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Early Spring Gators



Some alligators seen recently in the Tri-County Area of Levy, Dixie and Gilchrist counties help remind a photographer of the fun of wildlife photography. In this top photo, one alligator is in the upper right of the frame and the second alligator is in the water near the bank on the left. The third (unseen) gator may be getting ready to come out of a culvert behind the photographer. Of course, maybe that unseen gator did not exist.



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It is illegal in Florida to harass alligators. In this instance, the alligators that are seen leave the bank and enter the water. The unseen alligators surrounding the photographer did not run up and bite him. In fact, alligators can run quickly for short distances, however they are generally afraid of human. They lose their fear when people feed them. That is one reason it is illegal to feed alligators in Florida too. Spring begins March 20 at 12:15 p.m. (Eastern). These gators sprang from the shore and went into the water. Hence, early spring gators are seen above.

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