



Proposed Kings Bay Manatee Refuge Key Designation Components

MAINTAINS THE 7 EXISTING SEASONAL MANATEE SANCUARIES

REFUGE SPEED RESTRICTIONS

On a **year 'round basis** within the Kings Bay Manatee Refuge:

- Watercraft would be restricted to slow speed or to more restrictive measures (existing manatee sanctuaries and idle speed zones, new temporary no entry areas).

PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Chasing or pursuing a manatee (s).
2. Disturbing or touching a resting or feeding manatee.
3. Diving from the surface onto resting or feeding manatee(s).
4. Cornering or surrounding or attempting to corner or surround a manatee(s).
5. Riding, holding, grabbing, or pinching or attempting to ride, hold, grab, or pinch a manatee(s).
6. Poking, prodding, or stabbing or attempting to poke, prod, or stab a manatee(s) with anything, including your hands and feet.
7. Standing on or attempting to stand on a manatee(s).
8. Separating a mother and calf or attempting to separate a mother and calf.
9. Separating a manatee(s) from a group or attempting to separate a manatee(s) from a group.
10. Giving a manatee(s) anything to eat or drink or attempting to give a manatee(s) anything to eat or drink.
11. Actively initiating contact with a belted and/or tagged manatee(s) and associated gear, including any belts, harnesses, tracking devices, or antennae.
- 12. Interfering with rescue and research activities.**
- 13. Using mooring and float lines that can entangle manatees.**

In addition to the above prohibited acts, the following waterborne activities would be prohibited within Three Sisters Springs from November 15 to March 31:

- **Entering Three Sisters Spring between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m.**
- Scuba diving
- Fishing, including but not limited to fishing by hook and line, by cast net, or spear.

As prohibited acts if this rule is made final, these would be legally enforceable by marine law enforcement officers.

EXPANDED TEMPORARY 'NO-ENTRY' AREAS

- Temporary expansion of no-entry zones around existing sanctuaries not to exceed 100', except at Three Sisters where it is not to exceed 400', from the existing boundaries.
- Would not completely mark off channel at Three Sisters.

ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY 'NO-ENTRY' AREAS

- **House & Jurassic = not to exceed 100' from spring vent**
- **Idiot's Delight #2 = not to exceed 25' from spring vent (not to block channel or access to Three Sisters).**
- Three Sisters

TEMPORARY 'NO-ENTRY' AREAS PRIOR TO OR AFTER MANATEE WINTER SEASON

- **When there is a cold front and manatees are present**
- **Not longer than 14 days before or after manatee season (Nov. 1 – Mar. 31)**
- **May occur at existing sanctuaries as well as Three Sisters, House, Jurassic, and Idiots Delight #2 springs**

Note: **Bold type** indicates proposed addition to previous Emergency Kings Bay Designation