

Attention Boaters

Snake Bight Pole/Troll Zone

To provide enhanced protection of Snake Bight's sensitive aquatic vegetation and wilderness resources; improve the quality of flats fishing; enhance paddling and wildlife-viewing opportunities; and expand education on proper shallow-water boating techniques; the Snake Bight area is now designated as a pole/troll zone.

In the Snake Bight Pole/Troll Zone, your internal combustion motor cannot be used—except in Tin Can and Snake Bight channels (where on-plane transit is permitted), and the Jimmy's Lake idle speed-no wake area. Within the pole/troll zone, vessels may only be propelled by push poles, paddles, or electric trolling motors. Of course, seasonal or local conditions that result in low-water levels or low tides will require additional attention when navigating in these areas.

Care should always be taken when navigating the park's shallow waters. In a recent study, park scientists detected 12,000 individual seagrass scars throughout the bay. The seagrass scars had a combined length of 325 miles.

Seagrass is one of the most important components of the Florida Bay ecosystem. These lush meadows provide vital habitat for many animals, including sea turtles, manatees, crocodiles, and wading birds. Additionally, more than 200 species of fish and 30 species of crustaceans, many of which are important from a commercial as well as a recreational standpoint, call these areas home.

Thank you for doing your part to protect Everglades National Park. Enjoy your visit.

What to Look for...

If your intended destination on Florida Bay today includes Snake Bight, take a few moments to review the signs you will find out on the water, as well as the map of the area.

Please note, this map is not for navigational purposes; for safe boating, nautical charts are indispensable.

POLE/TROLL ZONE



USE OF COMBUSTION MOTORS PROHIBITED

IDLE SPEED



NO WAKE

Pole/Troll Zone

- Use of internal combustion motors is prohibited (except in marked channels).
- Boats may operate on plane in marked channels and at idle speed in Jimmy's Lake.
- Electric trolling motors and non-motorized power sources, such as drifting, push poles and paddles, are permitted.

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For More Information...

Additional information, including the Snake Bight Pole/Zone educational brochure, can be found on the Everglades National Park website (www.nps.gov/ever) and in park visitor centers.

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