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# Big Cypress

National Preserve  
Florida

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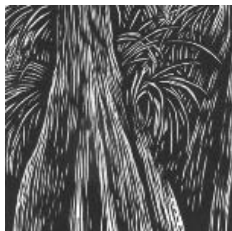
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## Freshwater to the Sea

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.

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The Artist-In-Residence program highlights the connection between artists and the inspiring landscapes of Big Cypress National Preserve.

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Hunting and Off Road Vehicle use are recreational activities visitors engage in at Big Cypress. Learn more about how to engage in these activities.

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## Did You Know?




*The aninga is a commonly seen bird in many areas of Big Cypress National Preserve, and other park areas in Florida. However, within the United States of America, the bird is never really seen beyond Florida. Anhingas cousins are more commonly seen in South America and Africa.*


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