



The Disney Wilderness Preserve



Big Cypress National Preserve



Everglades National Park, West Entrance



Prairie Lakes Unit

Everglades Trail

Drive the Everglades Trail to explore the natural wonders of this international treasure. From Florida Bay north to the headwaters in Central Florida, you will find sites that provide accessible opportunities to enjoy the beautiful public lands of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem. This subtropical region is remarkable, with unique plants and wildlife and millions of acres of public lands – vital not only for nature, but for the water supply for South Florida.

Plan your adventures along the Everglades Trail according to your time and interests. Since the trail is not a specific route, you may tour for a day, weekend, or longer. You may want to spend your entire time at one site, or visit several a day.

Look for the Everglades Trail highway signs along the way directing you to the designated Everglades Trail nature sites. Each site will have a green-roofed kiosk, with interpretive signs on the Everglades and information about where you are within the ecosystem.



Limpkins

Crocodile



Everglades Trail Kiosk

To better plan your time, you might contact individual sites for more information prior to your visit. You can find more information online at www.evergladestrail.com. This Web site links you to a variety of resources on the nature and history of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem.

Extending from the Kissimmee River through Lake Okeechobee and the Big Cypress Swamp to Florida Bay, the Everglades Trail provides you with the chance to see firsthand the Greater Everglades Ecosystem. Local, state, and federal agencies joined together to create this fun and educational opportunity for public enjoyment.

At nature sites along the Trail, canoeing, hiking, biking, boardwalks, and trails await you. Experience the Everglades on your own, or on tram or boat tours.

Each season offers different opportunities. While the summer can be hot and buggy and the winter cooler and drier, the rewards of discovery are possible year-round. Please remember to travel safely, bringing along drinks and snacks, bug spray, and clothing appropriate for South Florida's frequently changing weather. You may also find binoculars and field guide books useful tools for watching wildlife.

As you drive the Everglades Trail, listen to stories of wildlife and the history of the region on a companion Everglades Trail CD, narrated by **Charles Osgood**. A special bonus CD offers recordings of diverse musical interpretations by Florida artists, including two songs by Florida's most famous musician, **Jimmy Buffett**. Look for these CDs at sales outlets located at visitor centers along the Trail. Proceeds from CD sales support The Everglades Trail.



For Everglades Trail information visit www.evergladestrail.com



Everglades Trail

During your Everglades adventures, you will find many other interesting sites to explore along the way, including cultural attractions and museums. Several natural history and cultural heritage trails intersect with the Everglades Trail. These include the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (LOST), Big Water Heritage Trail, Gulf Coast Heritage Trail, the Great Florida Birding Trail, and, for hikers, the Florida Trail.

Your support for conservation of this region is important to ensure that this international treasure survives for future generations to enjoy.



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A PLACE TO LEARN. A PLACE TO REMEMBER.

Take the Everglades Trail



A Driving Trail to 21 Great Places

EXPLORE wild places.

ENJOY the nature and culture of the Kissimmee, Okeechobee, and Big Cypress watershed.

Experience the subtle beauty of the Everglades.

Discover reasons to **RESTORE** this international treasure.



www.evergladestrail.com

Everglades Trail

These sites are gateways to Everglades adventures!

Each of these places offers an accessible outdoor opportunity for you to enjoy. Look for the green-roofed kiosks for more information. Along the Everglades Trail, you'll find museums and attractions featuring nature and culture in one of America's wildest places.

1 Shingle Creek

Hunter's Creek Middle School
13400 Town Loop Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837

Located within the hustle and bustle of urban Orlando, Shingle Creek provides a good look at the initial headwaters of the Everglades ecosystem. It's a great place to bike, hike, fish, kayak, canoe, and see wildlife. Canoe boat ramp available.
(800) 250-4250, www.sfwmd.gov

2 The Nature Conservancy's Disney Wilderness Preserve

2700 Scrub Jay Trail, Kissimmee, FL 34759

This 12,000-acre preserve, located at the historic headwaters of the Everglades, is home to hundreds of species of wildlife and one of the last undeveloped lakes in Central Florida. Interpretive exhibits and 2 1/4-mile hiking trail are available. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 7 days a week. Best to call ahead.
(407) 935-0002, www.nature.org/florida

3 Lake Kissimmee State Park

14248 Camp Mack Rd., Lake Wales, FL 33898

In addition to camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, and boating opportunities, Lake Kissimmee State Park is also a living history site on the weekends and holidays, Oct. 1 – May 1.
(863) 696-1112, www.floridastateparks.org/lakekissimmee/

4 Prairie Lakes Unit, Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area

25 miles south of St. Cloud on CR 523
(Canoe Creek Road)

This dry prairie habitat fosters much bird life. Regardless of when you visit, your chances of seeing a bald eagle are high. In addition to bird watching, visitors can also hunt, fish, hike, and camp while at the Prairie Lakes Unit.
(352) 732-1225, www.myfwc.com/recreation/WMASites_Threelakes_index.htm

5 Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park

33104 NW 192nd Ave., Okeechobee, FL 34972

Kissimmee Prairie Preserve offers many recreational activities for visitors, such as camping, hiking, biking, birding, and more.
(863) 462-5360, www.floridastateparks.org/kissimmeeprairie/

6 Hickory Hammock Management Area

U.S. Hwy 98 between Lorida and Fort Basinger

Visitors can enjoy fishing, hiking, hunting, primitive camping, horseback riding, boating, and picnicking. An array of wildlife, including the occasional black bear and caracacara, provide an opportunity for wildlife photography.
(800) 250-4200, www.sfwmd.gov

7 Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail

Approximately 3 miles southwest of U.S. Hwy 441 on SR 78, Okeechobee, FL

The LOST Trail features abundant wildlife viewing opportunities. Some of the species you may be lucky enough to see are bald eagles, snail kites, and sandhill cranes. Visitors can fish, bike, jog, canoe, or launch a boat from the C. Scott Driver Jr. Recreation Area.
(863) 983-8101, www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/guide/regions/south/trails/6_lake_okeechobee_scenictra.htm

8 Port Mayaca Lock

18100 SW Connors Hwy, Canal Point, FL 33438

Stop by to hike the trail, fish, or get some great pictures of the abundant wildlife that resides here. Visitors can usually see manatees, alligators, and many species of birds.
(863) 983-8101, www.saj.usace.army.mil/Divisions/Operations/Branches/SFOO/DOCS/FactSheet_PortMayaca.pdf

9 DuPuis Management Area

23500 SW Kanner Hwy, Canal Point, FL 33438

The DuPuis Management Area on the northern edge of the original Everglades presents opportunities to ride horses, camp, hunt, and walk along an interpretive trail. A visitor center with exhibits interprets the natural and cultural aspects of the reserve.
(561) 924-5310, www.sfwmd.gov



10 Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge

10216 Lee Rd., Boynton Beach, FL 33473

Refuge visitors can enjoy fishing, boating, hiking, and bird watching. The Headquarters Area offers a visitor center, observation tower, fishing platform, canoe trail, and nature trails. Boat ramps are available at Headquarters Area, Hillsboro Recreation Area, and at 20-Mile Bend.
(561) 734-8303, www.fws.gov/loxahatchee/

11 Everglades Wildlife Management Area

Alligator Alley I-75 Rest Area at Mile Marker 36

In addition to restrooms and a boat ramp, the Everglades Wildlife Management Area has wildlife exhibits and an observation platform. Wading birds are frequently spotted in the sawgrass marsh – so bring a camera!
(954) 746-1789, www.myfwc.com/recreation/WMASites_everglades_index.htm

12 Biscayne National Park

9700 SW 328th St., Homestead, FL 33033

Canoeing, kayaking, sailing, snorkeling, and scuba diving are popular ways to enjoy the nationally significant marine environment protected within Biscayne National Park.
(305) 230-PARK, www.nps.gov/bisc/index.htm

13 Everglades National Park - Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center

40001 SR 9336, Homestead, FL 33034

Everglades National Park has three entrances on the Everglades Trail. Start your visit here at the Coe Visitor Center and enjoy numerous opportunities on the road to Flamingo on Florida Bay.
(305) 242-7700, www.nps.gov/ever/index.htm

The South Dade Greenway Network, with additional recreational trails in the Everglades, is adjacent to the Park.

14 Everglades National Park - Shark Valley Area

Located on U.S. Hwy 41 (Tamiami Trail)

Bike, hike, or take the tram to the observation tower to enjoy scenic vistas of Shark River Slough, the "River of Grass."
(305) 221-8776, www.nps.gov/ever/index.htm

15 Big Cypress National Preserve

33100 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee, FL 34141

Visitors to the Preserve will enjoy the scenic drives, bird watching, a swamp walk, canoeing, and biking on their own or on a ranger-led trip. Information, a short film, and exhibits are available at the Big Cypress Visitor Center.
(239) 695-1201, www.nps.gov/bicy/index.htm

16 Everglades National Park - Gulf Coast Visitor Center

815 Oyster Bar Lane, Everglades City, FL

Take boat tours, canoe, or kayak to enjoy the magnificent mangroves at the entrance to the Wilderness Waterway.

(239) 695-3311, www.nps.gov/ever/index.htm

17 Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park

137 Coastline Drive, Copeland, FL 34137

A self-guided boardwalk offers a leisurely walk through original growth cypress trees. The more adventuresome can hike approximately 60 miles of trails. Park staff offer guided swamp walks from Nov. – Feb.
(239) 695-4593, www.floridastateparks.org/fakahatcheestrand/

18 Collier-Seminole State Park

20200 East Tamiami Trail, Naples, FL 34114

Enjoy hiking, camping, biking, canoeing, kayaking, and birding (best during fall and winter) amongst the mangroves and tropical hardwood hammocks. Also see the walking dredge used to build the Tamiami Trail.
(239) 394-3397, www.floridastateparks.org/collierseminole/

19 Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

300 Tower Road, Naples, FL 34113

With 110,000 acres, this preserve provides opportunities to explore natural areas and cultural history. The Environmental Learning Center features exhibits, daily programs, nature trails, viewing area, guided kayak tours, art gallery, gift shop, and special events.
(239) 417-6310, www.rookerybay.org

20 Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge

3860 Tollgate Blvd., Suite 300, Naples, FL 34114

Most of the refuge is closed to the public, but visitors can take a walking trail to experience the habitat of the Florida panther. Don't forget to look for tracks!
(239) 353-8442, www.fws.gov/floridapanther/

21 Seminole Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

HC-61, Box 21-A, Clewiston, FL 33440

A one-mile raised boardwalk through a beautiful cypress dome leads to an authentic Living Village depicting Seminole life at the turn of the century. The Museum's exhibits and artifacts show how Seminole ancestors lived in the Everglades.
877-902-1113, www.ahtahtiki.com

