

HISTORY & NATURE

In the early 1920s, advertising tycoon and pioneer developer Barron Giff Collier purchased nearly a million acres in southwest Florida. In 1923, Collier County was created.

During his many visits to southwest Florida, Collier discovered a rare stand of royal palms. To preserve the land, he donated it to Collier County. In 1947, the county donated the land that became Collier-Seminole State Park.

The park is the site of the last existing Bay City Walking Dredge, a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark that is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1924, it was used to build the Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) through the Everglades and Big Cypress Swamp. It linked Tampa with Miami and opened southwest Florida to travelers.

The 7,271 acres of Collier-Seminole State Park feature a blend of temperate and tropical native plants and wildlife typical of Florida's Everglades. Although rare elsewhere, one of three original stands of royal palms coexists with large areas of mangrove swamp. The park provides habitat for Florida black bear, bobcat, Florida panther, and a variety of native and migrating birds.



COLLIER-SEMINOLE STATE PARK

20200 Tamiami Trail E.
Naples, FL 34114
239-393-7306



PARK GUIDELINES

- Hours are 8 a.m. until sunset, 365 days a year.
- An entrance fee is required.
- All plants, animals and park property are protected. Collection, destruction or disturbance is prohibited.
- Pets are allowed on the paved surfaces, nature trails and in campsites. Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet and be well-behaved at all times.
- Fireworks and hunting are prohibited in all Florida State Parks.
- Alcoholic beverage consumption is allowed in designated areas only.
- For information on how you can get involved and to fill out an application to become a park volunteer, please visit FloridaStateParks.org.
- For camping information, call 800-326-3521 or visit reserve.FloridaStateParks.org
- Florida State Parks are committed to providing every visitor with equal access to all facilities and programs. Should you need assistance to enable your participation, please contact the ranger station at 239-393-7306.

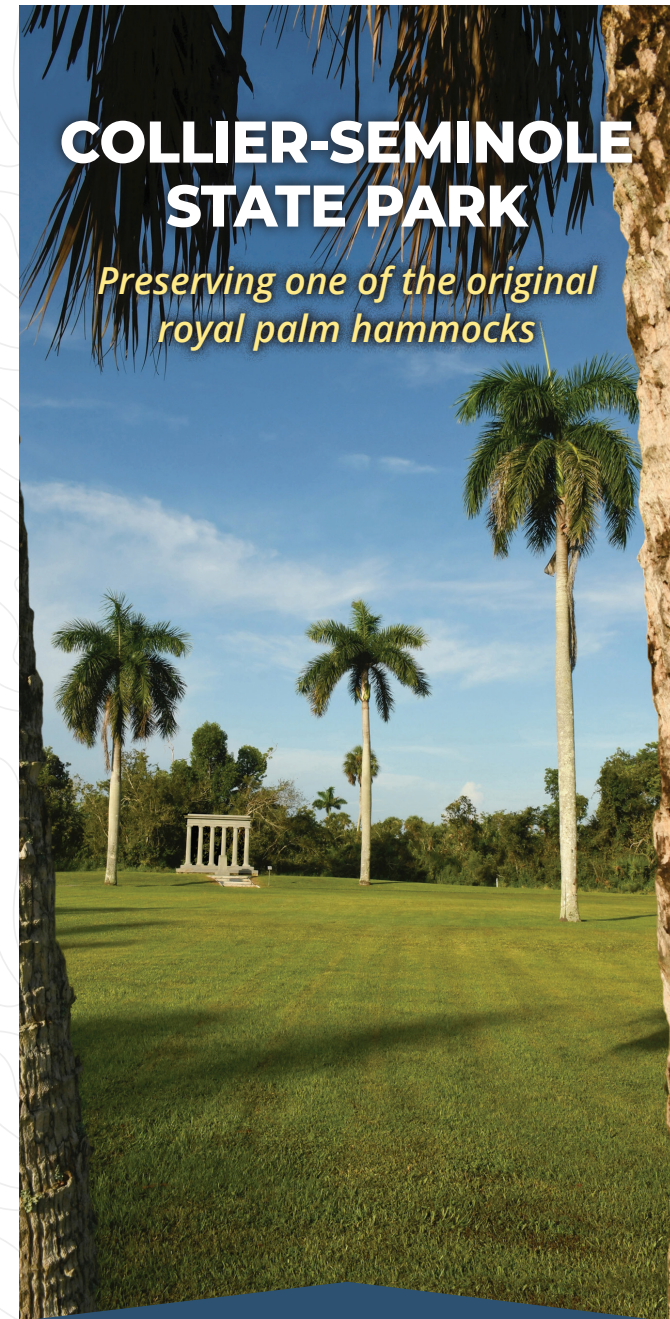
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*Preserving one of the original
royal palm hammocks*



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EXPERIENCES AND AMENITIES

The park campground features two loops, one for tents and the other for tent campers and RVs. Each site features electricity, water, a grill and picnic table. Restrooms have hot showers. There are laundry facilities, a dump station for RVs and a primitive area available for organized groups.

Four trails are available for visitors. The Royal Palm Hammock Nature Trail is a partially boardwalked 0.9-mile walk bordering salt marsh and mangrove habitat. The Prairie Hammock Trail is suitable for hikers and off-road bicycles. The Flatwoods Trail and Strand Swamp Trail offer strenuous hikes and may not be suitable during the wet months.

The Blackwater River meanders 13.5 miles through the park, providing an ideal way for canoeists and kayakers to paddle and explore mangrove habitat to Blackwater Bay and the Ten Thousand Islands. The park has canoe, kayak and bike rentals. A boat ramp and canoe launch also provide access to the river, offering park visitors excellent fishing opportunities.

A picnic area overlooks the park's boat basin and features covered pavilions and a playground.

The Blockhouse Interpretive Center is a stylized recreation of a Seminole War fort. The first-floor exhibits are open to the public.

