



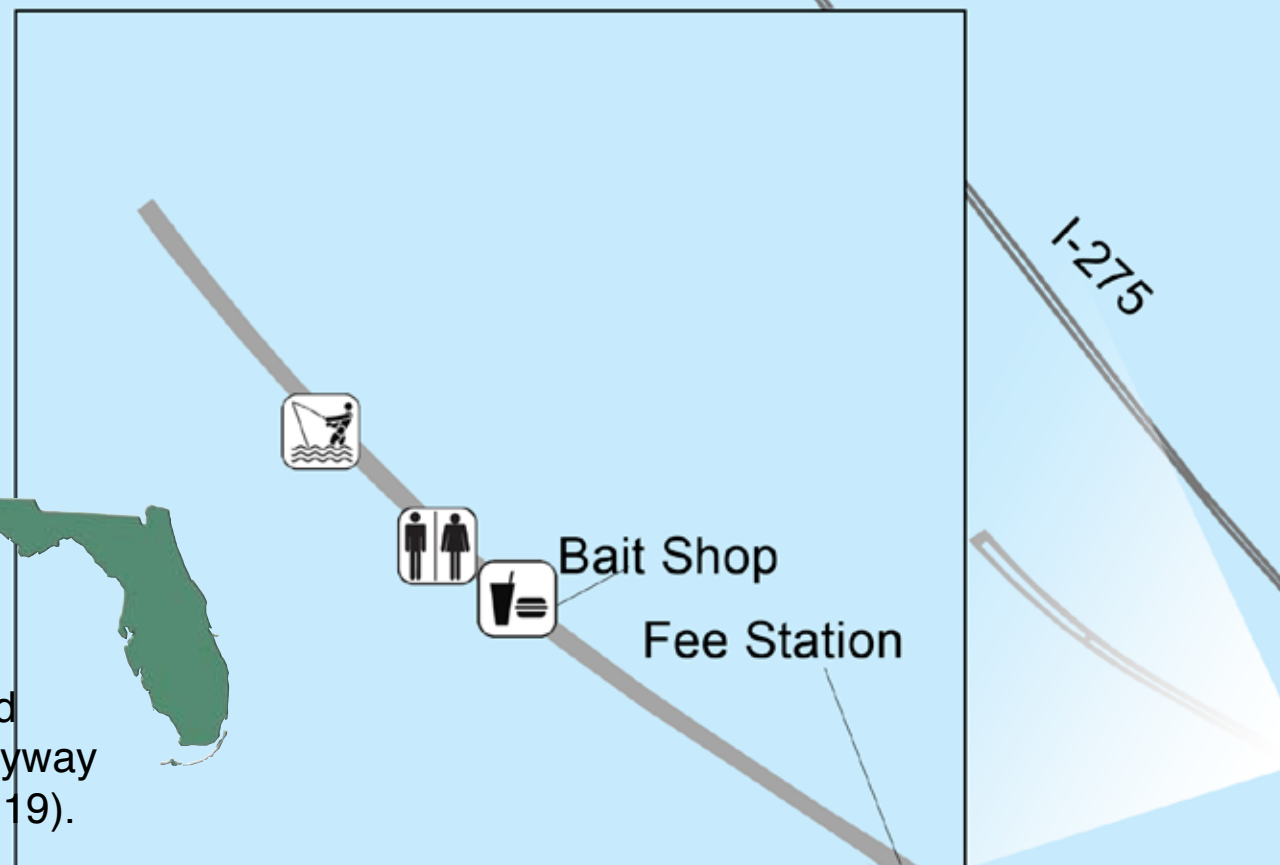
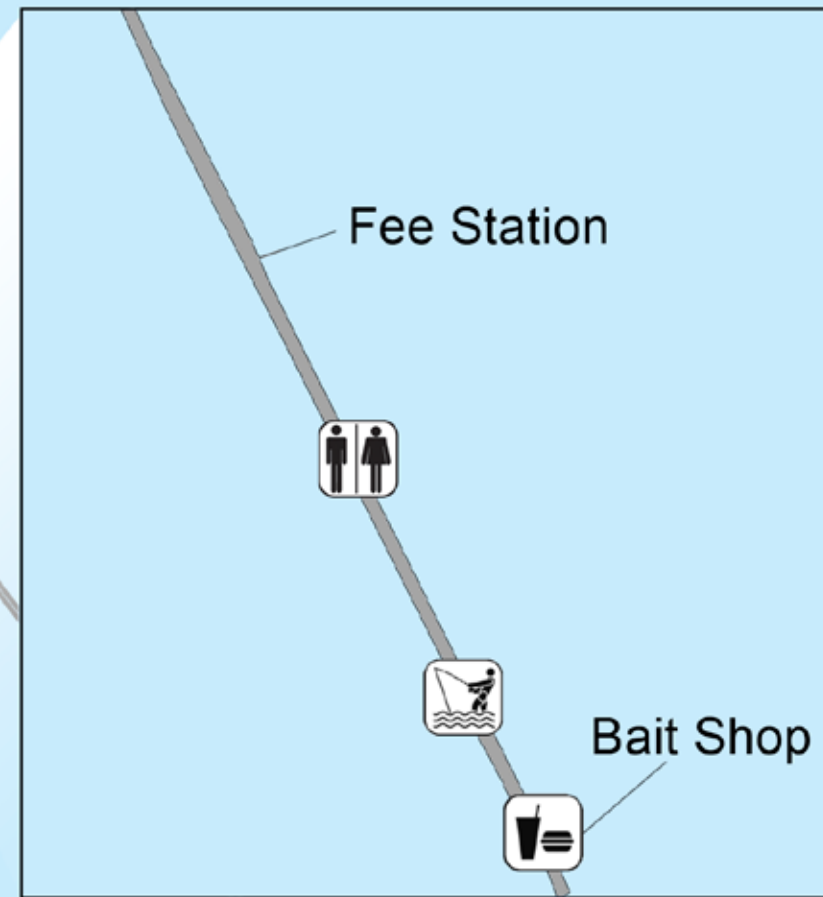
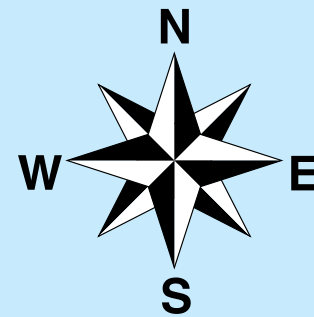
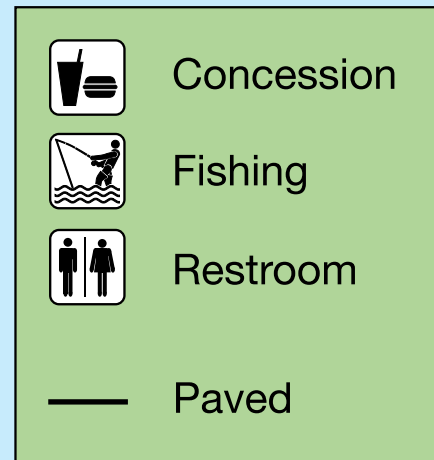
## Real Fun in ...the Real Florida<sup>SM</sup>

Welcome to the Skyway Fishing Pier State Park, where you can enjoy fishing from the longest fishing pier in the world. View magnificent sunrises and beautiful sunsets as the piers are open 24 hours a day all year round. Fishing supplies, snacks, drinks and bait are all available on both the north and south piers' bait shops, where you can also pick up a free copy of the latest fishing regulations.

The Skyway Fishing Pier was once part of the old Sunshine Skyway Bridge. The car lanes from the former bridge still line the pier, so anglers can drive to a spot that looks good, park and unload their fishing gear. At night, the pier is lit so anglers can see to rig a line, bait a hook and get a good look at their catch. The light also attracts many species of fish after sundown. Common catches include snook, tarpon, grouper, black sea bass, Spanish mackerel, king mackerel, cobia, sheepshead, red snapper and pompano.

The pier is also a fine place to see a variety of birds including pelicans, herons, seagulls, terns, and ducks. Please, do not feed or tempt the birds with fishing bait. Doing so encourages them to look for and

eat fishing bait rather than catching their own food. Pier managers often have to net birds that have become hooked and injured by trying to eat bait from a line. These birds must then be sent to a bird sanctuary hospital for medical attention or rehabilitation. Please enjoy the birds from a distance.



### Directions

The Skyway Fishing Pier State Park is located on the north and south sides of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge on I-275 (U.S. Highway 19).

