

STRIKING FEATURES WITHIN
THE PROPOSED EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK REGION

One can visit America's tropics amid scenes preserved in their primitive naturalness when the proposed Everglades National Park becomes a reality.

Here are found palms and other trees of the tropics in jungles and stately forests, with vines, ferns, and orchids festooning their trunks and branches.

Contrasting with the jungles and forests are the majestic open Glades. Those seemingly limitless level stretches, in places bounded only by the distant horizon, afford a sense of majesty and freedom similar to that of the ocean. Dotted these great Glade expanses within certain sections are hammock islands. These bits of the jungle have the appearance of having become detached and having drifted away from the main tree-clad areas.

Nature has created within this region what is estimated to be her most majestic mangrove forest, one of the wonders of the world, a forest whose roots are largely below the high tide level, and whose trunks and branches tower in places a hundred feet skyward. This forest is traversed with tidal waterways which afford access by boat to some of the innermost fastnesses.

There are uncounted numbers of bays, lakes and interlocking waterways. These waters are salt, brackish or fresh, according largely to their distance from the Gulf or Ocean. These Park waters are the home of a great variety of fish in almost limitless numbers - truly a fisherman's paradise.

Beaches where each receding tide reveals a new wealth of lovely sea shells, stretch for miles along the Gulf line within the Park.

There are birds in great variety and number, wading birds, shore birds, birds of the open glades, jungles and forests. Many of these birds are year around residents. Others are either winter or summer visitors. Some stop here on their way both north and south during the migration flight.

Deer, bear, panther, manatee, alligator, crocodile, turkey, and other native animals now threatened with extinction will here find a perpetual haven of safety.

The native wild life of this region and its scenic attractions are unique. Here the moderate tempered climate beckons one equally at all seasons of the year.

These are among the features which will interest and thrill the visitor to this wonderland and continue to do so through the years to come.

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