

# Big Cypress National Preserve

The freshwaters of the Big Cypress Swamp, essential to the health of the neighboring Everglades, support the rich marine estuaries along Florida's southwest coast. Protecting over 729,000 acres of this vast swamp, Big Cypress National Preserve contains a mixture of tropical and temperate plant communities that are home to a diversity of wildlife, including the elusive Florida panther. Our visit will include a Ranger Talk on the habitat, wildlife, issues and projects of the Preserve followed by a guided walk on the Kirby Storter Boardwalk. During the walk we will explore a cypress forest's sights and sounds while venturing into the heart of a cypress strand. *(The walk is a 1-mile round trip leisurely stroll.)*

