Boaters, snorkelers, divers, and most water enthusiasts, are enthralled to find that virtually all of Biscayne National Park is covered by water - nearly 95 percent is water.

Boating, especially the glass-bottom variety, is spectacular over the crystal clear waters. Lush seagrass beds can be seen when crossing the shallow bay while brightly colored fish and living coral reefs await boaters in the offshore waters.

The mangrove trees on the mainland provide vital protection for marine life as their complex network of roots keep larger species at bay. Likewise, the abundant life below the sea congregates on coral reefs for shelter and protection.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

Because of its subtropical, humid climate, mosquitoes may be a problem when visiting the park's islands; pack insect repellent. When diving or anchoring a vessel, be wary of delicate coral and seagrass beds below. • Superintendent, Biscayne National Park, P.O. Box 1369, Homestead, FL 33090-1369 (305) 230-7275.