GREATER MIAMI’S NATIONAL PARKS

Everglades National Park is defined by water. Historically, The Everglades is an expansive area consisting of 1.5 million acres of wetland. Since the park covers such a large area, planning is a must. There are three entrances to Everglades National Park and they are not connected. They are accessed by car on State Road 82 and U.S. 41.

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Biscayne National Park is home to four distinct ecosystems that melt into one another, creating rich edge communities or ecotones. This eco-habitat is full of farm life, fruits, tour a winery, visit Zoo Miami, find unique shopping and dining Stroll through tropical gardens, arts and culture will enchant you.

Historic Downtown Homestead. Losner Park at 104 N. Krome Ave.
parks with a free guided trolley ride from Historic Downtown Homestead. Catch the City of Homestead Trolley from Losner Park at 104 N. Krome Ave.
Explore Biscayne and Everglades national parks with a free guided trolley ride from Historic Downtown Homestead. Catch the City of Homestead Trolley from Losner Park at 104 N. Krome Ave.

Florida Keys. These protected islands, with their tropical hardwood forests, remain undeveloped and serve as reminders of the area's past. On the Atlantic side of the islands lie the most diverse and beautiful of the underwater communities — the coral reefs. The reefs support a kaleidoscope of life. Plants, fish and other animals abound in the full spectrum of the rainbow.

The fascinating home of coral reefs, mangrove forests, Biscayne Bay, the east and the bustling city to the north, South Dade is where Miami unfurls into sprawling farmland, exotic fruit stands and unique ecosystems.

Nearby Big Cypress National Preserve's swamps and forests are home to a diversity of wildlife, attractions and home to two threatened American crocodiles and the endangered Florida panther. Including the endangered

FARTHER AFIELD

Big Cypress National Preserve is located in southwest Florida in some of the most rugged terrain in the state. The preserve encompasses approximately 729,000 acres of a freshwater swamp ecosystem, offering refuge to a wide variety of plants and animals.

Annual flooding, called the ``10-foot rise,'' occurs in December when heavy rains from hurricanes and thunderstorms fill the headwaters with water. The surging water then revitalizes the preserve. Floodwaters from the Florida Everglades flow into Big Cypress, bringing valuable nutrients to estuarine species like snook, shark and crab. Endangered species such as Florida panthers, wood storks and red-cockaded woodpeckers can be found in the preserve. Rare orchids, ferns and bromeliads (air plants) are found in more inaccessible areas.

At Everglades National Park, discover the Official Destination Sales & Marketing Organization for Greater Miami and the Beaches. // CS 02658 2.1.indd   1
For more information, visit Downtown Miami and South Beach. International Airport, PortMiami, ride. Best of all, these activities are great for outdoor activities like hiking, kayaking, and birdwatching.

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Biscayne National Park

Florida Keys and 10,000 years of human history at Biscayne National Park.

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South Dade attractions, museums, arts and culture will enchant you. Stroll through tropical gardens, find unique shopping and dining experiences, sample exotic tropical fruits, tour a winery, visit Zoo Miami, marvel at sea life or take an airboat ride. Best of all, these activities are about a 45-minute drive from Miami International Airport, PortMiami, Downtown Miami and South Beach.

For more information, visit SouthDadeMoretoExplore.com

South Dade — More to Explore...
This eco-habitat is full of farm life, wildlife, attractions and home to two national parks — Everglades National Park and Biscayne National Park.

At Everglades National Park, discover tropical plants, birds, alligators, threatened American crocodiles and West Indian manatees. Experience the fascinating home of coral reefs, mangrove forests, Biscayne Bay, Florida Keys and 10,000 years of human history at Biscayne National Park.

Nearby Big Cypress National Preserve’s swamps and forests are home to a diversity of wildlife, including the endangered Florida panther.
Florida National Scenic Trail
Park Area Boundary

Elliott Key, exploring the seldom seen wonders of Jones Lagoon and at colorful coral reefs full of life, camping on undeveloped and scenic interpretive cruises to Boca Chita Key and its lighthouse, snorkeling and to explore offshore coral reefs.

No entrance fees.
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National Park
Mahogany
Florida Bay
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SR 29
Homestead, FL 33034

Dante Fascell Visitor Center
No Access to/from
Chokoloskee
Lake
Alligator Alley
No Access to/from

Tour the park's visitor center with exhibits, gifts and book sales, concessions, narrated tram tour, bicycle rentals and retail options. Visit sharkvalleytramtours.com for more information. The 15-mile Tram Concession allows access to the southern Everglades, including the Shark Valley, Anhinga Trail, and offers one of the best opportunities to view wildlife, including alligators and wading birds. Canoe tours are available at the Flamingo Marina.

MAHOGANY HAMMOCK TRAIL
Half-mile loop through subtropical pine forest maintained by fire. Pine rocklands are the most diverse habitat in South Florida.

ANHINGA TRAIL
Tree Snail
Pinon Key

PA-HAY-OKEE OVERLOOK

FLAMINGO VISITOR CENTER
4,500 acres

A quarter-mile round trip walk starting at the visitor center passes through sawgrass marsh and a bayhead. Everglades Airboat Tours, also offered at the visitor center, provides aerial views of the park. The visitor center has detailed maps and other literature on the park. The Anhinga Trail begins at the visitor center and travels through a dense, jungle-like hardwood hammock. Glimpse a variety of tropical plants. Clinging air plants, mangroves and a view of the lake await you.

PA-HAY-OKEE OVERLOOK

Biscayne National Park
14,000 acres

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**National Parks**

**Everglades National Park**

The Everglades is an expansive area consisting of 1.5 million acres. Historically, the Everglades is defined by water. A freshwater river a few feet deep and 50 miles wide flowed seaward through this area on a gradually sloping riverbed. Along its 80-mile course, the river dropped only 15 feet, creating waterways where fresh and salt water mix in coastal areas, and mangrove forest dominates. Planning is a must. There are three entrances to Everglades National Park and they are not connected. They are accessed through different areas.

**FARTHER AFIELD**

**Big Cypress National Preserve**

Florida in some of the most rugged terrain in the state. The preserve encompasses approximately 729,000 acres of a freshwater swamp ecosystem, offering refuge to a wide variety of plants and animals. Yearly flooding in the cypress strands and prairies with a shallow sheet of life-giving water. It flows through the preserve into the 10,000 Islands area along the Gulf of Mexico, delivering valuable nutrients to estuarine species like snook, shark and crab. Endangered species such as Florida panthers, wood storks, and manatees are found in the preserve. Rare orchids, ferns and bromeliads (air plants) are found in more inaccessible areas.

**Biscayne National Park**

Known as a fantastic place for outdoor and water-based recreation, the park protects and preserves a nationally significant marine ecosystem with mangrove shorelines, a shallow bay, undeveloped islands and living coral reefs. The mangroves. Red mangrove trees, with their complex system of prop roots, help stabilize the shoreline and provide shelter for animals, birds and marine life. Mangrove leaves become a vital part of the food chain when they fall into the waters.