



## 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.

In 2012, Shark Valley Tram Tours replaced its fleet of gasoline powered vehicles with biodiesel trams. Using biodiesel fuel significantly reduces the emission of greenhouse gases and harmful pollutants, bringing the park closer to achieving its goal to make operations more sustainable.



### 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.

Carpooling when possible and taking public transportation when convenient are ways to decrease fossil fuel gasoline use, and could help save national parks like Everglades!



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