For many years the District has encouraged public recreational use of its canals, water storage areas, and Save Our Rivers properties. The Lake Marion Creek Management Area, a Save Our Rivers property, is currently open to the public for outdoor recreational day-use activities. Hiking, picnicking, bird watching and nature appreciation can be enjoyed in the Management Area 365 days per year subject to District Rules and the Special Provisions/Restrictions listed in this pamphlet.

In 1981, the Florida Legislature enacted the "Save Our Rivers" program, which since has become a model land acquisition program in the nation. Funds from documentary stamp taxes enable the water management districts to purchase lands for water management, water supply, and the conservation and protection of water resources. Lake Marion Creek is one such Save Our Rivers purchase. While the main mission of the program is water resource protection, compatible recreational activities for citizens and visitors of Florida are encouraged on Save Our Rivers properties.

Directions to Lake Marion Creek From Kissimmee: go south on Pleasant Hill, then go west on Cypress Parkway (Highway 580), From Haines City: go east on Highway 580

(Cypress Parkway).

Please...leave no trace.

Special Provisions:

- 1. Persons may enter the management area on foot at the designated access points off County Road 580 (Cypress Parkway).
- 2. Airboating is prohibited.
- 3. Hunting is prohibited.
- 4. The use or possession of saddle animals is prohibited.

Other Restrictions

- This is a "No Trash Area". All trash taken in must be taken out.
- No plant, animal, geological or archeological material/items may be removed from the management area.
- · Bicycles are not allowed on any of the trails.
- At this time, camping is permitted in the designated camping areas at the Huckleberry Islands Management Unit only with a special use permit. Contact the District's Orlando Service Center at 1-800-250-4250 to obtain a special use camping permit.
- A complete listing of Regulations governing activities in this area are contained within the South Florida Water Management District's *Public Use Guide*. To order a free guide, call 1-800-250-4250, or download from our web site at: www.sfwmd.gov.
- Please report wildlife violations to The Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission at 1-800-282-8002.
- For emergencies, contact the Polk County Sheriff's Office at 911.

For further information call: South Florida Water Management District Orlando Service Center 1-800-250-4250 or visit our web site at www.sfwmd.gov



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