

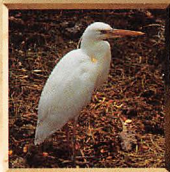


**NATIONAL PARKS COLLECTION**

**BIG CYPRESS**

# BIG CYPRESS NATIONAL PRESERVE

FLORIDA



Most of Big Cypress National Preserve has a thin layer of water, three to 12 inches, covering the surface, six to eight months a year. The water provides a source of nourishment for the plants and animals that have adapted to this type of habitat. Although named for the abundant number of Bald Cypress trees that cover one-third of the Preserve, saw grass prairies, hardwood hammocks and isolated islands of pine are also found. This type of vegetation supports a variety of animals including alligators, deer, otters, numerous wading birds and the elusive endangered Florida Panther.

## **SPECIAL INFORMATION**

Big Cypress National Preserve is one of five National Park areas in the southern tip of Florida. All are within a days drive of each other. Being designated as a National Preserve allows a variety of recreational activities to occur, including canoeing, fishing, birding, hiking, bicycling and hunting. For more information, write or call: Big Cypress National Preserve, HCR 61, Box 11, Ochopee, Florida 34141, (941) 695-4111. Information is also available on the Internet National Park Service Home Page at [www.nps/bicy](http://www.nps/bicy).