

Nautical News

Astor Bridge Marina at Port of Call

Volume 1



Free Rent with Referral Program

Astor Bridge Marina / Port of Call is starting a new boater referral program. If you refer a boater who goes into a year lease you receive one Free month's rent. Contact our corporate office for more details. 386-255-5400

Have you visited Silver Glen Springs Recreation Area?

The spring pool at Silver Glen Springs is about 200 feet across. While it's only about 2 to 3 feet deep in many places, around the springs the depth is about 18 feet. One well-executed surface dive takes you to the bottom where you can peer into the two caves where the waters gush from beneath the earth.

Copy of a letter concerning closing Silver Glen

Thank you for contacting me about Silver Glen Springs. I received several messages that were similar so I thought I'd respond with one message and try to cover some points raised as best I can. Thank you all for sharing your concerns and ideas.

First, there is currently no proposal to close Silver Glen Springs — please update others. I used this flyer as a tool to start a discussion on the issues, problems, and opportunities at Silver Glen Springs. We need to have this discussion and come up with some short- and long-term feasible answers.

Many of the messages pointed to the respectful, law abiding users there and the bad few. I appreciate the fact that there are many responsible people out there, but this doesn't address the issues. There are problems that would be irresponsible not to address. There is abuse, scarring, lack of vegetation, wildlife issues, and water quality concerns. There may be some "bad apples" as a few stated, but there is also a severe lack of management, overcrowding, and overuse. This water area is not currently designated as a park or a recreation area and therefore does not have the basic management in place to help protect it and guide uses.

My aim is to balance use with managing the ecosystem, which means restoring native vegetation and protecting wildlife. This also means maintaining good water quality, not only the water coming from the spring, but maintaining it as it travels down the run. The Forest Service, in cooperation with the other state and federal agencies, are the right entity to address these problems. In fact, it would be irresponsible for us not to ensure use, enjoyment, and quality of the spring and the surrounding area uses now and future generations.

My first goal was to generate a discussion that needs to happen. It has been very helpful for me to read and listen to people's concerns and ideas. There are a wide range of opinions on this issue. My approach will be to look for reasonable, sensible, responsible solutions given our mission to address the problems and the opportunities at Silver Glen Springs. I think a lot can be done by the responsible users being a positive influence and enforcing existing rules. This however does not address all the issues (i.e., the overcrowding and associated impacts). Any proposals will not only have to address these issues, but will also have to be feasible to implement and enforce.

Thank you for taking the time to get involved in this important project. As I said, there is no proposal to do anything at this time. A proposal will be made at some point, and I will add you to our mailing list for this project. I will be coordinating with our partners and my supervisor. I hope to be updating you where we are at in the next several months. Through it all, please know that my staff and I take our responsibility and commitment as public servants very seriously. It has been very important to hear from you and for me to listen to your concerns and ideas. I have a great deal of respect for your time and I share in your commitment to care for our natural resources.

Sincerely,

Rick Lint

District Ranger

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Florida Fishing Tournament Calendar



Feb 7th, 2010 (Sun)

King of the Glades Tournament Trail - Florida Everglades

King of the Glades Tournament trail - Located at Holiday Park For more information contact... www.bassonline.com

Feb 14th, 2010 (Sun)

Renegades Open Tournaments - Holiday Park

Renegades Open Tournaments - Holiday Park - \$70.00 per team Contact Fred 954-775-6629 or teamrenegades@comcast.net

Feb 20th, 2010 (Sat)

Bass Buster Silver Division - Lake Okeechobee

Bass Buster Silver Division is held on Lake Okeechobee in Clewiston Florida at the public boat ramps. For more information contact Chris Fickey @ 941-232-9539 or chris.fickey@bassbustersflorida.com or visit the website at www.bassbustersflorida.com

Feb 20th, 2010 (Sat)

BFL Gator Division

BFL Gator Division - Tournament #1 Camp Mack's River Resort For more information bfl.flwoutdoors.com

Feb 21st, 2010 (Sun)

Bass Buster Gold Division - Lake Okeechobee

Bass Buster Silver Division is held on Lake Okeechobee in Clewiston Florida at the public boat ramps. For more information contact Chris Fickey @ 941-232-9539 or chris.fickey@bassbustersflorida.com or visit the website at www.bassbustersflorida.com

Feb 25th, 2010 (Thu) -- Feb 27th, 2010 (Sat)

FLW Stren Series Tournament

FLW outdoors Stren Series Tournament Roland Martins Marina & Resort Clewiston, FL From 2/25 - 2/27 More info stren.flwoutdoors.com

Feb 27th, 2010 (Sat) -- Feb 28th, 2010 (Sun)

BASS Federation

FIRST QUALIFIER February 27 - 28, 2010 LAKE OKEECHOBEE, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA Launch: Scott Driver Ramp Weigh-In: Scott Driver Ramp Off Limits: None First Practice: Thursday, February 25- safelight to sundown Second Practice: Friday, February 26- safelight to 5 PM More info:

www.floridabassfederation.com



Catch of the Day!
Rick Lawrence & James Easters
February 1, 2010



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