

Sandfly Island Canoe Trip, Everglades National Park

Date: **Friday, 1/13/12**

Focus: **Specialty / Canoeing / Nature** – This field trip will focus on the activity and experience of paddling across the bay and among the mangrove islands, incorporating education on the natural and cultural history of the area visited.

Field Trip Description: Paddle across Chokoloskee Bay and explore the Ten Thousand Islands area of Everglades National Park. We will visit a Calusa Indian shell mound (Sandfly Island) where we will learn about the natural and cultural history of this coastal hammock. We will also paddle around mangrove islands and look for wildlife. There are possibilities of seeing a variety of wading birds, dolphins, and marine life.

Canoes, paddles, and life vests provided. Basic canoeing experience is required. You must also be able to swim.

Maximum Group Size: 10

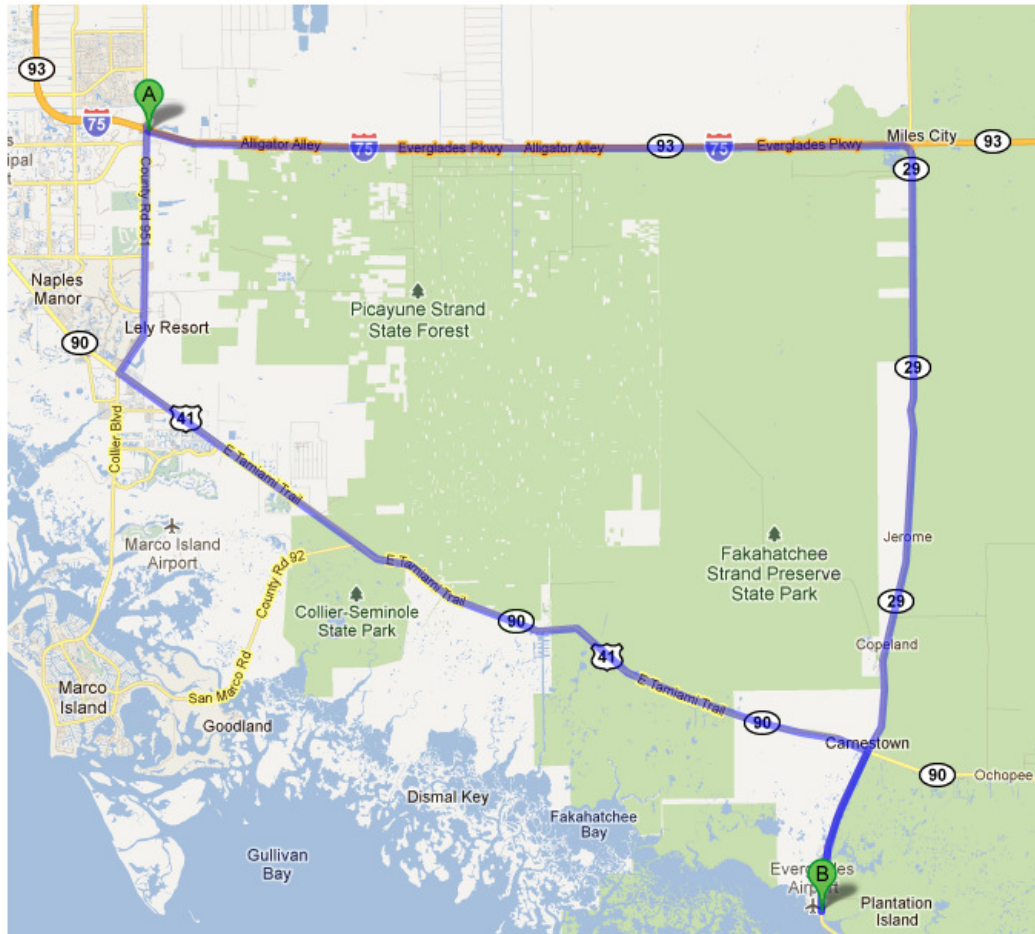
Begin: 10:00 AM

End: 2:00 PM

Where to Meet: Gulf Coast Visitor Center, Everglades National Park, 815 Oyster Bar Ln Everglades City, FL 34139.

Directions to Meeting Place: Travel south/east on US 41 (Tamiami Trail) or Interstate 75 to SR 29. Travel south on SR 29 to the town of Everglades City. Continue following SR 29 south through the small town to the park visitor center. Signs are posted.

Map



Trip Leader: Everglades National Park Ranger

Field Trip Cost: \$10

Additional Information: There are bathroom facilities at the visitor center and an outhouse on Sandfly Island.

Bring: Water, food, insect repellent, sunscreen, and shoes that you don't mind getting wet and will stay on your feet (no flip flops). Do not bring expensive cameras or binoculars as they may get wet. You may bring a small cooler to put in your canoe. Alcohol is prohibited.

Wear: Clothing appropriate for the weather.

Web: <http://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/gcdirections.htm>

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