LONG PINE KEY FIELD TRIP
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center
40001 State Road 933
Homestead, FL 33034
(305) 242-7700
April 4, 2020. 10 AM – 2 PM

Guides:
Roger Hammer, Dennis Olle, Alana Edwards

Entrance Fee:
$30 per vehicle or Free with Annual Pass ($55/year) or Senior Pass

Information:
Everglades National Park Map; Butterfly Species; Questions about Long Pine Key Trails;
Long Pine Key Trail Map

https://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/maps.htm
https://www.nps.gov/ever/learn/nature/butterflyspecies.htm
https://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/long-pine-key-trails.htm
http://npmaps.com/wp-content/uploads/everglades-long-pine-key-trail-map.gif

SATURDAY APRIL 4
7:30 – 8:30 am MEET AT BROWARD EXTENSION SERVICE, 3245 College Avenue, Davie, FL 33314, for research/butterfly garden tour with Lorna Bravo (Broward County Urban Horticulture Extension Agent). Gather for Everglades National Park field trip.

8:30 am Leave from Broward Extension Service for Everglades National Park Field Trip

10:00 am MEET AT ERNEST F. COE VISITOR CENTER, located just before the park’s Main Entrance and payment of entrance fees. We will carpool into the park in order to moderate the cost of entering the park (entrance fee is $30 per car or Free with Annual Park Pass or Senior Pass) and limit the number of cars going to Long Pine Key. Drive on Main Park Road about 6 miles following signs to the Long Pine Key campground.

2:00 pm OPTIONAL TRIPS—Visit Anhinga Trail/ENP, or other places to see butterflies on your own.

Hike will be approximately 2 ½ hours with breaks. We will break for lunch. Please bring your own bag lunch and water. The carpools will have ice chests for lunches and water. Bring bug spray, sunscreen, hat, and water. Wear closed toe walking shoes.

Contacts: Teri Jabour 561.758.4194; Pat Rossi 954.376.1128.

LONG PINE KEY
EASY-MODERATE——Hiking trails are sandy and rough, but flat. See note below. There are more than 22 miles of connecting trails at Long Pine Key. The Nature Trail is about 7 miles (one way) from the campground to the Pine Glades Lake, but visitors usually hike different parts of the trail. Trails run through pine rockland, prairie and tropical hardwood hammock habitats. Butterflies seen on the trail, depending on
the time of year, include Bartram’s Scrub-Hairstreak, Florida Leafwing, Florida Duskywing, Ceraunus Blue, Cassius Blue, Queen, Red Admiral, White Peacock, Phaon Crescent, Tropical Checkered Skipper, Baracoa Skipper, and Monk Skipper.

Please note that the Long Pine Key Trail is not currently being maintained because of potential damage to critical habitat in the area for the Florida leafwing and Bartram's scrub hairstreak butterflies and their host plants. These are butterflies that are native to South Florida. Park staff are reviewing trail management techniques to develop strategies that won't affect this habitat so that we can reinstate trail management in the future. For now the trail remains open but you should be aware of terrain that should be traversed carefully and may have vegetation, branches, or other flora and fauna that could affect your hike. https://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/long-pine-key-trails.htm

FIELD TRIP LEADERS FOR EVERGLADES LONG PINE KEY

Roger Hammer
Roger is a professional naturalist and survivalist instructor for the Discovery Channel's reality television show Naked and Afraid. He spent thirty-three years as the manager of the 120-acre Castellow Hammock Nature Center for the Miami-Dade County Parks Department. He received the first Marjory Stoneman Douglas Award presented by the Florida Native Plant Society in 1982, and Tropical Audubon Society honored him with the prestigious Charles Brookfield Medal in 1996. In 2003 he received the Green Palmetto Award in Education from the Florida Native Plant Society. In 2012 he received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Florida International University and a lifetime achievement award from the Florida Native Plant Society, Tropical Audubon Society, and the North American Butterfly Association.

In 1979 Roger discovered a population of the Florida Atala Hairstreak butterfly on Virginia Key – a butterfly reported as "presumed extinct" in 1965. The discovery was made public by National Geographic in 1985. Roger has also discovered two species of native orchids that were new to the flora of Florida and is credited with discovering the first pair of Bahama woodstar hummingbirds in North America. Roger is the author of Florida Keys Wildflowers, Everglades Wildflowers, Central Florida Wildflowers, Exploring Everglades National Park and the Surrounding Area, Attracting Hummingbirds and Butterflies in Tropical Florida, and Complete Guide to Florida Wildflowers. He lives with his wife, Michelle, in Homestead, FL.

Dennis Olle
Dennis is a shareholder in the Miami office of Carlton Fields, P.A., a national law firm; he is a member of the firm’s Business Transactions Practice Group and its Technology Industry Group.

Dennis is also a life-long birder and conservationist: He is a past President, Vice-president and a member of the Board of Directors of the Tropical Audubon Society (Miami, FL); he currently serves on its Advisory Board. In 2012, he received TAS’s Charles M. Brookfield Medal for “outstanding service in the protection of our natural resources.” The medal is the Society’s highest honor. Additionally, Dennis is a member of the Board of Directors of the North American Butterfly Association (NABA) and serves as the President of the Miami Blue Chapter of NABA. He holds a B.A. from Rice University (Houston, TX) and a J.D. from Columbia Law School (New York City).

Alana Edwards
Alana became passionate about butterflies in 1994. She co-founded the Atala Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association (NABA) in 1995. Alana coordinates NABA’s 4th of July butterfly counts in Palm Beach, Martin and Highlands Counties. Alana frequently gives lectures around south Florida on butterfly gardening. She also serves on the NABA Common Names committee, which assigns common names to newly described butterfly species. She was a member of the Imperiled Butterflies of Florida Work Group, a group that monitors and initiates conservation efforts for rare butterflies. Alana is a tour leader for
Sunstreak Tours, which specializes in butterfly tours. She also enjoys butterfly photography, and many of her photos can be seen in various publications and articles about butterflies.

Alana received a Master’s Degree from Florida Atlantic University in Environmental Science and also a Master’s Degree in Geosciences. She works for Florida Atlantic University’s Center for Environmental Studies (CES) as Education and Training Coordinator. Alana developed and now manages the Robert J. Huckshorn Arboretum at FAU’s Jupiter campus which has a very active butterfly garden.

TOUR GUIDES FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY BUTTERFLY WALKS

Lorna Bravo
LEED AP BD+C, FWS-AP; UF/IFAS Extension Broward County Director Agent II
Lorna has more than 18 years of architectural experience in both the public and private sectors. She has been responsible for initial project programming, planning, conceptual design development, construction documents, construction administration, and sustainable design. Lorna graduated from Cooper Union University in New York City with a B.S. in Architecture and has a Masters in Construction Management from Florida International University. This accreditation verifies her knowledge of green building design, practices, and strategies, and a thorough understanding of the LEED Green Building Rating System, Resources, and Processes set by the USGBC. She has also been a Florida Water Star Inspector since 2009. This experience eventually led to her embracing a focused interest in sustainable buildings and landscape design with particular emphasis on the conservation of water and other natural resources. These career interests have, over the years, become personal commitments to inform the community, especially the youth, of the intimate connection between human beings and their use of their natural environment.

Lorna is currently serving as the new UF/IFAS Extension Broward County Director / Urban Horticulture Agent. She is leading several Urban Horticulture projects; one of them is the Florida Friendly Landscaping program and teaching Master Gardeners about Florida Friendly Landscapes and how to conduct Florida Friendly inspections in the built environment. Two of her Master Gardeners have become Florida Water Star certified and will be leading the FFL program in Broward County. Lorna is currently pursuing her Ph.D. at the University of Florida under the department of Environmental Horticulture

Kelli Whitney
Kelli is a Parks Naturalist II, and Manager of Long Key Natural Area & Nature Center and Tree Tops Parks, Broward County Parks in Davie, Florida. She will be leading the Sunday, 4/5, Butterfly Walk at Long Key Nature Center. The information for Long Key and Tree Tops is found at www.broward.org. She is the representative for Friends of Long Key, F.O.L.K, an organization which raises funds for the parks she manages.

Kelli and her staff supervise programs geared to children by teachers and for all ages at Long Key. A highlight of one yearly event is: Moth Week held in July. Sponsored by F.O.L.K, there are notable speakers, information from participating environmental organizations and native plant sales. See: www.broward.org/parks/longkeynaturalarea. She has participated in events to bring an emphasis to invasive species in south Florida. For example: The Long Key Invasive Plant Management Session with Susan Mason where the objective was to identify current invasive plant management issues at Long Key along with past and current management strategies. Kelli is knowledgeable about different species of local butterflies, moths, which she identifies on guided tours. She is also a seasoned speaker for a number of organizations.
DIRECTIONS TO EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK/ERNEST F. COE VISITOR CENTER

We will meet at the Visitor Center and carpool to Long Pine Key.
NPS Fee $30 per car or Free with Annual Park Pass at the **Main Entrance**, past the Visitor Center.
Long Pine Key area and campground is about 6 miles past Main Entrance on Main Park Road.

*Please note that there are alternate routes. Use your personal GPS navigation system for best route for you.*

1. **Directions from Broward UF/IFAS Extension Service to Ernest Coe Visitor Center**
   
   3245 College Ave, Davie, FL 33314. (954) 756-8519
   
   Distance: 1 hr 32 mins - 66.6 miles. *Approximate depending on traffic*
   
   Go south on College Ave toward Bcc for 0.75 miles.
   
   Turn right onto SW 39th St. Go 0.76 miles.
   
   Turn left onto S University Dr/FL-817. Go 0.57 miles.
   
   Turn right onto Griffin Rd/FL-818. Go 6.40 miles.
   
   Keep right at the fork to continue on Griffin Rd/FL-818. Go 4.95 miles.
   
   
   Turn slight right onto NW 177th Ave/FL-997. Go 26.36 miles.
   
   Turn right onto SW 192nd St. Go 1.77 miles.
   
   Turn left onto SW 194th Ave. Go 1.52 miles.
   
   Turn right onto SW 216th St. Go 0.76 miles.
   
   Take the 2nd left onto SW 202nd Ave. Go 5.04 miles.
   
   Turn right onto SW 296th St. Go 1.52 miles.
   
   Turn left onto SW 217th Ave. Go 6.04 miles.
   
   Turn right onto SW 392nd St/FL-9336. Go 2.75 miles.
   
   Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center at 40001 State Road 9336.
   
   You do **not** have to pay NPS entrance fee for the Visitor Center.

2. **From Miami to Ernest Coe Visitor Center**
   
   Take the Florida Turnpike (Route 821) south until it ends merging with U.S. 1 at Florida City. Turn right at the first traffic light onto Palm Drive (State Road 936/SW 344th St.) and Follow the signs to the park.
   
   Continue to Ernest F. Coe Visitor’s Center at 40001 State Road 9336.
   
   You do **not** have to pay NPS entrance fee for the Visitor Center.

3. **Directions from I-95 to Ernest Coe Visitor Center:**
   
   I-95 S to Miami. I-95 ends.
   
   Stay straight to go onto S Federal Hwy/US-1 S/FL-5.
   
   Continue to follow US-1 S. Go 27.53 miles.
   
   Turn right onto E Palm Dr. Go 1.14 miles.
   
   E Palm Dr becomes SW 344th St/FL-9336. Go 0.51 miles.
   
   Turn left onto SW 192nd Ave/FL-9336. Go 2.01 miles.
   
   Turn right onto Ingraham Hwy/FL-9336. Go 5.58 miles
   
   Continue to follow FL-9336 for 2.75 miles to the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center at 40001 State Road 9336.
LOCAL DIRECTIONS

ENJOY!
PLACES TO VISIT ON YOUR OWN

Self-guided Walks

South Florida is a wonderful place to enjoy butterflies. More than 130 species have been observed here, including tropical species and rare species. Take extra time to visit these special places to see butterflies! The side trips are on your own to explore on your personal schedule. The sites below are favorites!

*Bring hat, bug spray, sunscreen, and water! Wear closed-toe walking shoes!*

**Anhinga Trail-Everglades National Park/Royal Palm Visitor Center**
https://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/anhinga-trail.htm  
https://www.nps.gov/ever/learn/nature/butterflyspecies.htm  
https://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/maps.htm  
Everglades National Park Map

**Bahia Honda State Park**
36850 Overseas Highway, Big Pine Key, FL 33043, Bahia Honda Key, MM 37, (305) 872-2353.  
Enterance Fee $8 per vehicle.  
http://bahiahondapark.com/

**Castellow Hammock Preserve and Nature Center**
22301 SW 162nd Avenue, Miami, FL (305) 242-7688  
http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/castello-hammock.asp

**Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden**
10901 Old Cutler Road Coral Gables, FL 33156 (305) 667-1651  
Enterance Fee $25 or Free for members  
https://www.fairchildgarden.org/

**Matheson Hammock Park/Nature Trail**
9610 Old Cutler Road, Miami, FL (Coral Gables) (305) 665-5475 Park Entrance Fee $5 per car weekdays, $7 per car weekends. Nature Trail Free  
http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/matheson-hammock.asp  
https://floridahikes.com/mathesonhammock

**Tree Tops Park**
3900 S.W. 100th Ave., Davie, FL 33328 (954) 370-3750  
https://www.broward.org/Parks/Pages/Park.aspx?=40

**Ann Kolb Nature Center**
751 Sheridan St., Hollywood, FL 33019, (954) 357-5161  
https://www.friendsofannekolbnaturecenter.org/

**South County Regional Park—Daggerwing Nature Center**
11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton, Florida 33498 (561) 488-9953  
http://discover.pbcgov.org/parks/Pages/Daggerwing.aspx

**Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge**
10216 Lee Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33473 (561) 734-8303, Entrance Fee $10 per vehicle  
https://loxahatcheefriends.com/

DIRECTIONS AND MAPS
On-Your-Own Butterfly Locations near Long Key Nature Center, Davie, FL

1. Long Key Nature Center 3501 SW 130th Ave, Davie, FL 33330
2. Tree Tops Park 3900 S.W. 100th Ave, Davie, FL 33328
4. Daggerwing Nature Center 11200 Park Access road, Boca Raton, FL 33498
   10216 Lee Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33473

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1. Ernest Coe Visitors Center, Everglades National Park
   40001 State Hwy 9336, Homestead, FL 33034
2. Anhinga Trail at Royal Palm Visitors Center 99MR+25
   Homestead, Florida 33034 (9 min/4 miles)
3. Castellow Hammock Preserve & Nature Center 22301 SW
   162nd Ave, Miami, FL 33170
4. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden 10901 Old Cutler Rd,
   Coral Gables, FL 33156
5. Mattheson Hammock Park & Nature Trail 9610 Old Cutler
   Road, Coral Gables, FL 33156
6. Bahia Honda State Park 36850 Overseas Hwy, Big Pine
   Key, FL 33043

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Anhinga Trail 9 min/ 4 mi 1 hr 12 min/65 mi
Castellow Hammock 32 min/19 mi 51 min/45 mi
Fairchild Botanical Gardens 50 min/ 33 43 min/35 mi
Mattheson Hammock 55 min/34 mi 46 min /36 mi
Bahia Honda State Park 2 hr 8 min/92 mi 2 hr 43 Min/ 192 mi
Broward & Palm Beach County - Self Guided Walks

Tree Tops Park
3900 S.W. 100th Ave., Davie, FL 33328 (954) 370-3750

A boardwalk through 23 acres of restored freshwater marsh and nature trails. Near the “ridge” area, Malachites may be seen. They like the rotting fruit of the nearby citrus groves.
https://www.broward.org/Parks/Pages/Park.aspx?=40

Ann Kolb Nature Center
751 Sheridan St., Hollywood, FL 33019, (954) 357-5161

The Ann Kolb Nature Center is surrounded by a 1,501-acre coastal mangrove wetland. An observation tower and several trails provide the visitor a variety of places to see nature and wildlife. A 0.2-mile trail along the lake leads to West Lake. The South Trail is a 2.3-mile gravel trail along the estuary, which has mangroves. With the mangroves, Mangrove Buckeyes are sometimes abundant and Mangrove Skippers may be sighted. Other butterflies seen around the nature center and on the trails are the Barred Yellow Sulphur, Fiery Skipper, Mangrove Skipper, Common Buckeye, Pearl Crescent and Tropical Buckeye.
https://www.friendsofannekolbnaturecenter.org/

Daggerwing Nature Center at South County Regional Park
11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton, FL 33498 (561) 488-9953

The Daggerwing Nature Center is located in western Boca Raton, Palm Beach County. Walk along the boardwalk under the strangler figs to see Ruddy Daggerwing butterflies fly, sometimes in large numbers. There is also an observation tower. Numerous other South Florida butterflies can be seen around the nature center, such as White Peacock, Barred Yellow, and Zebra Heliconian.
http://discover.pbcgov.org/parks/Pages/Daggerwing.aspx

Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
10216 Lee Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33473 (561) 734-8303, Entrance Fee $10 per vehicle

There are several unpaved walking trails around the marshy impoundment areas that allow visitors to enjoy the many birds and butterflies. There are sawgrass marshes and tree islands, typical of the Everglades. The ARM Loxahatchee (Seminole Indian for “River of Turtles”) NWR is a remnant of the historic northern Everglades ecosystem and serves as a vast Water Cachement Area, WCA, for the Everglades. The Refuge is 226 square miles and surrounded by a 57-mile canal and levee. The Marsh Trail is 0.8-mile along the grass levees that encircle impoundment areas. The other walking trails connect with the Marsh Trail to take visitors along the other impoundment areas. The Cypress Swamp boardwalk is 0.4 miles. Palamedes Swallowtail, the “Swamp Butterfly,” is usually flying there as well as other areas throughout the Refuge. Ruddy Daggerwing is also commonly seen even along the parking lot and nectaring in the butterfly garden in the parking lot at the front of the visitor’s center. Atala Hairstreaks sometimes flying around the planted coontie. The plants on the way to the boardwalk usually has lots of butterflies. Butterflies are abundant along the walking trails of the marsh. The Refuge is a favorite of butterfly watchers in Palm Beach County and also the site of the most butterfly species and individuals observed for NABA’s 4th of July butterfly counts (more than 40 species on a count). White Peacock, Pearl Crescent, Phaon Crescent, Viceroy, Queen, Soldier, Zebra and Julia Heliconian, and Cassius and Ceraunus Blue. Also seen are several species of sulphurs, hairstreaks, and skippers, including Tropical Checkered Skipper, Delaware Skipper, and Fiery Skipper.

https://loxahatcheefriends.com/
Broward & Palm Beach County - Driving Directions

Tree Tops Park
[11 mins / 4.7 miles]
Go South on S Flamingo Rd, turn left onto FL-818 S/Griffin Rd to SW 100th Ave/Nobb Hill Rd in Cooper City, turn left onto Nobb Hill Rd, right onto Whispering Pines Rd into Tree Tops Park.

Ann Kolb Nature Center
[32 mins / 19.3 miles]
Go North on S Flamingo Rd, keep Right toward FL-84 (signs for I-595 E/Ft Lauderdale), left lane to merge onto I-595 E, take 595 East to Exit 12A/US 1 South, US 1 South to Rt 822/Sheridan St, turn Left, Pass by Wells Fargo Bank (on right), keep left, Park is on your Right.

Daggerwing Nature Center
[43 mins / 32.6 miles]
Go North on S Flamingo Rd, left onto FL-84 W, merge onto I-595 E via ramp to I-75 (signs for N Sawgrass Expy), keep right to I-595 W, merge onto FL-869 N/Sawgrass Expy towards Coral Springs (TOLL), take Exit 18B to US-441 N, use left 2 lanes onto Glades Rd, right onto Cain Blvd, left onto Old Everglades-Pump Rd, left at Ocean Mist Dr, continue onto S County Regional Park, turn right onto Park Access Rd.

Arthur Marshall Loxahatchee
[45 mins / 42.7 miles]
Go North on S Flamingo Rd, slight right toward FL-84 E (signs for I-595 E/Ft Lauderdale), slight right onto FL-84, use left lane to merge onto I-595 E via ramp to I-95/Fla Tpke, keep right to exit 8 Turnpike N/Orlando, keep right at fork and merge onto Fla Tpke, take exit 81 onto FL-806/W Atlantic Ave, turn right onto Atlantic Ave, right onto US-441 N, left onto Lee Rd, Park will be on your right.

NOTE: Driving times may vary depending on the route taken and the time of day.
Miami, Everglades & Florida Keys - Self Guided Walks

Anhinga Trail-Everglades National Park
Trail is a paved walkway and boardwalk 0.8 miles (round trip). The trail provides excellent nature viewing, particularly of water and wading birds. It winds through Taylor Slough and sawgrass prairie. The Gumbo Limbo Trail is 0.4 mile (C-loop) that is also accessible from the Royal Palm Visitor Center. It is a hardwood hammock with larger trees and a higher elevation. Butterflies seen on the trails, depending on the time of the year, include Viceroy, Queen, Zebra Heliconian, Ruddy Daggerwing, White Peacock, Common Buckeye, Palamedes Swallowtail, Phaon Crescent, Pearl Crescent, Brazilian Skipper, and Tropical Checkered-Skipper.
https://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/anhinga-trail.htm

Castellow Hammock Preserve & Nature Center
22301 SW 162nd Ave, Miami, FL 33170  (305) 242-7688
Castellow Hammock is a 112-acre park and preserve that is owned and managed by Miami-Dade County. There is a half-mile self-guided nature trail of mature tropical hardwood forest behind the Nature Center. The trail is rocky with roots, which makes the trail a moderate hike. A hiking stick helps! There is also a planted butterfly garden at the nature center, which is easy to visit and see lots of butterflies. Castellow Hammock Preserve is known for its large number and variety of butterflies, particularly hairstreak butterflies. Some species that are seen are Mallow Scrub-Hairstreak, Fulvous Hairstreak, Gray Hairstreak, Red-banded Hairstreak, Gray Ministreak, and Martial Scrub-Hairstreak. The Amethyst Hairstreak has been seen in the past and also Lyside Sulphur. Butterflies seen on the hammock trail are Dina Yellow, Florida White, Malachite, and Dingy Purplewing. Common around the nature center and butterfly garden are the Orange-barred Sulphur, Gulf Fritillary, Tiger Swallowtail, Red Admiral, Ruddy Daggerwing and Horace’s Duskywing.
http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/castello-hammock.asp

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
10901 Old Cutler Road Coral Gables, FL 33156 (305) 667-1651 Entrance Fee $25 or Free for members
Fairchild Garden is a world class garden that offers exceptional walks along the paved paths to see natural and horticultural areas. The Wings of the Tropics butterfly exhibit (a USDA approved facility which requires them to follow specific containment procedures) provides an up-close experience with hundreds of exotic butterflies from Central and South America among tropical plants. But native butterflies are everywhere in the garden, including the Lisa D. Arness Butterfly Garden. The butterfly garden is planted with many native plants that are labeled for educational purposes. 40 species of butterflies have been observed in the garden. Homeowners as well as school children can see host plants and nectar plants. The Atala Hairstreaks use the native coontie. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden supports the North American Butterfly Association (NABA) and is a partner with the Miami Blue Butterfly Chapter to manage all of the Fairchild Garden as a butterfly reserve to protect our native wild butterflies!
https://www.fairchildgarden.org/
Matheson Hammock Park & Nature Trail
9610 Old Cutler Road, Miami/Coral Gables, FL  33156 (305) 665-5475

Park Entrance Fee $5 per car weekdays, $7 per car weekends. Nature Trail Free

Matheson Hammock Park is a Miami-Dad County urban park in metropolitan Miami just south of Coral Gables, Florida. The park is 630 acres that surrounds the north and western ends of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. The man-made tidal pool connects with Biscayne Bay and supports many birds and other wildlife. Boaters use the marina and the beaches are used by picnickers and kiteboarders. The Matheson Hammock Nature Trail is off the parking before the park entrance. Follow the paved path to the picnic area. The trail is 1.4 miles round trip and provides an experience of the native tropical hammock that historically ran along the Atlantic Coastal Ridge of Biscayne Bay. The remnant hammock has a rough trail on the limestone Karst, which makes for a tricky hike. You can cross Old Cutler Road to get on the West Hammock Trail. Some butterflies you may see are numerous species of sulphurs, Ruddy Daggerwings, and Hammock Skippers.

http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/matheson-hammock.asp

Bahia Honda State Park
36850 Overseas Highway, Big Pine Key, FL 33043, Bahia Honda Key, MM 37, (305) 872-2353

Entrance Fee $8 per vehicle.

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http://bahiahondapark.com/
Miami and Everglades - Maps and Directions

Mattheson entrance is a few 100 feet North of the Fairchild entrance
Florida Keys - Self Guided Walks
Bahia Honda State Park
Miami, Everglades, Florida Keys - Driving Directions

Anhinga Trail-Everglades National Park
[1h 36 mins / 65.3 miles]
Go South on S Flamingo Rd, right onto FL-818/Griffin Rd, left onto I-75 S to Miami, keep left to stay on I-75 S (5.6 miles), take Exit 5 for Homestead, merge onto Fla Tpke, stay on Fla Tpke to Exit 1 (US 1 South, Florida City) toward Key West, at light turn right SW 344th Street (FL-9336, E Palm Dr), E Palm Dr becomes W Palm Dr, turn left at SW 192nd Ave (Robert is Here stand is on the left corner) and continue on FL-9336 turning right at SW 376th St, after the park Entrance Station follow signs to the Anhinga Trail which will be the first left after the Entrance Station.

Castellow Hammock Preserve & Nature Center
[1h 7 mins / 45.1 miles]
Go South on S Flamingo Rd, right onto FL-818/Griffin Rd, left onto I-75 S to Miami, keep left to stay on I-75 S (5.6 miles), take Exit 5 for Homestead, merge onto Fla Tpke, stay on Fla Tpke to Exit 13 (SW 184th St/Eureka Dr), merge right onto SW 184th St/Eureka Dr, left onto SW 147th Ave/Naranja Rd, right onto FL-994 W/Quail Roost Dr/SW 186th St, left onto SW 162nd Ave, Castellow entrance will be on your left.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
[59 mins / 40.4 miles]
Go South on S Flamingo Rd, right onto FL-818/Griffin Rd, left onto I-75 S to Miami, keep left to stay on I-75 S, take Exit 1-B to merge onto FL-826 S, keep right at fork to FL-826 S/Palmetto Expy, then keep left staying on FL-826 S, merge onto US 1 S immediately getting to left 2 lanes, turn left onto SW 104th St, at traffic circle, continue straight staying on SW 104th St, turn right onto SW 57th Ave S/Red Rd, turn left onto Old Cutler Rd, Fairchild entrance will be on your right.

Matheson Hammock Park & Nature Trail
[59 mins / 40.4 miles]
Go South on S Flamingo Rd, right onto FL-818/Griffin Rd, left onto I-75 S to Miami, keep left to stay on I-75 S, take Exit 1-B to merge onto FL-826 S, keep right at fork to FL-826 S/Palmetto Expy, then keep left staying on FL-826 S, merge onto US 1 S immediately getting to left 2 lanes, turn left onto SW 104th St, at traffic circle, continue straight staying on SW 104th St, turn right onto SW 57th Ave S/Red Rd, turn left onto Old Cutler Rd, Matheson Park entrance will be on your right, just past Fairchild.

Bahia Honda State Park
[2 hrs 34 mins / 143 miles]
Go South on S Flamingo Rd, right onto FL-818/Griffin Rd, left onto I-75 S to Miami, keep left to stay on I-75 S (5.6 miles), take Exit 5 for Homestead, merge onto Fla Tpke, stay on Fla Tpke to Exit 1 (US 1 South, Florida City) toward Key West, continue on US 1 S toward Key West, travel to Bahia Honda Key mile marker 38, entrance to Bahia Honda State Park will be on your left just past mile marker 37.

NOTE: Driving times may vary depending on the route taken and the time of day.