

Special Requirements/Exceptions for Federal Manatee Sanctuaries

The following special requirement and exceptions apply to Bartow Electric Generating Plant Manatee Sanctuary (Pinellas County), Blue Waters Manatee Sanctuary (Citrus County), Crystal River Manatee Sanctuary (Citrus County), Port Sutton Manatee Sanctuary (Hillsborough County), and Tampa Electric Company/Big Bend Manatee Sanctuary (Hillsborough County)

Special Requirement - All waterborne activities are prohibited within these sites from November 15 through March 31, inclusive.

Exceptions

- 1) Exception for residents adjoining the sanctuaries. Watercraft access to private residences, boat houses, and boat docks through these sanctuaries by the residents and their authorized guests is permitted. Any such authorized boating activity must be conducted by operating watercraft at idle speed/no wake. Residents' watercraft will be identified by the placement of a sticker provided by the Fish and Wildlife Service in a conspicuous location on each vessel. Use of the waters within the sanctuaries by watercraft will be only for the purpose of access to residences and the storage of such watercraft in waters adjacent to residences.

- 2) Exception for publicly and privately owned property adjoining the sanctuaries. Watercraft access and property maintenance activities within sanctuaries by property owners, their employees, and designees are permitted. Any such authorized boating activity must be conducted by operating watercraft at idle speed. Watercraft will be identified by the placement of a sticker provided by the Fish and Wildlife Service in a conspicuous location on each boat or by other means. Maintenance activities include those actions necessary to maintain property and waterways, subject to any Federal, State, and local government permitting requirements.