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One Shot - Two Bucks



Two bucks with their antlers clearly visible look at a photographer on Wednesday morning (Jan. 11).

Story, Photos and Video

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LEVY COUNTY -- A search for manatees resulted in a first-ever video and photo opportunity for *HardisonInk.com* on Wednesday morning (Jan. 11).

Following is a first-person narrative by multiple award-winning professional reporter and editor Jeff M. Hardison.

The first thing I want to say is that I love God, because I have seen His wonders. Among those wonders is my wife Sharon Hardison.

I was so stacked up with stories and photos to write, edit and place for people to read and see that I knew I needed to forget about anything other than that this morning (Wednesday, Jan. 11).

However, this morning, Sharon recommended that I go find manatees in the springs because it was cold.

I started driving toward Manatee Springs State Park via a backroad I know. The dash camera on the *HardisonInk.com* news vehicle was activated. A deer was in the middle of the road and she ran to the right. That is the first two-second part of the video below:

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The morning drive provides a view of the sunshine beaming through the fog and pines.



Manatee Springs provides an attractive view.

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The spring run shows water vapor rising from its surface during the cool Wednesday morning.



The sun shines through the trees and reflects on the Suwannee River near Manatee Springs State Park.

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Once at the park, the dash cam did not capture well enough what I saw – another couple of does crossing the road.

The spring run and springs were too shallow to think a manatee would be able to fit there. A walk to the end of the boardwalk produced no views of manatees either.

A man from Philadelphia reported at the end of the boardwalk that he had seen manatees in the Suwannee River from that dock area on Tuesday (Jan. 10).

Later on Wednesday morning, while the *HardisonInk.com* news vehicle was traveling through an undisclosed location, a couple of bucks crossed the road.

The news vehicle was stopped. They were photographed and videotaped.

Seeing two bucks together, and being able to photograph them and videotape them was a unique experience.

Hence this is One Shot – Two Bucks.