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Portions of Manatee Park to close Sept. 1 for seawall project

Fort Myers, FL, Aug. 31, 2016 — Portions of Manatee Park, a Lee County Parks & Recreation facility, will close Thursday, Sept. 1, and remain closed through November during construction of a seawall along the Florida Power & Light discharge canal and a retaining wall along the banks of the Orange River.

This is the final phase of a project that began in 2008 to reinforce the canal bank from State Road 80 to the Orange River. This phase includes the installation of 455 linear feet of seawall along the easterly bank of the canal and 72 linear feet of vinyl retaining wall along the Orange River shoreline. The project is funded by bed tax dollars, was recommended by the Lee County Tourist Development Council and approved by Lee County Commissioners.

The park pavilion and pathway from the south observation platform to the Orange River will be closed. Portions of other pathways will close periodically due to equipment and material being moved to the job site.

Manatee Park features picnic areas, kayak/canoe launch, walking trails, an ethnobotany trail and more. Manatee Park is open daily from dawn to dusk. Parking is \$1 an hour per vehicle, maximum \$5. The park is at 10901 Palm Beach Blvd., a mile east of Interstate 75 on S.R. 80 directly across from the FPL power plant.

For directions and more information, visit www.leeparks.org or call 239-690-5030.