

*file Ernest Coe*

Re: Tropic National Park in Florida

Dear Friend:-

As one of the little group working up the initial idea of a Tropic National Park in the Cape Sable section of Florida, you will be pleased to learn of the project's reception when presented to the National Park Service at Washington, D. C.

I had the pleasure of a most cordial reception on Thursday, May 31, by Assistant Director Camerer (Director Mather being out of town). We reviewed the National Park System generally, and brought out the important of adding to it a National Park preserving for all time America's only tropic area, fortunately also so replete with human interest and physical phenomena as is characteristic of the Cape Sable section.

I feel assured that the idea of including within the National Park Group such an area is favorably before the National Park Service and that now is a most opportune time for its consummation.

Never before has the broad worth of our National Park System been more widely appreciated nor the important of acquiring without unnecessary delay such areas as are now available, before it is too late to preserve their unimpaired charms.

Senator Fletcher also tendered me a most friendly audience and was very enthusiastically in accord with the project. A letter from him voicing his appreciation of the National Parks System generally and his clear vision of what this proposed Tropic National Park really means is a treasured possession. Senator Fletcher offered to make it his first business at the opening of Congress in the Fall, presenting a bill covering the necessary initial steps "authorizing the Secretary of the Interior, thro the National Park Service of the Interior Department, to investigate the merits of" this "area in the State of Florida for inclusion in the National Park System."

With the passage of this bill which Senator Fletcher assures, the Director of the National Parks will proceed with a searching survey and with a favorable report, our little group's initial work will be successfully terminated.

The Tropic National Park of Florida as a completed reality will only come about, however, after the many details are consummated. Determination of boundaries, appraisals of land values, terms of purchase, grants, or gifts from land owners and others, legal questions, accepted layout-

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plans for development and the guarantee of necessary funds all come in for systematic adjustment as well as actual development work itself.

Information as to just how these factors have been met in connection with the acquirement of the present established National Parks is available and procedure along similar lines is in order.

While waiting for necessary legislation, it is the privilege of our little group to gather in such information as may facilitate the Director of the National Park Service and his staff in their preliminary surveys.

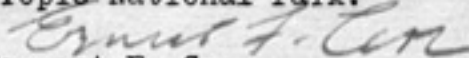
A later letter will cover the field of just what this range of data should include. In the meantime, I am sure we will all be thinking much about this paramount subject and be ready to lend every assistance possible as the project progresses.

The writer believes that these preliminary steps should not be given publicity thro the press and urges that we await more definite assurance. From that time on, "the sky is the limit" and a publicity campaign of the broadest scope is in order.

Just everybody wants to see a real palm tree growing where nature placed it; to watch a crocodile lazily swim along without thought of restraint or fear; be near to wonderful orchids hanging from the tropic trees in the jungle where nature placed them; get close to the rookeries of the many tropic birds of such varied forms and colors; catch fish in such variety as to make one wonder how nature could think of so many fantastic forms; in a word, the Tropic National Park of South Florida can be easily visualized as one of the Nation's favorite resorts for recreation and research.

All-in-all, congratulations are in order for the constructive progress already made. Florida is fortunate in being the location where nature has placed this jungleland-fairyland. Thro the services of the National Park Service it bids fair to be a munificent gift for now and all time from the people to the people of this our great Nation.

Respectfully yours for the  
Tropic National Park.

  
Ernest F. Coe.

EFC/Jem  
June 5, 1928.

Address until further notice:  
WAKEFIELD, R. I.

May 19th,  
1928

*Ernest Ince*

Honorable Stephen D. Mather,  
Director, National Park Service,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

The proposal for the establishment of a South Everglades, sub-tropical National Park is one which I believe will be greeted with enthusissm by all of the men of science of the country. The region is unique and, to a large extent, untouched. For scientific research its value is extraordinary. The condition of the ownership of the land also, it seems to me, makes the project an entirely practical one.

I hope that your Department will give this matter the most careful consideration.

Very truly yours,

B. F. Ashe  
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November 12th,  
1 9 3 0

Mr. Ernest F. Coe,  
c/o National Park Service,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Coe:

I was very glad to hear from you and to know about the fine progress that is being made with the Everglades National Park.

You have certainly done a fine piece of work, and I congratulate you upon the success you are achieving.

Very truly yours,

B. F. Ashe  
P r e s i d e n t

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Consulting Engineer  
AND SECRETARY  
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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Dec. 16, 1931.

Mr. Charles E. Starr, Jr.,  
Assistant to the President,  
University of Miami,  
Coral Gables, Fla.

Dear Sir:

As requested by your letter of the 15th instant,  
there are being forwarded under separate cover, parcel  
post, five publications relating to Everglades Drainage  
District, which are all data now in print for distribu-  
tion.

Very truly yours,

F. C. ELLIOT,  
Consulting Engineer.

B/s.

December 18th  
1 9 3 1

F. C. Elliot  
Consulting Engineer  
Everglades Drainage Commission  
Tallahassee, Fla.

My dear Mr. Elliot:

We received today your letter of  
December 16th and also the five publications re-  
lating to Everglades Drainage District.

Thank you for your attention to this  
matter.

Yours very truly,

Charles E. Starr, Jr.  
Assistant to the President

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Cosmos Club  
Washington, D. C.  
December 21, 1931

Governor Doyle E. Carlton  
Tallahassee, Florida

My dear Governor Carlton:

In Washington everything looks favorable for the passing of the Everglades National Park bill now before Congress. Representative Ruth Bryan Owen introduced it and has a substantial backing both in Congress and from the outside.

No national park project ever enjoyed more universal favor than the proposed Everglades National Park. But one thing can hinder the passage of this bill; it may be considered untimely owing to the general state of national affairs. If so it will be but one of the many important measures to be temporarily shelved.

The work of our Association during the past season has been largely devoted to seeking out centers of opposition to the park project, and there were many, and taking up the subject with such individually. This procedure has proved to be most successful as to desired results. It was found as anticipated that opposition was largely due to misunderstanding. That the Everglades National Park was just "another" Florida promotion scheme has been a knotty argument to explain away although wholly untrue. Apprehension that the area would lose its primitive sanctuary value if converted into a national park concerned others. The fear that the area is not up to national park standards is rapidly disappearing now that official Washington and individuals of authority on such subjects give the proposed Everglades National Park their unqualified approval. It is well that all candidates for national park inclusion should be subjected to the most searching analysis. It is gratifying that the Everglades National Park project fills every requirement set up as national park standards together with possessing a unique individuality quite its own.

Those of us who have been active in these initial stages of bringing this wonderful project to its present status may justly feel that the results of our efforts are most encouraging. We are engaged in a great work, national in its inspirational significance and state-wide in its economic bearing. We may also be quite sure that its present standing has come about as the result of that happy combination of the intrinsic merit of the project itself plus everlastingly keeping at its promotion. In this promotion our Association has taken an important part.

With kindest regards,

Faithfully yours,

Ernest F. Coe, Chairman  
Tropic Everglades Park Assn.

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May 25th,  
1 9 3 4.

Honorable Park Trammell,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Trammell:

As a citizen of Florida I want to express our appreciation of the work which you have done on the municipal bankruptcy act and the Everglades National Park act.

These bills were most important for Florida, and to get them through such a crowded session of the Congress must have been a man-sized job. We appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

B. F. Ashe  
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 1, 1934.

Dr. B. F. Ashe, Pres.,  
University of Miami,  
Coral Gables, Florida.

Dear Dr. Ashe:

In the absence of Senator Trammell, who is in Florida, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter expressing your appreciation of the work done by the Senator in behalf of the Municipal Bankruptcy Act and the Everglades National Park Act, and thank you for the same. I assure you it was a pleasure to the Senator to aid in these important projects.

Yours sincerely,

*Joe Davis Jr*  
Assistant Secretary.

September 1st,  
1 9 3 4.

Mr. Ernest F. Coe,  
4181 LaPrada Boulevard,  
Coconut Grove, Florida.

My dear Mr. Coe:

Thank you so much for your note from Tallahassee and the enclosed clipping. I have been away for a few days vacation and President Ashe went on north on a business trip after getting matters straightened out with Superintendent Causton. He probably will not return until the latter part of September.

When he gets back your note will be on his desk, and I know he will appreciate it very much.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the  
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October 11th,  
1 9 3 4.

Mr. Ernest F. Coe,  
County Court House,  
Miami, Florida.

My dear Mr. Coe:

Thank you for your recent note.

We are very glad to have Mr. Buswell  
here with us, and he seems to be busy and happy.

Come out and see us sometime when you  
have an opportunity.

Very truly yours,

B. F. Ashe  
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October 15, 1934



This map shows the area within which the Everglades National Park is authorized by Act of Congress.

Dr. B.F. Ashe, President,  
The University of Miami,  
Coral Gables, Florida.

Dear Dr. Ashe:

Many thanks for your  
good letter of October 11th.

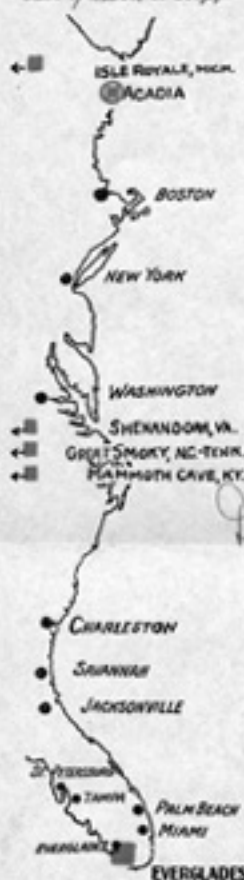
I certainly will come out  
some time, and much oblige for the  
invitation.

Will you please have a copy  
of the current issue of the University  
catalogue sent here?

Sincerely,

Ernest F. Coe,  
Executive Chairman

National Parks  
and Proposed National Parks  
east of the Mississippi



Acadia, Mammoth Cave,  
Shenandoah, Great Smoky  
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National Geographic Society.

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TO COOPERATE WITH MEASURES LEADING TO THE PRESERVATION OF THIS REGION AS A GREAT NATIONAL PARK WHEREIN ALL ITS FORMS OF WILD LIFE WILL BE PROTECTED, AND ITS OTHER VARIED CHARMS OF GLADES, TROPIC JUNGLES, AZURE SEAS, EMERALD ISLES, LAKES, RIVERS AND BEACHES WILL BE FOREVER CONSECRATED AS A NATURE SANCTUARY.

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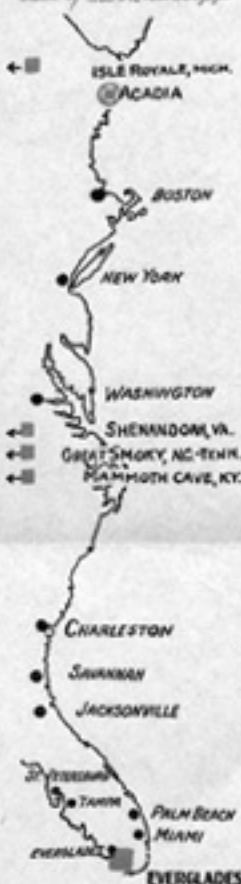
National Park Bulletin  
 Series C #1.

"National Parks are great areas selected by the federal government as representative to a superlative degree of outstanding physical, biologic and human interest features. There could be but one Yosemite, Grand Canyon or Yellowstone. They are the finest examples of their kind. It is because the Everglades Park area belongs to this superlative classification that Congress favors its establishment."



This map shows the area within which the Everglades National Park is authorized by Act of Congress.

National Parks and Proposed National Parks east of the Mississippi



Acadia-Mammoth Cave-Shenandoah-Great Smoky and Everglades — what a magnificent string of Eastern National Parks that will make!

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THE EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK PROJECT.

The country was treated to good news last May when Congress passed the Everglades National Park Enabling Act bill, and the President signed it.

This Act authorizes the federal government to accept the Park area when ceded to it by the State of Florida.

Florida, by virtue of an act of the legislature, is authorized to acquire the land for the Park, within the boundaries defined by the National Park Service.

The most important immediate work at hand is the determining of title of the proposed Park lands. This is being accomplished through the office of this Association. The files of several of the leading Title and Abstract Companies in Dade, Monroe and Collier Counties have been generously placed at the disposal of the attorneys and their assistants, who have this work in direct charge.

Sincerely yours,  
 Ernest F. Coe, Executive Chairman

Further Everglades National Park bulletins will be issued from time to time. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THESE BULLETINS PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH THIS OFFICE. Telephone 31181

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Press Release

October 15, 1934.

NATIONAL PARK BULLETIN  
Series C #2.



This map shows the area within which the Everglades National Park is authorized by Act of Congress.

Recent word reaching this office gives the official attendance figures of the twenty-two national parks up to Sept. 30th last, to be 3,516,720, - an increase over last season of 297,594. These figures do not include attendance to national monuments, military parks and other reservations administered under the National Park System.

The two eastern national parks hold first and fourth places; Great Smoky Mountains in North Carolina and Tennessee leads with 420,000; Acadia with 275,956.

Travel in the east is quickly showing its appreciation of these new eastern additions to the National Park System.

As one of the eastern parks, the popularity of the Everglades National Park is already assured. It is nearer as a crow flies to Chicago than Yellowstone National Park is to that city.

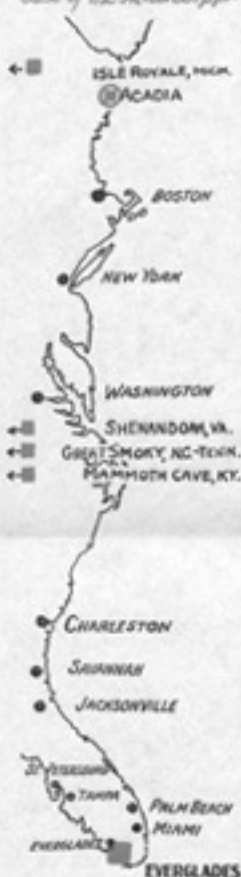
The Everglades National Park will be open all the year round and be at its best during the winter months, when many of the national parks are ice-bound, and at the season when touring tends southward.

Ernest F. Coe, Executive Chairman.

"National parks are areas set apart by Congress because of extraordinary beauty, remarkable phenomena or other unusual qualification, national in character."

National Park Service, Arno B. Cammerer, Director

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The Everglades National Park Association,  
Miami, Florida, August 5, 1934.

FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S ADDRESS AT GLAZIER NATIONAL PARK

Reported by Associated Press.

"To-day, for the first time in my life, I have seen Glazier Park. Perhaps I can best express to you my thrill and delight by saying that I wish every American, old and young, could have been with me to-day. The great mountains, the glaciers, the lakes and the trees make me long to stay here for all the rest of the summer."

"There is nothing so American as our national parks. The scenery and wild life are native and the fundamental idea behind the parks is native. It is, in brief, that the country belongs to the people, that what it is and what is in process of making is for the enrichment of the lives of all of us. Thus the parks stand as the outward symbol of this great human principle."

"Our great series of parks in every part of the union have become indeed a 'pleasuring ground' for millions of Americans."

"The policy to which the Service will adhere is based on three broad principles; First, that the national parks must be maintained in absolutely unimpaired form for the use of future generations as well as those of our own time; second, that they are set apart for the use, observation, health and pleasure of the people, and third, that the national interest must dictate all decisions affecting public or private enterprise in the parks."

"That is why with all the earnestness at my command I express to you the hope that each and every one of you who can possibly find the means and opportunity for so doing will visit our national parks and use them as they are intended to be used. You will find glorious scenery of every character; you will find every climate; you will perform the double function of enjoying much and learning much."

"The present national Park Service stands as an example of efficient and far-seeing governmental administration."

"The Secretary of the Interior in 1933 announced that this year of 1934 was to be emphasized as 'national parks year' I decided to-day that every year ought to be 'national parks year!'"

May 28th,  
1 9 3 4.

Mr. Ernest F. Coe,  
4131 LaPrado Boulevard,  
Coconut Grove, Florida.

My dear Mr. Coe:

Heartiest congratulations  
on the Park bill.

I know it has been a long,  
hard job, and we thoroughly appreciate  
what you have done.

Cordially yours,

B. F. Ashe  
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THE EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK ASSOCIATION

COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Miami, Florida

November 16  
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Re: Boat and airplane Park tours

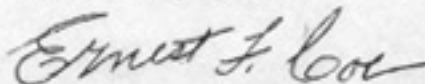
The Everglades National Park project is much before the public eye. The demand for facilities for visiting its waterways and seeing it from the air is increasing.

To advertise boat and airplane tours into the Park region by means of placard and other publicity has been under consideration.

National park headquarters in Washington consider that such publicity would be a mistake until after the Park bill, now scheduled to come up before the House in January, is passed.

We take the liberty of calling this to the attention of the public being confident that no one wishes to do anything which might tend to defeat the passage of the Park bill.

Sincerely yours



Ernest F. Coe  
Executive Chairman

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STATE OF FLORIDA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

TALLAHASSEE

November 9th

1933

Mr. Ernest F. Coe  
Executive Chairman  
The Everglades National Park Association  
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Coe:

The Everglades National Park should be seen by each and every one of the hundreds of thousands of visitors annually coming to Florida. No other spot in the United States excels it in enchantment, mystery and strangeness of scenery, as well as the wild animal life with which it abounds. The area is prolific in these things. Here we find nature little changed through eons of time.

Very sincerely yours



Governor

DS:Wpc

Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C.,  
January 1, 1933.

GOOD NEWS BULLETIN

Arthur D. Kidder, associate supervisor, General Land Office, Department of the Interior, is having a map prepared, showing the Federal land holdings in South Florida.

This map will cover the area included in the proposed Everglades National Park.

In the preparation of this map, together with the data of the Land Office, advantage will be made of maps and other data supplied by the Geodetic Survey, of the Department of Commerce, Florida State maps, South Florida Okeechobee Flood Control District map, and other information.

When finished it will be by far the most comprehensive map of this region. It will show the islands of Florida Bay and those of adjacent territory.

This map will furnish the required information the National Park Service will need when determining the boundaries of the Park.

Last summer Mr. Kidder spent several weeks within the area now being mapped. While there he had in mind the Park project and made many observations directly relating to it. He estimates that the project is a perfectly practicable proposition and is very enthusiastic in regard to it.

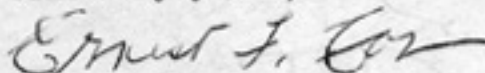
Mr. Kidder estimates that it will be difficult to determine the mainland southern boundaries owing to the intricacy of many of the water-ways.

The use of the modern methods of surveying by air photography has been a great help in this almost impenetrable land in getting required data.

We are warranted in inferring that the Everglades National Park project is now generally accepted in official Washington as an ultimate reality. In so far as a map of this character will be necessary in determining boundaries, it is timely that the Land Office is preparing it.

All of this is certainly very encouraging news and comes to us as a welcome starter for 1933.

Sincerely yours,



Ernest F. Coe, Chairman,  
Everglades National Park Association.



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- AUDITOR**  
CLIFFORD N. BOURNE

November 15, 1933



This map indicates the area recommended by the Department of the Interior to Congress, within which the proposed Park is to be established.

Mr. Franklin Harris  
University of Miami  
Coral Gables, Fla.

Dear Franklin Harris:

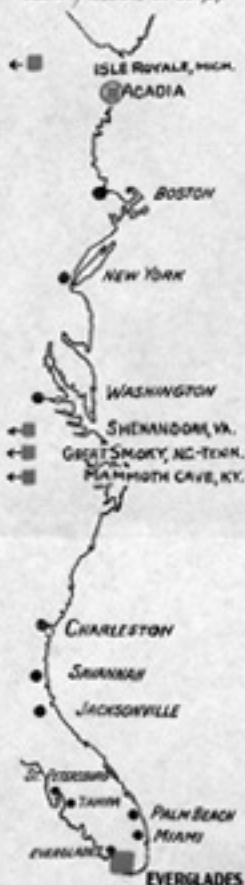
Dr. Hamilton Holt is keenly interested in the Everglades National Park project. He has followed Senator Fletcher's official activities in Washington in the interests of this Park very closely. It will be very nice if Dr. Holt can have an opportunity to get in intimate touch with this Park project during his stay here Friday and Saturday, next. Should he have an opportunity to see the Park area from the air, among the interesting features before him would be those described in Herald article (copy enclosed).

Sincerely yours

Ernest F. Coe  
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- National Parks
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- Proposed Everglades National Park

September 28, 1932.

Dear Members:

Recently when up in the Shenandoah National Park in the Blue Ridge Skylands of Virginia, I had a talk with Mr. Albright and Mr. Cammerer, Director and Associate Director of the National Park Service.

The public has every assurance that the National Park Service considers the inclusion of the proposed Everglades Park as all important in the rounding out of the Eastern Group of the National Park System.

Mrs. Owen in co-operation with the National Park Service, together with other fervent workers for the Everglades Park cause have acquainted Congress and the public generally with the National Park merits of this Everglades area now under advisement for inclusion within the National Park System. It has taken time to do this, as the merits of the region were hitherto generally unknown.

If Congress acts quickly, this Everglades area can be acquired for National Park inclusion. Should delay occur, there is no certainty that the present favorable conditions for its acquisition will long continue.

We owe to posterity as well as to ourselves and the wild life of this region a great obligation. Until this Everglades Region is included within the National Park System, this obligation will not have been fulfilled. Splendid progress toward this end has already been made and success is in sight.

The present Senate Bill now before the House is to come up during the coming short session. We can rest assured that all the influences which have been working so fervently in the past are now even keener than ever before in furthering the chances of success for this Park Bill.

Nothing short of so splendid a project as the preservation of the Everglades of Florida could possibly rally about it such a dignified following as this project enjoys.

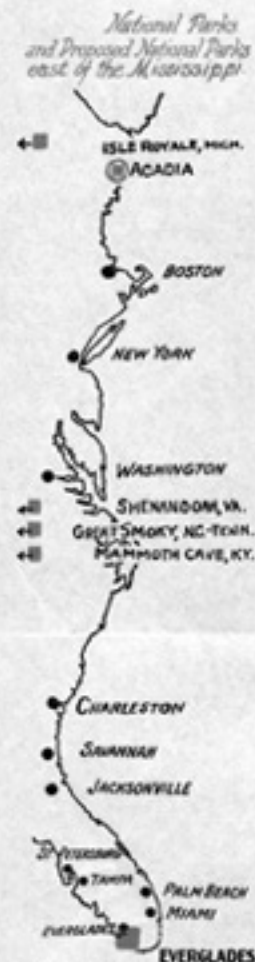
Success must be the ultimate result, anything short of success is unthinkable.

Faithfully yours,  
Ernest F. Coe,  
Chairman, Executive Council.



This map indicates the area recommended by the Department of the Interior to Congress, within which the proposed Park is to be established.

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*Acadia Mammoth Cave Shenandoah Great Smoky and Everglades — what a magnificent string of Eastern National Parks that will make!*

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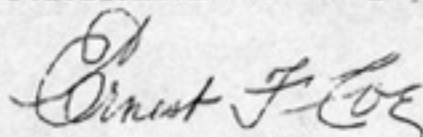
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ANOTHER IMPORTANT WILD LIFE CONSERVATION  
ORGANIZATION PASSES RESOLUTIONS FAVORING  
THE EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK PROJECT.

Dr. T. Gilbert Pearson, President National Association of Audubon Societies, gave an illustrated lecture in Baltimore, Md., September 26th, before the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, having for his subject "The Everglades". At this meeting a resolution was presented and passed which reads as follows:

"RESOLVED, That the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners hereby gives its hearty approval to the bill pending in Congress, and which has already passed the Senate, by which provision is made for the acceptance by the Government of the lands of South Florida to be known as the Everglades National Park when the State of Florida shall be prepared to deed such lands to the Government."

The resolution by this important international organization adds another to the already long list of organizations influential in establishing measures for wild life preservation which are on record favoring the establishment of the Everglades National Park.



Ernest F. Coe, Chairman Executive Council  
Everglades National Park Association.

Press Release

Washington, D.C.  
November 1, 1932.

WILD LIFE OF THE ATLANTIC AND GULF COASTS

Dear Members  
and Friends:

The article by George Shiras, 3rd, in the September National Geographic Magazine "Wild Life of the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts" is very interesting, especially to those concerned in the preservation of this wild life.

It is obvious that the economic trend tends to increase the number and expanse of areas reverting to nature in our country. This is especially true of the Atlantic and Gulf States covered in the article referred to. Owing to this trend, wild life is given a wider range than during the time when farming was more general. Notwithstanding this increased freedom of range, wild life is assured perpetual protection only within certain areas either under State or Federal control.

As an assurance of the protection of much of the native wild life of the Eastern and especially the Southern States now so rapidly disappearing, the acquisition of the Cape Sable region is very important as a great Federal Nature Sanctuary.

It is fortunate in a sense that this area has offered so little economic promise that it is to-day largely in its primeval state. This area is the home, either permanent or for a time each season of perhaps a greater number and a greater variety of forms of both native plants and animals than any other area of its size in North America. It is also scenically and climatically unique, America's Only Continental Tropics.

All of us interested in the preservation of our native wild life will naturally lend our best efforts towards the success of this great project which will assure for all time a great haven for our native wild life, many varieties of it now threatened with extinction.

Very truly yours,

*Ernest F. Coe*  
Ernest F. Coe,  
Chairman Executive Council,  
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County Court House, Miami, Florida.

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Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C.  
November 14, 1932.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT WILD LIFE CONSERVATION  
ORGANIZATION PASSES RESOLUTION FAVORING  
THE EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK PROJECT.

Dear Members and Friends:

Today marks another important step on our Everglades National Park program. The Washington Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, at a meeting held at the Raleigh Hotel, passed the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, hereby records its approval of the proposed plan for the Everglades National Park project as passed by the Senate, and urges its members to secure its approval by the House of Representatives."

(Signed) Dr. M. D'Arcy Magee,  
President.

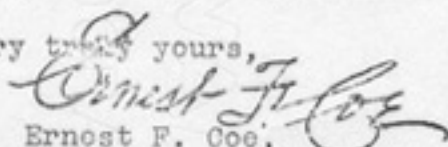
The Dade County Chapter of the League and the Florida State Chapter had endorsed the Park, and this helped the Washington Chapter in making its decision. Dr. M. D'Arcy Magee, President of the Washington Chapter and a Vice-President of the National League introduced the speakers: Mr. Lorne Barclay, Director of the National Parks Association; Mr. Seth Gordon, President of the American Game Association and Mr. G. H. Collingwood, The American Forestry Association.

As far back as December 18, 1930, the Board of Directors of the American Forestry Association passed a resolution in support of the Everglades National Park. This resolution still stands, and the Association has been and still is working for the creation of the Park, in the expectation that the citizens of Florida will meet their obligations to safeguard the area from fire. This clears up the wrong impression gained from the November 16, 1932 issue of the Miami Daily News misquoting Mr. McCormick in his address before the Committee of One Hundred, at Miami Beach, Florida. Mr. Ovid Butler, Executive Secretary of the American Forestry Association confirms the above statement.

Had you been listening to these speakers as they glowingly described the wonders of this proposed Park area, I am sure you would have been delighted as I was. Our Association together with other Associations and individuals working in co-operation have succeeded in creating nation wide interest in this National Park project, and this has been done in record time as to speed.

We have every reason to be very well pleased with the progress our Park project is making, not forgetting that there are hurdles yet before us.

Very truly yours,

  
Ernest F. Coe,  
Chairman Executive Council,  
Everglades National Park Association.

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U. S. National Museum  
Washington, D. C.  
December 8th, 1932.

Mr. Ernest F. Coe, Chairman  
Everglades National Park Association  
Miami, Florida

My dear Mr. Coe:

The region of southwestern Florida encompassed within the Everglades National Park project is well known to me personally. I had the good fortune to explore this region scientifically in 1918. An account of the region and the work was published in the "Anthropology of Florida" (Published by the Florida State Historical Society, sm. 4to, Deland, Fla. 1922). As to the eminent fitness of the region for a national park, I may say as follows:

In connection with my work (Anthropology) I have visited many parts of the world. I have become particularly directly acquainted with most of the United States from the Gulf to Alaska. In all these travels I have never seen a region more charming and interesting from the points of view of the naturalist, the fisherman, the archaeologist and others, and at the same time less fit for ordinary habitation than the southwestern part of Florida, known justly as the "10,000 Island Region".

It is a natural jewel which should be preserved for the American people as a whole forever. It will form, as largely it is already, an ideal sanctuary of the colorful water fowl and other birds of the Gulf. It is a bit of paradise for the fisherman.

The region teems with mounds and other remains of ancient man, which should be preserved for posterity. The entire coast region of this part of Florida is a part of the continent in constant highly instructive process of formation.

The creeks, bayous, "sounds" and outside shallows are biological laboratories of inestimable value.

The whole region is so pristine and wild that it is hard to realize that it may be so near to civilization.

I may earnestly say that the establishment by the American Government of no national park was more justified than will be that of the southwestern portion of Florida under consideration. Under proper supervision it will become almost immediately an enchanting spot for the tourist and the student of nature, and a scientific open-air observatory of the highest order.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, Curator  
Division of Physical Anthropology