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# March 2013 Kissimmee Basin Environmental and Restoration Features



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Kissimmee River Phase I Restoration area under dry season conditions

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A great blue heron takes flight in the Kissimmee River Phase I Restoration area.



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Littoral Lake Kissimmee – patches of spatterdock



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A Florida snapping turtle heads for deeper water in the Kissimmee River Phase I Restoration area.





SFWMD environmental scientists search through a throw trap sample in the Kissimmee River Phase I Restoration area floodplain



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An American alligator captures an exotic sailfin catfish in the Kissimmee River Phase I Restoration area.



Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area river channel





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A monster American alligator in Pool A C-38 canal (unrestored) takes a spring break.





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Yellowlegs forage along the river shoreline in the Kissimmee River Phase I Restoration area.





An American alligator tests the water in the Phase IVB Kissimmee River Restoration area.



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A tri-colored heron fishes along the river's sandy shoreline in the Kissimmee River Phase I Restoration area.

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The C-38 canal and remnant river channels in the Pool A (unrestored) section of the Kissimmee River





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An American alligator in the Phase IVA restoration area appears to be getting by with two feet missing.



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Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area main river channel and nearby abandoned river channels



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Oak Creek floodplain wetlands in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area are nearly completely dry by the end of March





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River channels wind through the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area.



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Sandy shores line the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area river channel.





White pelicans and other wading birds forage in drying pools on the edge of the floodplain in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area.





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Animal trails wind through the grasses of the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area floodplain.





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White wading birds forage in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area floodplain drying pools.  
Can you spot the white-tailed deer?



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White pelicans and other waders forage in a large drying pool in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area.



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In the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area, floodplain tracks from mammals, birds and reptiles line the muddy shoreline of a drying pool.



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Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area floodplain



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White pelicans on the move



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Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area river channel, floodplain and abandoned river channels





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White pelicans fly in to join a foraging flock in a drying pool in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area.



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White pelicans and other wading birds forage in a large drying pool in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area floodplain near the main river channel.





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White pelicans perch in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area.





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An abandoned channel zigzags through the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area.





Florida snapping turtle