

The Arch Creek Tract Must Be Saved

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There lies in North Miami Beach, Florida, along U. S. Highway 1, which is Biscayne Boulevard, and 135th Street, about 50 to 60 acres of undeveloped land that has been known prior to and since 1870 as Arch Creek¹. This tract contains excellent samples of a natural waterway, hardwood hammock, a wet glade, and South Florida's only natural stone bridge. Rich in legend as well as in its physical attributes, Arch Creek is a most striking composite of South Florida's archaeology, geology, history, flora and fauna.

During the past several days I have checked out in the Arch Creek area 105 species of plants (see Appendix A). It is likely that even more species will be discovered as the different seasons progress.

Robert and Sandra Balfour, who are local Audubon members, have recorded during this past year, at Arch Creek, 71 species of bird life (see Appendix B). Twenty or more of these species are resident.

¹According to Section Map of December 7, 1870, Plate 1.