



Headwaters Lake Boat Ramp, Indian River County

Here's what you need to know before you go

- Daily hours of operation begin one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset. Be prepared for dimness or darkness — there is no roadway lighting.
- The site consists of two boat ramps, a small floating dock, a restroom, a paved parking lot and an overflow parking area immediately west of and adjacent to the paved lot.
- Speaking of parking: There are 32 trailer spaces, two handicap trailer spaces, nine regular spaces and two regular handicap parking spaces. The overflow area should be large enough to accommodate an additional 10–12 trailers.
- Parking outside of designated areas, including on the Fellsmere Grade, is prohibited. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) or other law enforcement agencies may ticket and/or tow violators.
- Once you enter Fellsmere Grade Road from Babcock Street, there will be no indication that parking is full until you arrive at the ramp.
- Additional parking is available at the Fellsmere Grade Recreation Area, locally called the Stick Marsh boat ramp. It's about a two-mile walk or bike ride between the Headwaters Lake and Stick Marsh boat ramps.
- Public access to FWMA's eastern levee and southern interior levee and the privately owned "island property" separating Egan and Headwaters lakes is prohibited.
- Recreational and commercial use of airboats is prohibited.
- Boat speed shall not exceed 25 mph, per FWC. Outside of the access canals, FWMA contains a mixture of habitats, which combined with varying water levels create shallow water obstacles.
- Boating speed limits within designated portions of canals will be "idle speed," no wake, per FWC. The area's access canals are narrow with blind corners and are vulnerable to erosion from boat wakes.
- Paddle craft may continue to launch off the levee in the northwest corner of Headwaters Lake accessed via the Stick Marsh parking area.
- Bookmark the district's recreational announcements page, www.sjrwmd.com/lands/recreation/announcements, and follow the district on social media (Twitter [@SJRWMD](https://twitter.com/SJRWMD), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)) to stay up to date on any construction closures or changes to district properties.
- For information about fishing regulations, visit myfwc.com/fishing/freshwater/regulations.

Best fishes on your FWMA adventure!