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Henry Creek Boat Ramp Improvement Set to Begin

Work will provide boaters with easier access to Lake Okeechobee

Okeechobee, **FL** – The Henry Creek Boat Ramp, located in the Lake Okeechobee Rim Canal (L-47) in Okeechobee County, will close for eight days beginning today to improve the ramp surface for the boating public. Boat traffic in the rim canal will not be impacted.

The ramp is scheduled to open by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23.

Navigation locks on the north shore of Lake Okeechobee and at the mouth of the Kissimmee River remain closed due to low lake levels in Lake Okeechobee. Access to the lake remains possible at boat ramps located inside the Herbert Hoover Dike.

For a guide to recreation sites on Lake Okeechobee, including boat ramps and public parks, please visit the District's website at <u>www.sfwmd.gov</u>.

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.