



Chokoloskee Island Resort

A COVE RESORT

The New Docks



The Crew



OUR VALUES

WE LOVE WHAT WE DO, AND IT SHOWS.

EXCELLANCE WE RAISE THE BAR

PASSION WE MAKE EVERY MOMENT COUNT

TRUSTWORTHINES

WE CONSISTENTLY DO THE RIGHT THING

STEWARDSHIP WE VALUE THE WORLD AND CARE FOR IT

KINDNESS WE FOLLOW THE GOLDEN RULE



Menippe mercenaria

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Are you curious to learn more about the fascinating Florida Stone Crab? Well, you're in for a treat! In this article, we'll take a deep dive into ten fun facts about this incredible crustacean. Did you know that 98% of stone crabs come from Florida?

That's right, and we're fortunate to partner with amazing crabbers in Florida who supply us with delicious, fresh stone crab claws every day.

But that's not all – we'll also explore their sustainable source, reproductive power, catching methods, and even some interesting tidbits about their eating habits. pounds of fresh Florida stone crab claws we serve to guests So, sit back, relax, and get ready to satisfy your curiosity about these magnificent creatures.

Fun Fact 1: Menippe mercenaria is the scientific name for Florida stone crab

Fun Fact 2: Two species of stone crabs exist in the Southeastern United States

Fun Fact 3: 98% of stone crabs come from Florida

Fun Fact 4: Stone crabs are a sustainable source(they regrow their claws)

Fun Fact 5: Only the claws are harvested, and they must be at least 2³/₄" Fun Fact 6: Female stone crabs can lay up to one million eggs

Fun Fact 7: Catching stone crabs

Fun Fact 8: Females live longer than males

Fun Fact 9: Stone crabs only have a few predators:horse conch, grouper, sea turtles, cobia, and octopuse.

Fun Fact 10: Eating habits of Florida stone crabs: Oysters, mollusks,poly chaeth worms, other custaceans

SEA TURTLES



Everglades National Park

August 30 at 3:10PM · 🌐

Did you know that sea turtles nest in the Everglades from May through August?

Park monitoring teams travel by boat to Cape Sable several times a week to look for sea turtle crawls along the 12 miles of beach.

A crawl is identified by a specific set of tracks that the female turtle makes in the sand as she looks for a suitable nesting location. Once a crawl is located, the team looks for the incoming crawl and the outgoing crawl, any predator tracks, and any clues to determine if the mother actually nested. Sea turtles lay an average of 105 eggs in each nest and one female can lay 2-5 nests per nesting season!

If she has successfully nested and laid her eggs, baby sea turtles should begin to hatch in about 55 days. Park staff will begin daily monitoring of the nest site for signs of a hatch out after 45 days of incubation and continue to monitor until day 70.

Once a nest shows signs of hatching, park staff waits three days before they excavate the nest and count the hatched (and unhatched) eggs, as well as to collect other measurements and data.

The main nesters on Cape Sable are loggerhead sea turtles. Occasionally, green sea turtles may nest or do a non-nesting emergence, also known as a false crawl. Sea turtles imprint on the beach they hatch out on, so hopefully we will see these hatchlings again in 30 years when they start nesting!

All work is done under FWC Marine Turtle Permit number MTP-24-213.

NPS Photo by Kayla Criddle

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**50th Anniversary
Big Cypress 50th Anniversary**

50th Anniversary logo courtesy of the Florida National Parks

Big Cypress National Preserve turns 50 in 2024!

Our story begins and ends with Mr. Nathaniel P. Reed, an environmentalist who led conservation fights throughout Florida and was a major proponent of the creation of the preserve. A number of special-interest groups and Reed fought (and succeeded) to stop the creation of 'The World's Largest Jetport', and to get Big Cypress designated as protected land. Reed went to Washington D.C. to watch Big Cypress National Preserve officially be signed into law and noticed that the Enabling Legislation of Big Cypress was on the bottom of the pile. Not content to be the second national preserve, he moved Big Cypress to the top of the stack and watched as Big Cypress became the first ever National Preserve in the National Park Service! Fifty years later, the preserve remains an outstanding place to experience the natural, scenic, and recreational wonders of South Florida!

Big Cypress National Preserve, protects tall strands of Bald Cypress, low-lying estuaries lined with Mangrove Trees, and everything in between! With only inches to differentiate between habitats, Big Cypress is known to be one of the most ecologically diverse areas of the country and protects almost 730,000 acres of land in Southwest Florida. With so much to do and see there is an adventure for people of all abilities!

As a Preserve, Big Cypress protects not only the land, but also the traditional uses of the land. That includes Off-Road Vehicle usage, hunting and fishing, traditional use and occupancy by the Miccosukee and Seminole Tribes, private land ownership, prescribed fires and more! It is our responsibility to strike a balance between the natural and human agendas in order to protect this land, and its traditional uses for generations to come.

Throughout 2024, we invite you to celebrate with us and see firsthand what makes Big Cypress such an amazing place! Take a stroll on one of the four (4) boardwalks within the Preserve, take an Off-Road Vehicle into the backcountry, or get your feet wet on a swamp walk! No matter what you do, we know that you'll find something that interests you!

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Things to See



Smallwood Store opened in 1906 when Chokoloskee was the Wild West and Ted Smallwood was a pioneer. This wooden building on an island was an Indian trading post, post office and general store to a small community of hardy and sometimes ornery individualists.

Smallwood's store was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. It remained open and active until 1982.

Store Hours:

Dec thru Apr 10am to 5pm

May thru Nov 11am to 5pm

The infamous Mr. Watson, feared and revered throughout the 10,000 Islands met his end in a hail of bullets on the beach outside Smallwood's Store.



Salt water fish of South Florida



Snook



Black Drum



Sea Trout



Pompano



September


















National Honey Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 Emma Nutt Day	 2 Labor Day	 3 Grilled Cheese Day	 4 Newspaper Carrier Day	 5 Be Late for Something Day	 6 Lazy Moms Day	 7 National Salami Day!
 8 Hug a Hound Day	 9 Wonderful Weirdos Day	 10 Swap Ideas Day	 11 Hot Cross Buns Day	 12 Chocolate Milkshake Day	 13 Peanut Day	 14 Eat a Hoagie Day
 15 Make a Hat Day	 16 Play Dough Day	 17 Apple Dumpling Day	 18 Cheeseburger Day	 19 Talk Like a Pirate Day	 20 Punch Day	 21 Miniature Golf Day
 22 Wife Appreciation Day	 23 Checkers Day	 24 Cherries Jubilee Day	 25 Comic Book Day	 26 Pancakes Day	 27 World Tourism Day	 28 Fish Tank Floorshow
 29 Coffee Day	 30 Mud Pack Day					

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September

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1	 2	 3	 4	 5	 6	 7
 8	 9	 10	 11	 12	 13	 14
 15	 16	 17	 18	 19	 20	 21
 22	 23	 24	 25	 26	 27	 28
 29	 30	 1	 2	 3	 4	 5



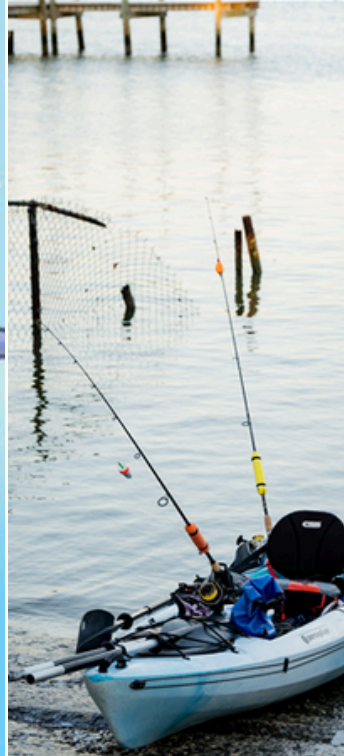
Happy Labor Day Everyone!!
Well as the summer is flying by & fall is just around the corner, many of our anglers are having great catches of Redfish the last couple of weeks. Some 10-20 fish days, using both live bait & artificials most of the reds have been on the outer islands from pavilion key south, along with the reds have been the snooks, they are in the same area's and some over slot fish in the mix. Remember the season is still closed until Oct1st. Sea trout fishing has been getting better as well. catching them on artificials & live shrimp under a float. The trout have been decent size 17 to 20 ", and with the holiday coming up it will be very busy on the water this weekend, so watch out for the other guy and enjoy your holiday weekend !!

Tight lines and oily hair



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I always arrive late for work, but I make up for it by leaving early !
Former employee



CHARTER CAPTAIN LIST

Brian Sanders 954-609-6260

Brock Wagner 239-231-9997

Kurt Kintz 561-723-6027

Kyle McMillan 239-285-2743

Captain Craig: 239-920-1342

Jeff Zellers : 571-213-2542

You'll meet these captains at our park and leave from our marina!

EYE ON IT

Important Numbers
Office: 239-695-2414
hours 7am-4pm - M-S,

Welcome Center:
239-695-2414

Everglades City
Sheriff:
239-252-9300

Everglades City Fire
Department:
239-695-29

Florida Fish, Wildlife,
and Water
Safety: 561-625-5122

Lee County Electric:
800-599-2356

Naples Community
Hospital:
239-436-5000

Physicians Regional
Medical
Center -Collier
Boulevard: 239-354-
6000

Copeland Avenue

Everglades City

Home Spotlight Viki & Ernie



Labor Day Weekend Photos



Blast from the past

THE EVERGLADES

is a world apart. In fact, there is no place quite like it in the entire world. It is one of the few true wilderness areas left for man to enjoy.

And you are fortunate in another respect. The Everglades, even though primitive, is more readily accessible than most wilderness areas. So, you can easily and safely thrill to the sight of birds and animals of incredible beauty, many of them almost extinct, and enjoy the most fantastic salt water sport fishing on earth... all in a setting of breathtaking scenery.

CHOKOLOSKEE ISLAND PARK

is just what the name implies... a beautiful tree-filled park, specifically designed to accommodate travel trailers and campers.

CHOKOLOSKEE ISLAND PARK OFFERS IMPORTANT CONVENIENCES AND SERVICES

You'll find the following available at no extra charge for people visiting the park:

- USE OF PAVED LAUNCHING RAMP
- PLENTY OF PARKING SPACE
- CLEAN, COMFORTABLE BATH HOUSE
- PICNIC TABLES
- SEWER, WATER AND ELECTRICAL HOOKUPS
- FISHING AND PARK INFORMATION
- SHELTERED BOAT DOCKAGE

and at very modest prices:

- BOAT AND MOTOR RENTAL
- GAS AND OIL
- DISTILLED WATER
- ICE
- SOFT DRINKS
- L.P. GAS DELIVERY
- PHONES
- GUIDE BOOKS

Our office store stocks a good variety of fishing tackle and small boat supplies.

Experienced, knowledgeable guides are available.

Chokoloskee Island Park is easily reached by following State Route 29 South from U. S. 41 to Everglades City. Turn left at the traffic circle, following the Chokoloskee Island sign. Cross the causeway to the island.

Then follow the signs to Chokoloskee Island Park.



Chokoloskee Island Park

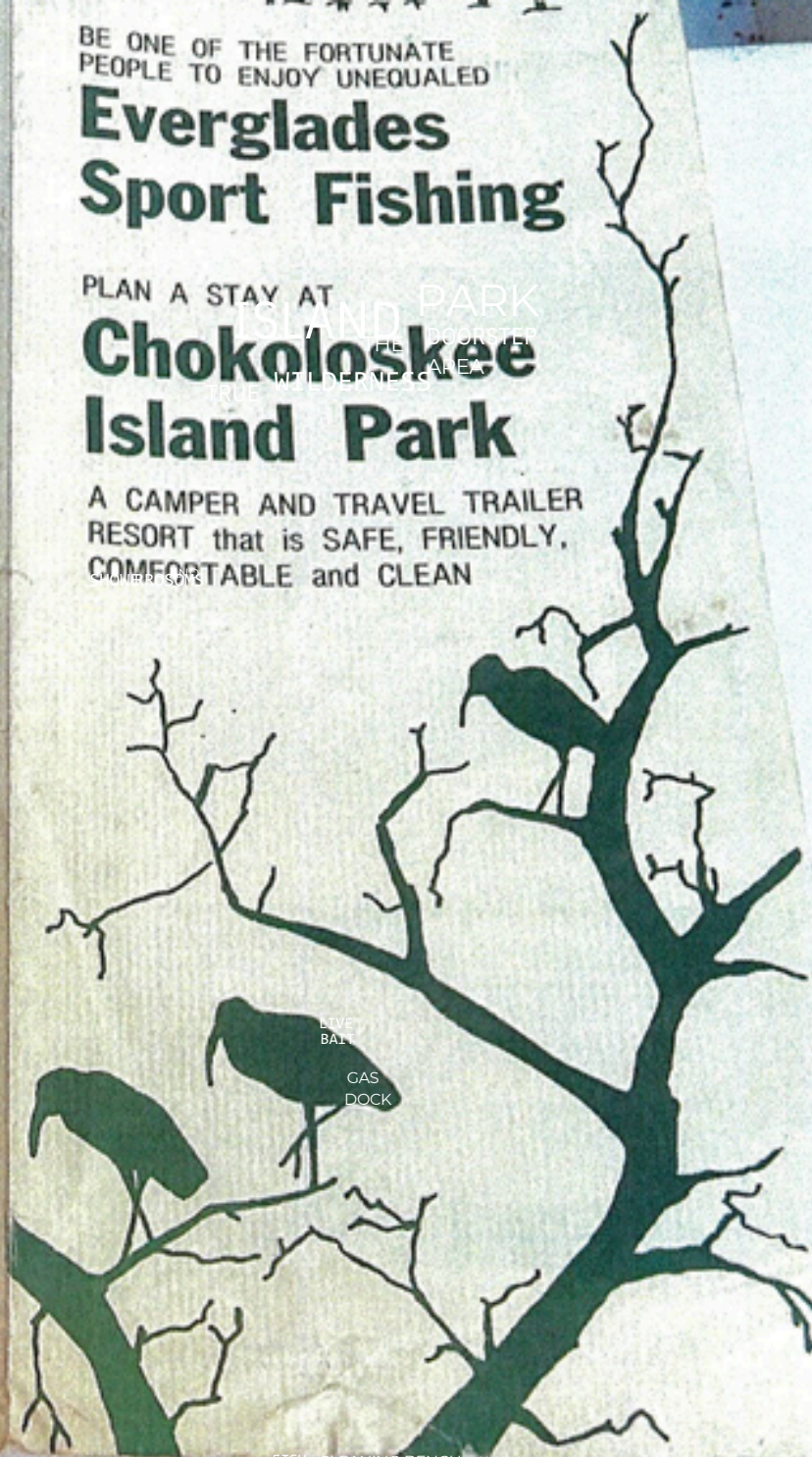
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TELEPHONE: Area code 813 695-2414

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BE ONE OF THE FORTUNATE PEOPLE TO ENJOY UNEQUALED Everglades Sport Fishing

PLAN A STAY AT Chokoloskee Island Park

A CAMPER AND TRAVEL TRAILER RESORT that is SAFE, FRIENDLY, COMFORTABLE and CLEAN



FISH CLEANING BENCH WITH RUNNING WATER



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WELCOME TO CHOKOLOSKEE ISLAND PARK

WHERE YOU WILL FIND COMFORT, CONVENIENCE AND FRIENDLINESS AT THE DOORSTEP OF THE EVERGLADES — AMERICA'S MOST DRAMATIC TRUE WILDERNESS AREA

