**Wilton Manors Middle River Waterway**

The City of Wilton Manors is located immediately north of Fort Lauderdale in Broward County. The Middle River surrounds almost the entire city, which led to the nickname, Island City. The Middle River is an approximately 7-mile loop originating at the Intracoastal Waterway. The eastern edge of the river is just under one mile from the Atlantic Ocean and less than five miles from Port Everglades. The river provides a wealth of entertainment, recreational, environmental, economic, and educational opportunities. Recreation uses include kayaking, canoeing, stand up paddleboard, fishing, boating, and wildlife viewing. The waterways are home to a vast array of birds, mammals, and aquatic life. The City is a certified Community Wildlife Habitat with the National Wildlife Federation.

**Public Access:** Wilton Manors has five city-owned public access sites that are managed by the Department of Leisure Services.

1. Colohatchee Boat Ramp/Park (boat/kayak/canoe ramp, restroom, picnic pavilion)
2. Island City Park Preserve (boat/kayak/canoe ramp, restroom, picnic shelters, playground, fitness stations, basketball)
3. Snook Creek (kayak/canoe/boat ramp)
4. Don Eisele Park (kayak/canoe/boat launch, picnic pavilion)
5. Richardson Park (kayak/canoe/boat launch, picnic pavilion, trail, restrooms)

**Public Safety:** All calls for emergency are routes through the City of Wilton Manors Police Department. The City has a police boat that is docked at Island City Park Preserve. Marine officers regularly patrol the waterway.

**Management:** The City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department is responsible for the daily maintenance of the waterway. The City has excellent relationships with its neighboring cities along the waterway and work with them when multi jurisdictions are necessary. The City of Wilton Manors will continue to monitor the waterway and maintain the public access sites listed above.
Access Point 1: Colohatchee Boat Ramp Launch Area

Access Point 2: Island City Park Preserve
Access Point 5: Richardson Park