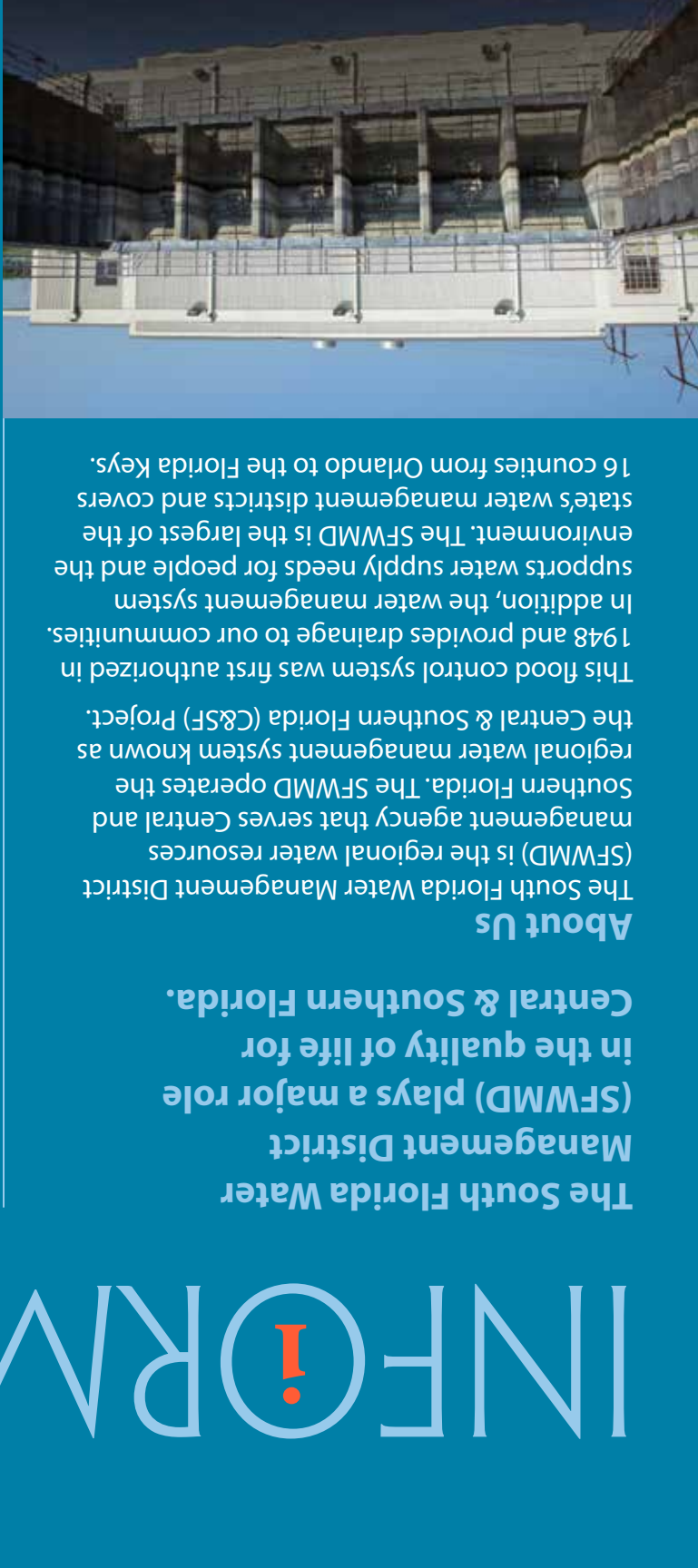




The map displays the Big Cypress Basin area, highlighting the Big Cypress Basin Service Center and the Big Cypress Basin Field Station. The basin is situated in the southern part of Florida, spanning Lee, Collier, Hendry, and Monroe counties. The map includes the Gulf of Mexico to the west and south, and the Big Cypress National Preserve to the east. Key waterways shown include the Big Cypress River, Miller Canal, and various smaller canals and rivers like the Ten Thousand Islands and Turner River. A grid overlay provides coordinates from 25 to 33 North and B to J West. An inset map in the bottom left corner shows the location of the study area within the state of Florida.



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The Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, Kissimmee River and Lake Okeechobee offer outstanding boating and fishing opportunities in Central & Southern Florida.

Locks allow for the water level to be controlled so that recreational and commercial boat traffic can safely pass from one side to the other. The purpose of locks is to transport boats from one water level to another, like an elevator. It takes approximately 15 minutes to lock through most structures. Locking is only permitted during normal operating hours and the service is free.

- ▶ S-127 Buckhead Ridge, Glades County
- ▶ S-131 Lakeport, Glades County
- ▶ S-310 Clewiston, Hendry County
- ▶ G-36 Henry Creek, Okeechobee County

May 1 - Sept. 30: 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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July 4: 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Dec. 1 - April 30: 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

► S-135 J&S Fish Camp, Martin County
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- S-61 on Cypress Lake & Lake Toho, Osceola County
- S-65 on Lake Kissimmee, Osceola/Polk County
- S-65A in Osceola/Polk County
- S-65D in Okeechobee/Highlands County
- S-65E at Kissimmee River, Okeechobee/Glades County

Weekdays: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Weekends: March 1 - Oct. 31: 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Weekends: Nov. 1 - Feb. 28: 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Visit SFWMD.gov/Navigation for more information.

Lock operations for the South Florida Water Management District are managed by Advanced Design and Construction Corporation. Lock Tender Division: 863-532-8042 Visit SFWMD.gov/Navigation for more information.

Visit [SFWMD.gov/NavAlerts](https://www.sfwmd.gov/NavAlerts) to sign-up for Navigation Alerts including texts and emails.



Some locks are managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Okeechobee Waterway stretches from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico with five navigation locks on the waterway. Visit saj.usace.army.mil/ntn/ for more information.

- ▶ W.P. Franklin Lock (S-79) 239-694-5451
- ▶ Ortona Lock (S-78) 863-675-0616
- ▶ Julian Keen Jr. Lock (S-77) 863-946-0414
- ▶ Port Mayaca Lock (S-308) 561-924-2858
- ▶ St. Lucie Lock (S-80) 772-287-2665

Structure Naming Conventions

G: Designates a **WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE**.

LEVEL DIVISION

S: Designates a **STRUCTURE**. Structures can be a type of water control structure such as a gate, pump or lock.

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How to Lock

- When approaching a lock, stop the boat and sound the horn located at the end of the pilings.
- When the lock tender 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, turn off the motor.
- Do not smoke or refuse.
- Wait until signaled by the lock tender before starting the motor and leaving the lock.
- Exiting boats have the right-of-way.
- Do not 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.



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