

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A campsite may be occupied by one family or group, maximum of eight people.
- Minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Only one RV and one car are allowed at each campsite.
- Tent campers may have up to two tents.
- No washing of vehicles and/or boats.
- Pets are allowed in designated areas. Pets are not permitted in buildings, on boardwalks or in the playground. Pets must be on a 6-foot, hand-held leash and well behaved. Pets must not be left unattended for more than 30 minutes. Please pick up pet waste and dispose in trash receptables.
- Bicyclists are to observe all traffic laws. Florida law requires all cyclists under the age of 16 to wear a helmet.
- All plants and animals are protected. Feeding animals is prohibited.
- Firewood collection is prohibited.
- Fires must be confined to provided grills.
- Never remove, deface or cut trees, dead or alive.
- Registered campers **ONLY** in campground.
- Use your holding tanks. A dump station is provided.
- Place all trash in dumpsters. Properly dispose of or secure trash, food and coolers. The dumpsters are locked at night to prevent unwanted wildlife activity.
- Do not give out the gate code.
- Use of drones is prohibited.
- Extra vehicles are to be parked at the Boat Basin/Marina only.

BAY CITY WALKING DREDGE: The only existing Bay City Walking Dredge rests at Collier-Seminole State Park. This machine was used during the 1920s to help construct the Tamiami Trail (the first road through Florida's Everglades).

WINTER EVENTS

- Interpretive Center • Open Daily 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Guided Canoe Trips
- Interpretive Programs in Season
- Sungazing and Stargazing programs

In the early 1900s, Barron Giff Collier purchased over a million acres of land in southwest Florida to preserve the "tropical paradise" and the royal palms. Once the state agreed to name a county after him, Collier paid for the completion of the final stretch of road linking Tampa to Miami – hence the name, Tamiami Trail. The Bay City Walking Dredge was a machine he purchased nearly 100 years ago to help finish this major undertaking. In the 1700s, Seminole Indians emigrated from the Creek Confederacy to Florida. Three Seminole Wars took place to remove the Seminoles from Florida and send them to reservations. During the Third Seminole War, the Seminoles resisted and retreated to the swamps of southwest Florida where many of them still live today. In 1947, a small portion of Collier's land was donated by the county to the state, and it became known as Collier-Seminole State Park. The park's name commemorates Collier and the history of the Seminole Indians.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES



ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES: Most facilities and activities are accessible. Please request accommodations at the ranger station.



FISHING: Water is brackish. A fishing license may be required (either freshwater or saltwater, depending upon the species). Mangrove snapper, redfish and snook are caught seasonally.



BICYCLING: A 3.5-mile off-road bicycle trail winds through pine flatwoods and cypress swamps. A primitive campsite is available for overnight excursions. Register at the ranger station.



GROUP CAMPING: A group camp is available for non-profit groups, 20 people maximum. Ask at the ranger station.



BOATING: A boat basin with a ramp is provided. The Blackwater River, which flows through the park, allows access to the Ten Thousand Islands and the Gulf of Mexico. Please file a float plan with the ranger station before departing. Idle speed on the river with the park.



HIKING: A 6.5-mile hiking trail winds through pine flatwoods and cypress swamps. A primitive campsite is available for overnight excursions. Register at the ranger station.



CAMPING: Two campgrounds are available, one with 19 sites in a wooded area is popular with tent campers. The other features 86 sites in a more open area, which is suitable for RVs.



PADDLING: Paddlers enjoy the 13.5-mile canoe trail through the Mangrove Wilderness Area, with a primitive campsite along the route. Register to camp at the ranger station. Canoe, and kayak rentals when available. Call the ranger station for more information.

Join the Friends of Collier-Seminole State Park, Inc. Organized to assist Park Staff with resource management, interpretation and fundraising; your interest, ideas and skills will be welcome.

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