



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

North Florida Habitat Assessment Benchmark Sites

Bridge Creek upstream of SR 71

Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration
Water Quality Standards Program

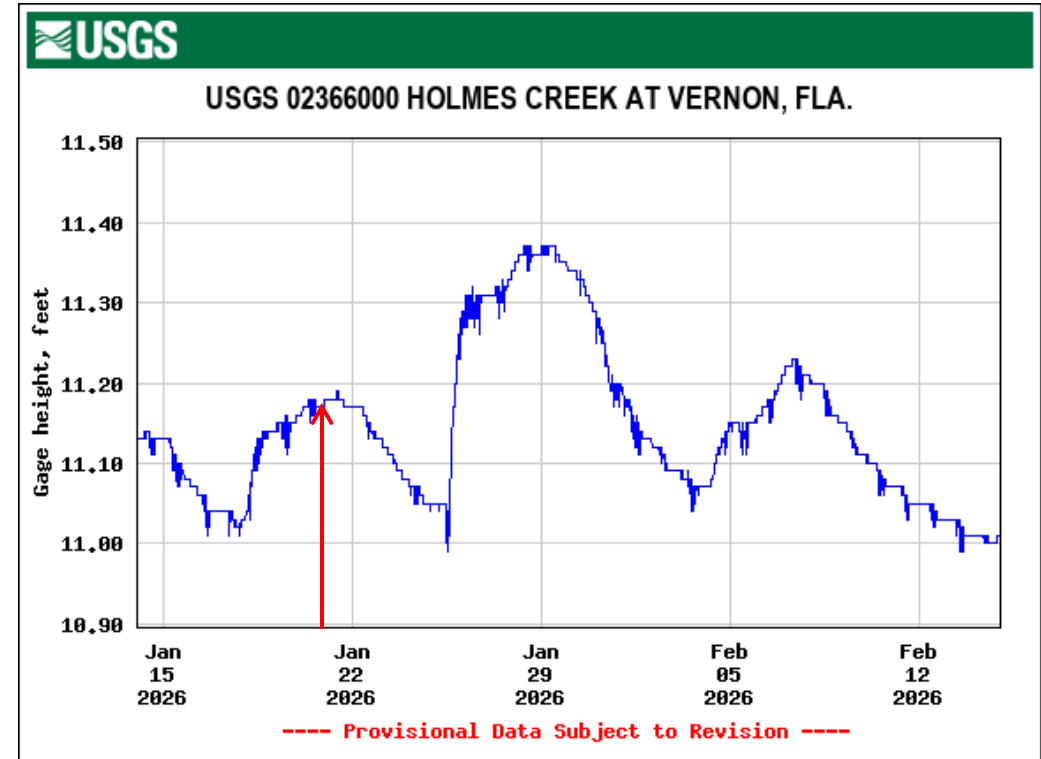
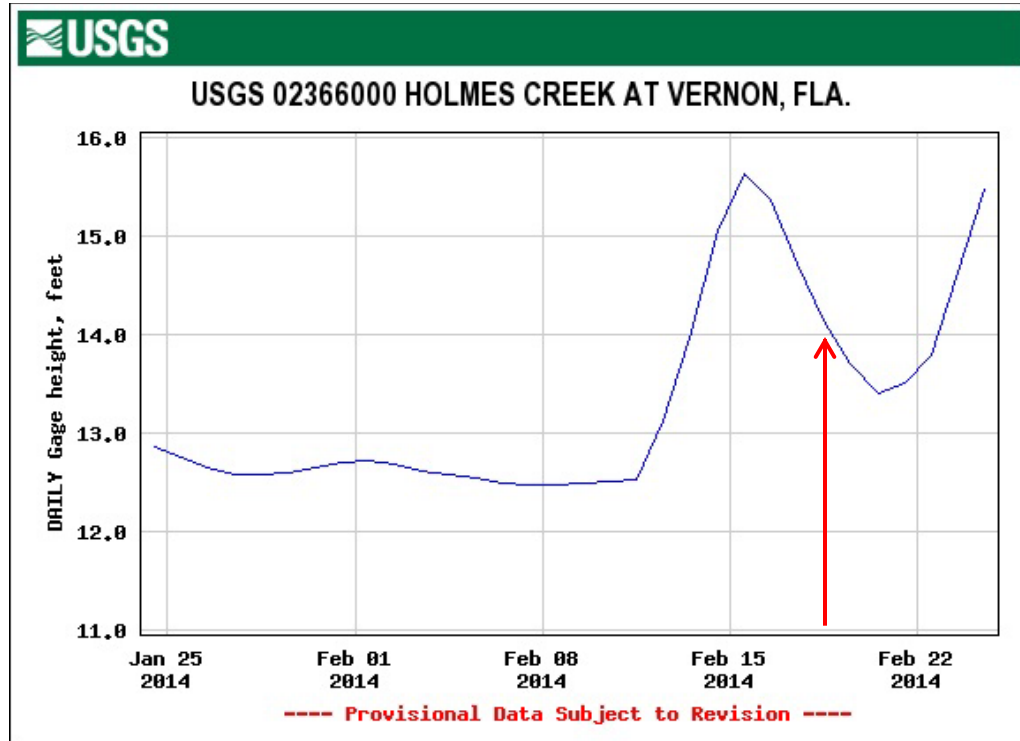


PROCEDURE

- Evaluate each site per SOP FT3100, “Stream and River Habitat Assessment”, using forms FD9000-3, FD9000-4, and FD9000-5. It is recommended that you use the most current editions of the forms and the SOP.
- **Work independently.**
- Submit all completed forms to the FDEP Aquatic Ecology and Quality Assurance (AEQA) Section in Tallahassee.
- The range for a passing score is +/- 10 points from the predetermined consensus score. However, consideration will be given to scores outside this range if they were legitimately caused by different conditions at the time of sampling compared to conditions when the consensus score was decided (i.e., higher/lower water level, velocity).
- Analysts must pass 2 out of 3 Habitat Assessments every 5 years.
- Once scores have been reviewed, analysts will receive notice of passing or failing from the AEQA Section.
- Analysts should take photos to document stream conditions at the time of assessment. Photos may be submitted to AEQA after initial determination of passing/failing if an analyst believes his/her score for a given site is out of the +/- 10-point range due to justifiable reasons.



AREA HYDROGRAPHS



The consensus score for these Panhandle Region sites were originally established on February 18 and 19, 2014 and revisited on January 21, 2026. Above are the gage height data for streams in the area during the visits. If you conduct habitat assessment at these sites at different water levels, be sure to document current conditions.

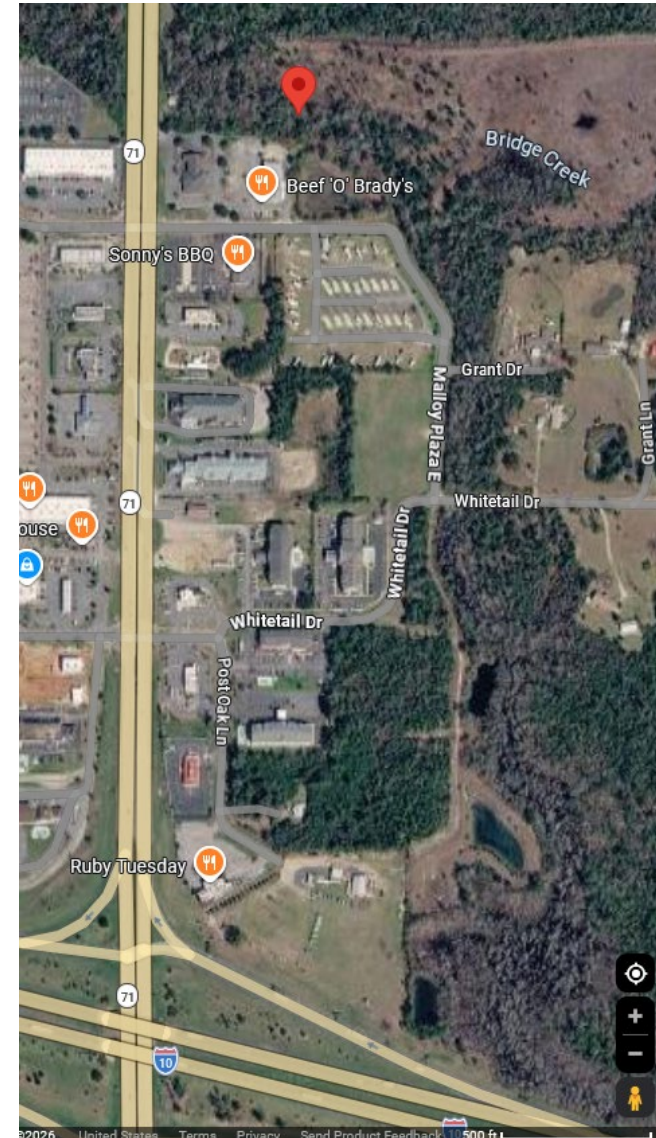
Graphs courtesy of the US Geological Survey.



BRIDGE CREEK UPSTREAM OF 71

- **Region:** North
- **County:** Jackson
- **Lat/Longs:**

Parking	30.72988, -85.18373
0m	30.73015, -85.18445
100m	30.72988, -85.18373
- **Directions:** From I-10, exit going north onto SR 71 for approximately 0.5 miles. Turn right (east) onto Malloy Plaza (there's a Cadence Bank on left & a Sonny's BBQ on right) go to 2nd driveway on the left (Beef O'Bradys will be on the right) and park in the back. Go downhill from the parking lot, look for flagging tape marking a path to the creek. This will bring you to approximately the 70m mark. Go downstream to the 0m flags to begin the assessment.





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- **Accessing the site:** From the Beef O'Brady's parking lot, go downhill (north), look for the flagging tape marking the entrance at approximately the 70m mark.



Parking lot facing creek
lat/longs (30.72988, -85.18373)



Flagging tape marking path to creek



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