

Nearby Walking Trails

Where may you explore by foot? Look for nearby walking trails along U.S. Hwy 41. Take plenty of water and sunscreen. Bring repellent and a long-sleeved shirt, in case of mosquitoes.

Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve Trails: (You Are Here!)

Two main trails to explore the best-kept secret in Florida: the exotic wonders of Fakahatchee Strand! Take Janes Scenic Drive to Gate 7 or Gate 12. Gate 7 trail is 3 miles and Gate 12 is 12 miles (one way). For a shorter trip into the heart of the strand, park at Gate 12 and walk a few yards south to Gate K-2. Look for panther tracks!

Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk: (3 Miles South, 7 Miles West)

Try this one-mile round trip boardwalk in the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve and wander through an enchanting stand of old-growth, bald cypress trees. Take 29 south 3 miles, then 7 miles west on U.S. Hwy 41. Trailhead is on your right at Big Cypress Bend/Indian Village sign.

Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center: (3 Miles South, 3 Miles East)

This welcome center offers exhibits related to the natural and cultural history of the preserve, as well as educational materials. There is a boardwalk located behind the facility that offers viewing for a variety of wildlife, including a great area to observe manatees. National Park Service Staff are available to assist visitors with information about available activities. Take 29 south 3 miles, then 3 miles east on U.S. Hwy 41.

Big Cypress National Preserve: (3 Miles South, 7 Miles East)

Take a walk on the wild side on the Concho Billy Trail (5 miles round trip). Trailhead is located by driving 6.6 miles up the Turner River Road from H.P. Williams Roadside Park on U.S. Hwy 41. Parts of the trail may be wet. Wear sturdy, old shoes. Also explore the Florida Trail, accessed to the north and south from the Big Cypress National Preserve Oasis Visitor Center (Located on U.S. Hwy 41, 32 miles east towards Miami).

Kirby Storter Roadside Park & Boardwalk: (3 Miles South, 10 Miles East)

This elevated boardwalk takes you 1.6 miles (round-trip) through several ecosystems in the Everglades. You will discover the range of flora and fauna found in a prairie, cypress dome & ending at a platform overlooking a pond in the heart of a cypress strand.

10,000 Island National Wildlife Refuge-Marsh Trail: (3 Miles South, 12 Miles West)

Take this marsh trail by bicycle or foot on a 2.4 mile round trip through the 10,000 Island National Refuge. The trailhead also provides a launch area for canoes and kayaks, each route is visibly marked but be sure to have a map before you depart!

Collier-Seminole State Park: (3 Miles South, 15 Miles West)

Enjoy a mile-long nature trail through a royal palm hammock.

Shark Valley: (3 Miles South, 41 Miles East)

Amble down the tram trail and gaze across the sawgrass prairie at the abundant wildlife, or hike the Bobcat Boardwalk and Otter Cave Trail near the Shark Valley Visitor Center. Or, rent a bike and peddle along the 15-mile loop tram trail.

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary: (1 Hour North of Everglades City)

A 2.25 mile boardwalk meanders through pine flatwoods, open prairie, and the largest ancient bald cypress forest in North America. Located 15 miles east of I-75 off exit 111, just north of Naples.