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February 2013 Kissimmee Basin Environmental and Restoration Features



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Sandbars line the riverbank in Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area (Montsdeoca-Fulford Connector).

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Tannin waters reveal submerged sandbars in the Kissimmee River Phase I Restoration area (Montsdeoca Run).



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An inviting sandy shoreline in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area (Montsdeoca Run)

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Wading birds flock to the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area to forage for food.

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Abandoned channels in Montsdeoca Floodplain form oxbows in Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area.

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View southwest over the south end of the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area where the restored river channel meets the C-38 canal in the upcoming Phase II/III restoration area

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Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area river channel and floodplain (Micco Run)



An American alligator suns itself along the riverbank in the Phase IVB Kissimmee River Restoration area.



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Phase II/III projected Kissimmee River Restoration area (Riverwoods Run)

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Phase II/III projected Kissimmee River Restoration area (Riverwoods Run abandoned channels)



A gator stakes his claim, a hapless turtle, in the Phase IVA Kissimmee River Restoration area river channel.



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A red-shouldered hawk ruffles his feathers.



A roseate spoonbill takes flight in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area.



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A great blue heron and an American alligator appear to be having a close encounter in the Kissimmee River.



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Wild turkey in the Phase IVB Kissimmee River Restoration area are among the basin's many species of wildlife.



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An American alligator is on the prowl in the Phase IVA Kissimmee River Restoration area.



An alligator enjoys a cool mud bath on the shores of the Kissimmee River.



A roseate spoonbill shows off its colorful wing span in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area.

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A ray of sun lights up the “heart” of the restored Kissimmee River.



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An eastern phoebe has a bird's eye view of the Phase IVB Kissimmee River Restoration area.



A colossal American alligator goes for a cool dip in the Kissimmee River.