. The trail runs atop the 35-foot Herbert Hoover Dike, which surrounds the lake to provide for flood protection. Trail users can see views ranging from scenic lakeside to working agricultural landscapes. Portions of the trail run near communities that are at the heart of agriculture, such as Belle Glade and Clewiston.

The area offers opportunities for viewing wildlife, particularly in the fall and winter, when birds such as herons, egrets and a variety of wintering waterfowl are abundant.

Several segments of the trail have been paved to offer a wider variety of recreational opportunities such as bicycling and skating.



nature



For further information contact the following area offices of these agencies:



sfwmd.gov

South Florida Water Management District
Okeechobee Service Center
205 North Parrott Avenue, Suite 201
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 462-5260
www.sfwmd.gov/okee



US Army Corps
of Engineers

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
South Florida Operations Office
525 Ridgelawn Road
Clewiston, Florida 33440-5399
(863) 983-8101
www.saj.usace.army.mil



Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Greenways & Trails
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 795
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000
(850) 245-2052
www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt

LAKE OKEECHOBEE



LAKE OKEECHOBEE

At the center of Florida’s heartland is Lake Okeechobee, largest of Florida’s lakes and second largest freshwater lake in the United States. Its name is derived from Seminole Indian words meaning “big water.” Though somewhat shallow, averaging about 10 feet in depth, the lake covers over 730 square miles (467.200 acres).

The lake is noted for its bountiful fishing. It has long supported a commercial fishing industry and is the site of many tournaments for sport fishing. The lake is also a perfect place for a leisurely sail or cruise, with a choice of protected spots for a floating picnic, or a few hours of quiet contemplation.

Beyond its obvious opportunities for outdoor recreation, Lake Okeechobee serves a greater purpose for all of South Florida. As the state’s population grows, so does the lake’s importance as a water resource.



big water

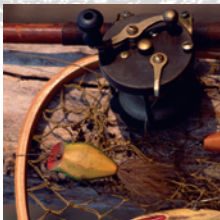


FROM THE TENDER

- Coast Guard boating regulations and Florida Boat Safety Laws apply in these waters.
- When approaching a lock, stop the boat and sound the horn located at the end of the pilings.
- When the locktender gives the “go ahead” or the signal turns green, proceed into the lock. To avoid excess current, position the boat along the same side wall from which you are entering.
- Hold the safety lines at the bow and stern to keep from swinging around. Do not tie the ropes to the boat.
- While in the lock, cut off the motor. Do not smoke or refuel.
- Wait until signaled by the locktender before starting the motor and leaving the lock.
- Exiting boats have the right-of-way. It is against the law to enter or leave a lock while the gates are in motion.
- Keep speed down to 5 mph and use caution when entering or leaving a lock. No wake.



boating



LOCK HOURS

G-36, S-135, S310 5:30 am - 8:00 pm Oct. 1 - Apr. 30

S-310, S-131 5:30 am - 9:00 pm May 1 - Sept. 30

S-193 5:30 am - 10:30 pm Dec. 1 - Apr. 30
5:30 am - 9:00 pm May 1 - Nov. 30
5:30 am - 11:00 pm July 4

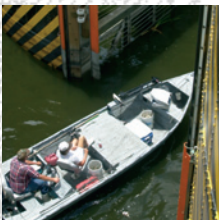
S-308, S-77 6:00 am - 9:30 pm All year

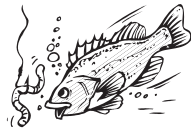
For current information on water depths, lockages and navigational routes, contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at any of these numbers:

- Jacksonville District Office 904-232-3187
South Florida Operations Offices
Clewiston 863-983-8101
St. Lucie Lock 772-287-2665
Port Mayaca Lock 561-924-2858
Moore Haven Lock 863-946-0414
Ortona Lock 863-675-0616
W.P. Franklin Lock 239-694-5451



fishing





general info

	L	S	R	M	BIC	BF	BT	L	P	GS	I	T	P	G/P	CwE	Cwo/E	C	L	S	F	DW	RR	PA	HT	SB	G	EA	SDS	VI	T
1 W.P. Franklin Campground																														
2 W.P. Franklin Lock Recreation Area																														
W.P. Franklin Visitor Center																														
3 Alva Access Area																														
4 LaBelle Access Area																														
5 Barron Park																														
6 Belle Hatchee Marina																														
7 Port LaBelle Marina																														
8 Ortona Lock Recreation Area																														
9 Ortona Lock Campground																														
10 Moore Haven Lock Recreation Area																														
11 Marina R.V. Resort																														
12 Sportman's Village																														
13 Fisheating Creek																														
14 Harney Pond Canal																														
15 Bare Beach																														
16 Indian Prairie Canal																														
17 Okee-Tantie																														
18 C. Scott Driver Jr.																														
19 Okeechobee																														
20 Nubbin Slough																														
21 Henry Creek																														
22 Chancy Bay																														
23 Port Mayaca Lock Recreation Area																														
24 Canal Point																														
25 Pahokee																														
26 Paul Rardin Park																														
27 Belle Glade																														
28 South Bay																														
29 John Stretch Park																														
30 USACE Operations Office, Clewiston																														
31 Clewiston Park																														
32 Liberty Point																														
33 Alvin Ward Sr.																														
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St. Lucie Campground																														
37 Phipps Martin County Park																														

- BOAT: L = LAUNCH; S = STORAGE; R = RENTALS; M = MARINA; BIC = BOAT IN CAMPING
- FISH: BF = BANK FISHING; BT = BAIT & TACKLE; L = LICENSE; P = PIER; GS = GUIDE SERVICE; I = ICE
- PICNIC: T = TABLES; P = PAVILION; G/P = GRILLES & PITS
- CAMP: CwE = CAMPING W/ELECTRIC; Cwo/E = CAMPING WITHOUT ELECTRIC; C = CABINS; L = LAUNDRY; S = SHOWERS; F = FEE
- GENERAL: DW = DRINKING WATER; RR = RESTROOMS; PA = PLAY AREA; HT = HIKING TRAIL (LAKE OKEECHOBEE SCENIC TRAIL (LOST), PART OF THE FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL: SB = SNACK BAR; G = GROCERIES; EA = EQUESTRIAN ACCESS; SDS = SANITARY DUMP STATION; VI = VISITOR INFORMATION; T = TELEPHONE)

LAKE OKEECHOBEE

THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS WELCOME YOU TO LAKE OKEECHOBEE AND THE OKEECHOBEE WATERWAY. EACH YEAR OVER SIX MILLION PEOPLE VISIT ONE OF THE 37 RECREATION AREAS THAT OFFER DAY-USE FACILITIES, CAMPGROUNDS, HIKING/BIKING TRAILS, AND BOAT RAMPS.

1. W.P. FRANKLIN CAMPGROUND
2. W.P. FRANKLIN LOCK RECREATION AREA
W.P. FRANKLIN VISITOR CENTER
3. ALVA ACCESS AREA
4. LABELLE ACCESS AREA
5. BARRON PARK
6. BELLE HATCHEE MARINA
7. PORT LABELLE MARINA
8. ORTONA LOCK RECREATION AREA
9. ORTONA LOCK CAMPGROUND
10. MOORE HAVEN LOCK RECREATION AREA
11. MARINA R.V. RESORT
12. SPORTSMANS VILLAGE
13. FISHEATING CREEK
14. HARNEY POND CANAL
15. BARE BEACH
16. INDIAN PRAIRIE CANAL
17. OKEE-TANTIE
18. C. SCOTT DRIVER JR.
19. OKEECHOBEE
20. NUBBIN SLOUGH
21. HENRY CREEK
22. CHANCY BAY
23. PORT MAYACA LOCK RECREATION AREA
24. CANAL POINT
25. PAHOKEE
26. PAUL RARDIN PARK

27. BELLE GLADE
28. SOUTH BAY
29. JOHN STRETCH PARK
30. USACE So FLORIDA OFFICE
31. CLEWISTON PARK
32. LIBERTY POINT
33. ALVIN WARD SR.
34. PORT MAYACA WAYSIDE PARK
35. INDIANTOWN MARINA
36. ST. LUCIE LOCK RECREATION AREA
ST. LUCIE VISITOR CENTER
ST. LUCIE CAMPGROUND
37. PHIPPS MARTIN COUNTY PARK



WATERWAY DISTANCES

ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL TO ST. LUCIE LOCK	15.1 MILES
ST. LUCIE LOCK TO PORT MAYACA LOCK	23.7 MILES
PORT MAYACA LOCK TO MOORE HAVEN LOCK:	
VIA OPEN LAKE, ROUTE 1	39.0 MILES
VIA RIM CANAL, ROUTE 2	50.0 MILES
MOORE HAVEN LOCK TO ORTONA LOCK	15.5 MILES
ORTONA LOCK TO W.P. FRANKLIN LOCK	27.9 MILES
W.P. FRANKLIN LOCK TO GULF INTRACOASTAL	33.2 MILES

The lake is approximately **37** miles long by **30** miles wide. Over **730** square miles with an average depth of only **10** feet. To fishermen nationwide, it's renowned for the number of bass it contains per acre and that it also produces more bass over **7** pounds than any lake in Florida and the United States.

