DESCRIPTION – The 26.7 miles of navigable Snake Creek Canal (C-9) are mostly located in northern Miami-Dade County, but portions run through southern Broward County. It flows eastward from Water Conservation Area III to a salinity control structure near Dixie Highway. From US-27 to I-75 this canal has a rural atmosphere with tree-lined shorelines; east of I-75 it flows past a variety of residential complexes and Dolpin Statute Channel (home of the Miami Dolphins and Florida Marlinz). The 17.8 mile long main Snake Creek canal is one of the longest, widest, and straightest sections of canals in southeast Florida; it ranges from 45 to more than 150 feet in width, and averages about 13 feet in depth. The small lakes in this canal include 60 acre Little Sky Lake, and 133 acre Sky Lake which is up to 30 feet deep. Little Sky Lake is accessible through a culvert big enough for most freshwater boats. Lateral canals and portions of the lakes sometimes contain large amounts of vegetation.

From the boat ramp heading east, it is 1.8 miles to Sky Lake and 3.9 miles to the structure at Dixie Highway. Heading west it is 3.5 miles to Turnpike, 2.3 miles to the main southern lateral system, 7.4 miles to the Turnpike Extension, 9.0 miles to I-75, and 13.9 miles to the spillway at US-27.

BOAT RAMP DIRECTIONS – From the Turnpike exit east on County Line Rd (NW 215th St), turn south (right) on Hwy 441 (NW 2nd Ave), turn east ( left) after NW 202nd Terrace just before crossing the canal or reaching NW 199th Street. The ramp is located at the northeast corner of where Hwy 441 crosses the canal. From I-95 exit west on Ives Dairy Road, turn north (right) on Hwy 441. Cross over the canal and turn right to reach the ramp. Note: Manatees are quite common, so be careful boating and watch for the downstream side of spillways.

Fishing for Butterfly Peacock is usually best from March through May, but they are caught consistently throughout the year. Butterfly Peacock feed only during daylight and normally close to shore, although schooling peacocks will sometimes feed aggressively in open water. Peacocks are more likely to be caught using live fish for bait than are Largemouth Bass, which make them an excellent fish for younger anglers, and those just learning to bass fish. It is illegal to use goldfish or any other non-native fish for bait.

Anglers, particularly those from outside the metropolitan Miami - West Palm Beach area, should be aware that vandalism occurs at some boat ramps. Therefore, care should be taken to secure your vehicle and keep valuables out of sight or take them with you when you leave the ramp.
