

# Park or Preserve?

Big Cypress National Preserve does not appear significantly different than its neighbor, Everglades National Park. The fact that it is a Preserve allows for a broader spectrum of uses than does a national park. Oil and gas exploration and production, hunting, off road vehicle access, retention of private property, and the traditional and customary use and occupancy by the Miccosukee and Seminole people are acceptable activities managed within the Preserve.

View from a swamp buggy along an off road vehicle trail.



Oil and gas exploration and production.



Photo courtesy of Larry W. Richardson

Hunting in the Preserve.



Photo courtesy of Elam Stoltzfus, Live Oak Productions

Traditional use by the Miccosukee and Seminole People.