

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Webb Lake is a man-made lake that stretches across 395 acres and has fish feeders to assist anglers. Abundant largemouth bass swim in Webb Lake and can be hooked with top water lures, spinnerbaits, plastic worms and crankbaits. Bluegill gather near fish feeders and prefer baits of crickets or red wigglers. Bluegill and redear sunfish spawn until the end of summer and can be found around vegetation until water temperatures drop.

Snook roam the waters of Webb Lake in autumn, but become less active during late fall and winter. They can be caught with artificial bait. Snook harvest is prohibited May through August and December 15 through January.

The 100-mile *Peace River* flows through Southwest Florida. A highly regarded canoeing river, it offers bass and catfish, both of which hide in deep holes. Snook, which migrate from Gulf waters through Charlotte Harbor, can be caught year-round and also stay in deep holes. Tarpon fishing enthusiasts enjoy the lower *Peace River*, which has a good supply of the species.

HENDRY COUNTY

There are many access points to *Lake Okeechobee* in the Southwest Florida town of Clewiston, including private marinas and a few public launching ramps and city docks.

SARASOTA & MANATEE COUNTIES

Largemouth bass, panfish and tasty catfish are specialties of the *Myakka River*, which can be accessed from Myakka River State Park and other ramps downstream. The park's pier is handicap accessible and has a roof, enhancing angler comfort. Snook also wander the waters throughout the lower river, especially during fall and winter.

The *Manatee River* provides fishing enthusiasts with just the place for catching largemouth bass, as well as snook, bream and catfish.

Lake Manatee is a 2,500-acre reservoir created by damming a portion of the Manatee River. Largemouth bass, catfish and crappie are local favorites, and sunshine bass are plentiful near flooded creek beds.



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SANIBEL ISLAND

Snook fishing is good in the Gulf of Mexico off *Sanibel Island*. Snook prefer the area's warm waters and cover of the mangroves. Snapper and seatrout hide among the mangrove roots, waiting for an opportunity to ambush their prey. Live sardines, pinfish and shrimp are effective baits for going after these saltwater game fish. The main challenge for anglers is preventing the fish from retreating back into the safety of the mangroves once they have been hooked.

NAPLES

One location where anglers catch permit is in the warm waters near *Naples*. Permit have keen eyesight, making them a challenge to hook in the shallow backwaters. Once hooked, permit put up a furious fight, easily taking 150 yards of line. Many anglers believe that permit are the hardest fighting fish in the sea. Effective baits for permit include fiddler crabs, shrimp and pinfish, as well as artificial lures.

Anglers trolling around *Naples* can catch Spanish mackerel, king mackerel and bluefish. Wahoo can be found offshore in waters more than 100 feet deep. Wahoo move into the warm South Florida waters during the winter months and congregate near structures such as reefs and wrecks.

MARCO ISLAND

The largest island in the *Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge*, *Marco Island*, is one of the best places to fish in Southwest Florida. The wildlife refuge consists of a series of islands, bays and winding channels that interconnect in the

region just south of Naples. The variety of sea life inhabiting these areas includes snook, tarpon, redfish, seatrout, snapper, grouper, shark, tripletail, pompano, mackerel and Goliath grouper. Baits that work successfully for many of these species include crab and shrimp.

SARASOTA

Snook fishing near *Sarasota* is best February through May as water temperatures rise. Snook may be caught along the edges of rivers and creeks, using baits of shrimp, sardines and minnows. Spring also is the best season to find redfish, seatrout, pompano, tarpon and cobia along the beaches. Effective baits for permit include small, live crabs and shrimp and occasionally, artificial lures.



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Boating & Fishing in National Parks & Refuges

Park	Phone	Camping	Fishing	Boating/ Canoeing	Boat Ramp
J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge	239-472-1100	✓	✓	✓	✓

Boating & Fishing in State Parks

Park	Phone	Camping	Freshwater Fishing	Saltwater Fishing	Boating/ Canoeing	Boat Ramp
Cayo Costa State Park	941-964-0375	✓		✓	✓	
Collier-Seminole State Park	239-394-3397	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park	239-597-6196		✓	✓	✓	✓
Don Pedro Island State Park	941-964-0375			✓	✓	
Gasparilla Island State Park	941-964-0375			✓	✓	
Koreshan State Historic Site	239-992-0311	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lovers Key State Park	239-463-4588			✓	✓	✓
Myakka River State Park	941-361-6511	✓	✓		✓	✓

Freshwater Fishing Piers

County	Water Body	Location	Barrier Free	Rest Rooms	Fish Attractor
Charlotte	Webb Lake & Ponds	Babcock, Webb Wildlife Management Area			✓
Collier	Lake Trafford	West of Immokalee	✓		
Glades	Caloosahatchee River	La Belle, Franklin Locks	✓	✓	
Glades	Lake Okeechobee	Lakeport Park on Harney Pond Canal	✓	✓	
Lee	Lakes Park	Fort Myers	✓	✓	✓
Manatee	Manatee Reservoir	Bradenton, Manatee Recreation Area	✓	✓	
Sarasota	Myakka River	Myakka River State Park		✓	



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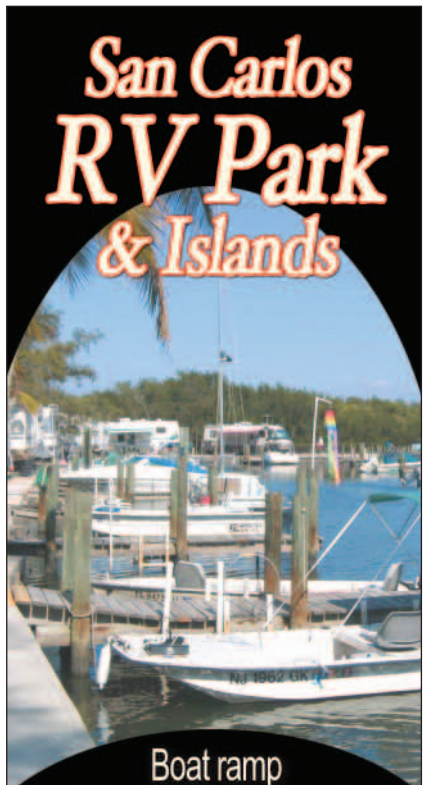
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Southwest Florida Marinas

County	Marina	Phone	Water Body	Restaurant	Lodging	Accepts Transients	Fuel	Mechanical Repairs	Store	Fishing Guides	Boat Charters	Overnight Dockage
Charlotte	Uncle Henry's Marina Resort	941-964-0154	Gulf of Mexico		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Charlotte	Cape Haze Marina Bay	941-698-1110	Lemon Bay			✓	✓	✓				✓
Charlotte	Gasparilla Marina	941-697-2280	Gasparilla Sound	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Charlotte	Gator Creek Marine	941-639-3446	Alligator Creek			✓	✓	✓				
Charlotte	Real Mark Burnt Store Marina	941-637-0083	Charlotte Harbor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Collier	Glades Haven Marina	239-695-2579	Gulf of Mexico	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Collier	Rod & Gun Lodge & Restaurant	239-695-2101	Barron River	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Collier	Calusa Island Marina	239-394-2076	Big Marco River			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Collier	Walker's Coon Key Marina	239-394-2797	Gulf of Mexico			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Collier	Caxambas Pass Marina	239-642-0004	Gulf of Mexico				✓					
Collier	Cedar Bay Marina	239-394-9333	Gulf of Mexico				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Collier	Brookside Marina	239-774-3200	Gulf of Mexico			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Collier	Gulf Shores Marina	239-774-0222	Gulf of Mexico					✓	✓			
Collier	Naples Bay Marina	239-774-0339	Gordon River	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	
Collier	Naples Boat Club	239-262-6500	Gulf of Mexico	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Collier	Cocohatchee River Marina	239-566-2611	Gulf of Mexico			✓	✓		✓			✓
DeSoto	Desoto Marina	800-308-7506	Peace River	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Glades	Big Bass Lodge, Inc.	863-946-1707	Lake Okeechobee		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Glades	Uncle Joe's Marina & Motel	863-983-9421	Lake Okeechobee		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
Hendry	Angler's Marina	863-983-2128	Lake Okeechobee		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hendry	Belle Hatchee Marina	863-675-4371	Caloosahatchee River			✓						✓
Lee	Four Winds Marina	239-283-0250	Jug Creek & Charlotte Harbor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Lee	Barefoot Boat Club	239-498-6112	Fish Trap Bay				✓	✓	✓			✓
Lee	Big Hickory Fishing Nook Seafood Grill & Marina	239-992-0991	Estero Bay	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Lee	Fish Trap Marina	239-992-6055	Hickory Bay			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Lee	Cape Harbour Marina	239-945-4330	Caloosahatchee River	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Lee	Dolphin Marina	239-542-7097	Caloosahatchee River					✓	✓			
Lee	Centennial Harbour Marina	239-461-0775	Caloosahatchee River		✓	✓						✓
Lee	City of Fort Myers Yacht Basin	239-334-8271	Caloosahatchee River			✓	✓		✓			✓
Lee	Deep Lagoon Boat Club	239-454-2628	Caloosahatchee River				✓	✓				
Lee	Gulf Harbor Marina Condo Association	239-437-0881	Caloosahatchee River	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓
Lee	Port Sanibel Marina	239-437-1660	San Carlos Bay	✓			✓		✓	✓		
Lee	Compass Rose Marina	239-463-2400	Hurricane Bay				✓	✓	✓			
Lee	Fort Myers Beach Marina	239-463-9552	Matanzas Pass			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Lee	Caloosa Isle Yacht	239-656-1700	Caloosahatchee River	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Lee	Castaways Marina	239-472-1112	Pine Island Sound		✓		✓		✓	✓		✓
Manatee	Bowlees Creek Marina	941-753-5040	Bowlees Creek									✓
Manatee	Sara Bay Marina	941-359-0390	Bowlees Creek				✓	✓	✓			
Manatee	Twin Dolphin Marina	941-747-8300	Manatee River	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Manatee	Bradenton Beach Marina	941-778-2288	Intracoastal Waterway		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Manatee	Catchers Marina	941-778-1977	Intracoastal Waterway			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Manatee	Cannons Marina	941-383-1311	Sarasota Bay				✓	✓	✓			
Manatee	Cut's Edge Harbor Marina	941-729-4878	Manatee River & Terra Ceia Bay	✓				✓				
Manatee	Regatta Pointe Marina	941-729-6021	Manatee River	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Manatee	Riviera Dunes Marina Resort	941-723-9595	Manatee River	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Sarasota	Royal Palm Marina	941-475-6882	Lemon Bay			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Sarasota	Spanish Pointe Marina Inc.	941-966-5746	Little Sarasota Bay	✓								
Sarasota	Blackburn Point Marina	941-966-3735	Intracoastal Waterway	✓								
Sarasota	Dockside Marina	941-966-5657	Intracoastal Waterway				✓	✓	✓		✓	



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