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Everglades

at a glance

A river of grass, three entrances with no link between them, and only three airboat operators that actually run inside the national park.

1.5 million

AREA

2.4 m

HIGHEST POINT
(8 ft) above sea level

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BEFORE YOU GO



Three entrances with no connection

The Everglades have no central entrance, and the roads inside the park do not connect.



Open 24 hours, except Shark Valley

The Homestead Entrance and the Gulf Coast are open 24 hours.



Homestead: main entrance

From Miami take the Florida Turnpike south to its end, turn right onto Palm Drive in Florida City and follow the signs.



Wet season

From May to November it is hot and humid: around 32 °C (90 °F) on average, humidity above 90 percent, feeling like more than 38 °C (100 °F).



Keep your distance from alligators

At least 4.5 metres (15 ft). If the animal hisses, you are too close, even if you are further away.



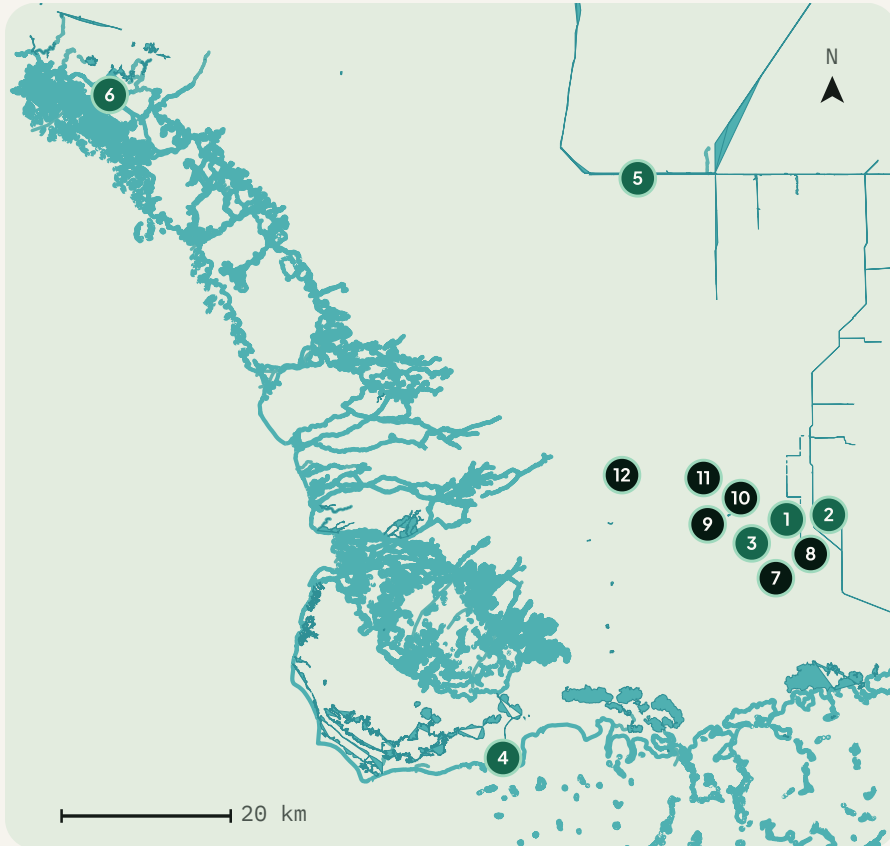
It is not dead

The only animal statue in the park stands in front of the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center: a Florida panther.



Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:
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Green: entrances. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors (ODbL).



ANHINGA TRAIL



SHARK VALLEY



PA-HAY-OKEE OVERLOOK

THINGS TO DO

Airboats: only three operators in the park

Only three authorised operators offer airboat tours in the national park, all on the Tamiami Trail, 15 to 20 ...

Shark Valley: 24 kilometres without a car

Beyond the car park, private cars are not allowed.

Motorboats only with a course

Anyone operating a motorboat in the park must first complete a free online course and bring the certificate ...

Paddling on the Gulf Coast

From the kayak launch at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Visitor Center the Sandfly Island loop covers a good ...

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Anhinga Trail and Gumbo Limbo

Both trails start at the Royal Palm Visitor Center and are wheelchair accessible, as a paved path or ...

Boat tours from Flamingo

Both tours last 90 minutes and start at the marina.

Ten Thousand Islands

The Gulf Coast part of the park can only be reached by boat.

Current closures

As of 9 September 2026: the East Everglades Day Use Area on the north-eastern edge is closed for ...

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