

Passport to Paradise in SW Florida: The Gulf Islands & Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel

Visit the Restoration of the Everglades – South Florida Water Management District
(The world's most famous wetland)

Discover Wading Birds – Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge
(Part of the largest undeveloped mangrove ecosystem in the U.S. and home to over 170 species of birds)

Explore ancient Bald Cypress Forests – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary
(Largest bald cypress forest in North America & largest nesting colony of Wood Storks in south Florida.

Kayak through Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve – The Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail
(First Aquatic Preserve in Florida)

Understanding watershed restoration – Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed
(Public-private partnership – Largest undisturbed watershed in SW Florida)

Experience a swamp walk to see native orchids and bromeliads – Fakahatchee Strand Preserve
(More native orchids than any other place on the continent)

Advocacy in Action – Conservancy of Southwest Florida
(Inspiring stewardship of natural resources from pre-schoolers to adults)

Hands-on marine study immersion – Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
(World renown outdoor classroom in one of the few relatively undisturbed mangrove estuaries in North America)

Learn about the Florida Panther, Miccosukee & Seminole Indian Tribes of Florida – Big Cypress National Preserve (one of the first national preserves within the National Park Service)

A Walk Through Time – Mound House and Mound Key
(The 2,000 year old shell mound “capitol” of the Calusa Indians)

Archaeology Understandings - Randell Research Center
(50 acre internationally significant site on the Calusa and their cultural environment)

Step back into “Tropical Old Florida” – Edison and Ford Winter Estates
(National Register Historic Site, Florida Historic Landmark and National Trust)

Gifts from the Gulf – Shelling at Lovers Key State Park and on Sanibel Island
(Best in the nation for shelling – more varieties than anywhere else in North America)

Florida **Green Lodging Program** is unique in that it covers an all-inclusive list of environmental initiatives that are specific to protecting and preserving Florida's environment

10,000 Islands Dolphin Study is the only on-going study of wild dolphin in SW Florida and the only study that involves the public on a daily basis in the U.S.