



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

South Florida Habitat Assessment Benchmark Sites

Manatee River @ Hwy 64

Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration
Water Quality Standards Program

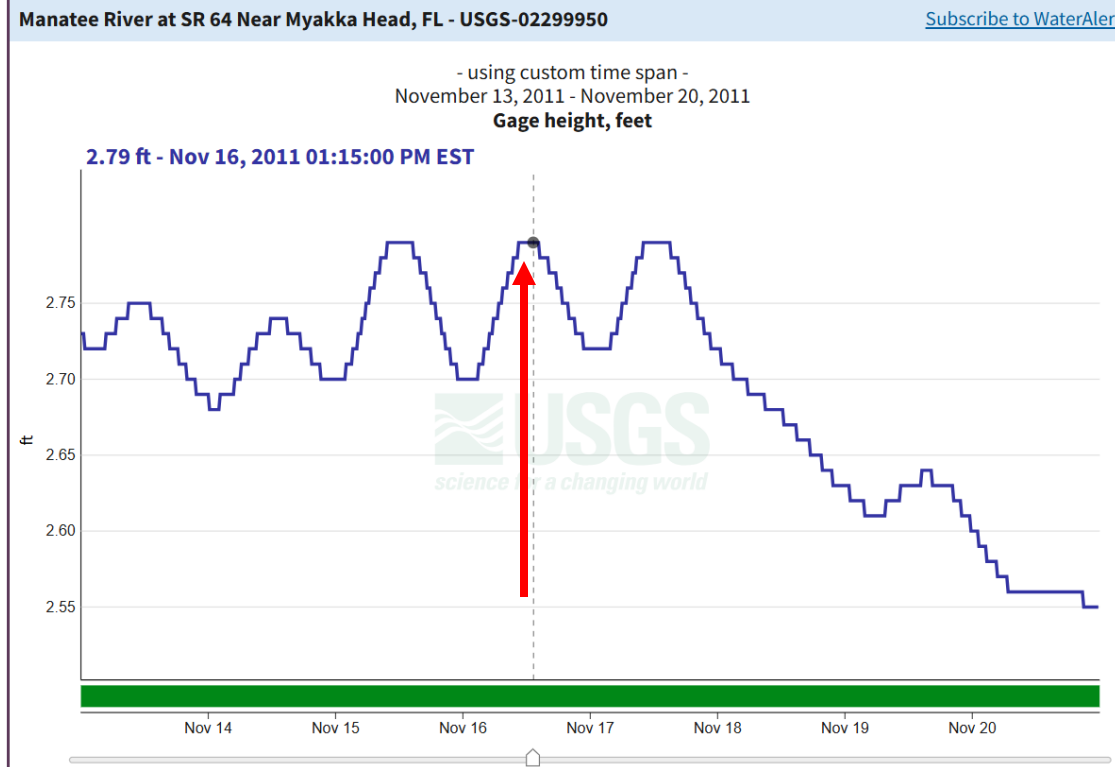


PROCEDURE

- 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 HYDROGRAPH



The consensus score for this site was established on November 16th, 2011, and the site was revisited on April 9th, 2026. The above graph shows the gage height data for this site during the original visit. If you conduct a habitat assessment at this site at different water levels, be sure to document the conditions.

Graph courtesy of the US Geological Survey.

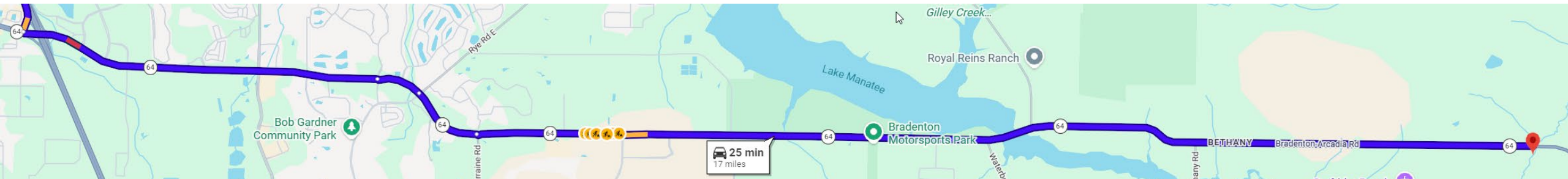


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- **Region:** South
- **County:** Manatee
- **Lat/Longs:**

Parking:	27.473530, -82.212237
0m	27.47214, -82.21143
100m	27.47289, -82.21101

- **Directions:** From I-75 going south, take exit 220 and turn left onto FL-64 E. Continue straight through all four traffic circles. After the fourth circle, drive another 9.8 miles to the bridge crossing of the Manatee River, and then park on the right side of the road. **Watch out for big trucks.**





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- **Accessing the site:** 100 m flags are approximately 60 m downstream (south) of the bridge.





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