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HORSESHOE LAKE SWIM AREA TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Immediate Release

WHO: Marion County Parks and Recreation

WHAT: Horseshoe Lake swim area temporarily closed for swimming

WHEN: Effective Sept. 9, 2011

WHERE: Horseshoe Lake Park and Retreat (10780 E. Highway 318, Orange Springs)

WHY: The Marion County Health Department notified Marion County Parks and Recreation that water samples taken from the Horseshoe Lake swim area have higher than recommended levels of bacteria, prompting the closure of the swim area. The health department will continue taking water samples to determine when the swim area is safe for swimming.

Marion County conducts monthly water testing at the county's permitted public swim areas. If tests fail to meet Florida Department of Health recommendations, local officials close those areas for swimming until the water returns to the recommended levels. For more information about Marion County Parks and Recreation-managed swim areas, call 352-671-8560.

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