

# December 2011 Kissimmee Basin Environmental and Restoration Features



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December 19, 2011

The final phase of Kissimmee River Restoration (Phase II/III) is well underway. Before the canal can be backfilled some river channels that were destroyed or filled in during construction of the C-38 canal have to be recarved. Here is an areal view of the second of 4 areas of river recarve that will take place. Located to the south of HW98



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Partially recarved river channel.



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Trucks are mobilized for oxbow recarving for construction Phase II/III.



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Partially recarved river channel. Looking west where river channel will wind into the backfilled C-38.



Looking north along mid-section of recarve.



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Moving dirt.



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River channel is not quite yet to grade. Contractors are waiting for groundwater table to decrease before they can continue digging.



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Contractors pump water out of the recarved river channel while excavating



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Once cow pasture...now construction site...soon to be reclaimed by Kissimmee River floodplain waters!



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The badlands of the Kissimmee River



Phase I restoration area



December 7, 2011

Oak Creek floodplain in the Phase I restoration area



December 15, 2011

Camouflaged Katydid.



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Phase I restoration area river with exposed sandbars.



November 30, 2011

Alligator dives off his sandbar lounge in the Phase I restoration area.



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Micco Run in the Phase I restoration area



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Eastern Ribbon snake soaks up some sunshine on a sandbar along the river of the Phase I restoration area.



November 30, 2011

Wading birds flock to the floodplain in the Phase I restoration area to take advantage of prey trapped in drying pools.



December 6, 2011

Water lines on dead dog fennel at the edge of the floodplain in the Phase I restoration area are a result of the high stages from the extreme rainfall event this past October.



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Waterlines on dead vegetation in the Phase I restoration area floodplain.



November 30, 2011

Never turn your back on an alligator!



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Ibis take flight along Micco Run



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MacArthur Run in the Phase I restoration area



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Glossy Ibis in flight in the Phase I restoration area



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MacArthur Run



Shift change on the lookout post



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Cattails in Oak Creek floodplain



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Caterpillar found in Phase I restoration area floodplain.



December 9, 2011

Environmental Scientist Lynda Dirk weighs a largemouth bass captured during electroshocking surveys.



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Istokpoga Canal



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Setting sun over the Phase I restoration area.



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A gallinule scrambles into the sunset in the Phase I restoration area



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Gallinules take flight in the Phase I restoration area.