



Park Employee for a Day

Geocache #1

N 25° 22.921'
W 080° 36.561'



Who We Are

In 2016, the National Park Service will be celebrating its centennial. Over the past century, the agency has grown to encompass nearly 400 unique sites that celebrate and honor the cultural and natural legacy of the nation. All of these areas—like Everglades National Park—are managed for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Approximately 22,000 employees--across a wide variety of disciplines-- work together to oversee 84 million acres of national park lands across the country. We invite you to step into their shoes for the day as you explore the geocaches ahead!

The Trail Ahead

A total of five caches (including this one) await discovery as you explore the Main Park Road. Each is hidden in a different area of the park, and will orient you to a specific park issue that requires attention. Each cache will invite you to step into the role of different park employees to help resolve the issues you encounter.

At each cache, be sure to sign the log and feel free to trade some SWAG. Most importantly, be sure to read the information in the cache, and take a moment to think about how to answer the question at hand. We want to know what you think! *So when logging your finds online, be sure to include a comment about how you would handle the issues in each respective log.*



TIP: Geocaching apps are not recommended, as cell phone reception is not available in all areas of the park. Instead, a handheld GPS receiver should be used for best results.

A Few Reminders

While out hunting, its important to remember a few important safety guidelines:

- Please utilize parking areas where available, or pull your vehicle completely off the road onto the shoulder.
- Observe all speed limits in the park, and keep a wary eye for wildlife.
- Be aware that poisonwood and poison ivy are both present in the park, so avoid skin contact with unfamiliar plants.
- The Everglades terrain can be surprisingly rocky, so please take care when walking off-trail.

These caches have been purposely placed by Everglades National Park for the enjoyment of park visitors. *As a reminder, the placement of geocaches by unauthorized individuals is generally prohibited within areas managed by the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*



All cache information is available online through the Geocaching.com website. Personal accounts on Geocaching.com are free and required to log your finds.

Alternatively, all cache coordinates are found on the back of this brochure and online at:

www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/geocaching.htm

In Harm's Way



The hunt for this cache will take you to one of the most popular areas in the park. If you came to the Everglades to see wildlife, you'll want to spend some time exploring the trails nearby. Alligators, turtles, birds, fish, and more await!

Designated parking is available and the cache is only a short walk away! But be warned: this cache will require EXTREME stealth, particularly during the busy winter season!

Cache Coordinates:

N 25° 22.921'
W 080° 36.561'



A Pepper Problem

Finding this cache will require a slow drive down a historic road not frequently traveled by most visitors. Along the way, you might catch a glimpse of wild turkeys, blue birds, snakes, or the occasional Florida panther! Your search will also lead you to consider a decades-long problem plaguing the park.

This is an easy park-and-grab, but please remember to pull your vehicle off the road as much as possible.

Cache Coordinates:

N 25° 22.933'
W 080° 37.331'



A Heated Dilemma

This park and grab will take you to a deceptive landscape filled with small surprises. The placidity of this landscape belies the chaos that can come from just one lightning strike.

You'll need to keep your GPS handy—this cache is not affiliated with any marked visitor area. You'll be parking along the Main Park Road and walking a short way off-trail. Please remember to pull your vehicle completely off the road onto the wide shoulder. And be sure to watch your footing!

Cache Coordinates:

N 25° 23.458'
W 080° 48.147'



The Rising Tide



Finding this cache will require a stroll along a scenic shoreline trail. Enjoy the breeze, catch a view of birds feeding on the flats and—most importantly—note how close you are to the water's edge! Your search will not only bring you to the southernmost geocache on the US mainland, but will ultimately have you to considering the costs of beach-front access.

Parking is available at both ends of the trail. Be sure to store all valuables and lock your vehicle before departing. Finding this cache will require a short walk off-trail, so be sure to watch your footing.

Cache Coordinates:

N 25° 08.274'
W 080° 55.935'

