



Bright Ideas in Alternative Energy



Climate change is caused primarily by the increase of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere produced by human activities. Everglades National Park is already feeling the effects of climate change and more will likely occur in the future.

The National Park Service is using various mitigation strategies to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases it produces and thereby lessen its carbon footprint. To meet that goal, Everglades is actively “greening” park operations through the use of alternative energy.

At this visitor center, solar power is used to light the parking lot when dark. Being in the Sunshine State makes it easy to harness sustainable solar energy and decrease the contribution of greenhouse gases from the use of fossil fuels.

How to Help

After your visit to south Florida, you can help protect the Everglades by decreasing your carbon footprint at home and in your community.

Turning off lights when not in use and replacing incandescent lights with compact fluorescent or LED bulbs can not only save money, but could help save national parks like Everglades!



Installing solar lighting is just one way we are “going green.”
Look for our other carbon-friendly efforts during your visit to the park.