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The Everglades are the only place where American alligators and crocodiles coexist!



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FUN FACT!

Consisting of only 61 square feet, Ochopee Post Office is the smallest operating U.S. post office and is located in the Everglades.

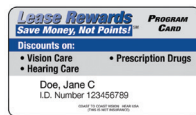


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EXPANSIVE EVERGLADES

If your vacation plans include sunny Florida, consider adding the Everglades to your itinerary. This ecosystem of ponds, marshes, and forests comprises the largest subtropical wilderness in the United States, covering more than a million acres!

When the early explorers first encountered the Everglades, they were taken by the large fields of grass and dubbed it the **Ever-Glades**. Today, visitors can enjoy the area's majesty and diversity through activities such as hiking, biking, wildlife tours, and fishing.

Conveniently located near Miami, Naples, and Fort Lauderdale, Everglades National Park is the third largest U.S. National Park. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which signifies places of importance due to cultural or natural heritage. Everglades National Park is an ideal destination for visitors who want to immerse themselves in the natural beauty and wonder of this wetland ecosystem.

A HAVEN FOR WILDLIFE

The Everglades contains a huge variety of wildlife and ecosystems. There are nine distinct habitats in the Everglades, providing a home to more than 40 species of mammals as well as reptiles and exquisite plants and flowers. Some examples of animals you might encounter in the Everglades are panthers, snakes, manatees, alligators, crocodiles, and deer. Additionally, the Everglades contain over 360 species of birds that include wading birds, land birds, and birds of prey.

The Everglades play an important role as a wildlife sanctuary. There are currently 39 threatened or endangered species that call the Everglades home.

FUN FACT!

Native Americans called the Everglades Pa-hay-Okee which means "grassy waters."



SUNSETS THROUGH THE CUTLER PINES

Late in the day when the sun is low
And the wind is fresh from the distant sea,
Down through the pines it is good to go,
And be one with all earth ways silently.

Fingers of sun slant in tawny gold;
Creeping and feeling the shadows crawl,
The wind is sweet with the pine sweet mold,
And the turquoise of the sky is over all.

Still as a tree and still as the sky,
Stand and hold open your heart like a cup,
And the balm of the earth with brim with a sigh,
And the savor of the sea will lift you up.

Stand and renew all the peace in your heart,
Stand and feel through you the Stillness grow.
Earth sweet and savor's the wisest path,
And the way of the tree is the way to go.

— *From The Wide Brim, a collection of poems by Everglades activist Marjory Stoneman Douglas*

We'd Love to Hear from You!

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