

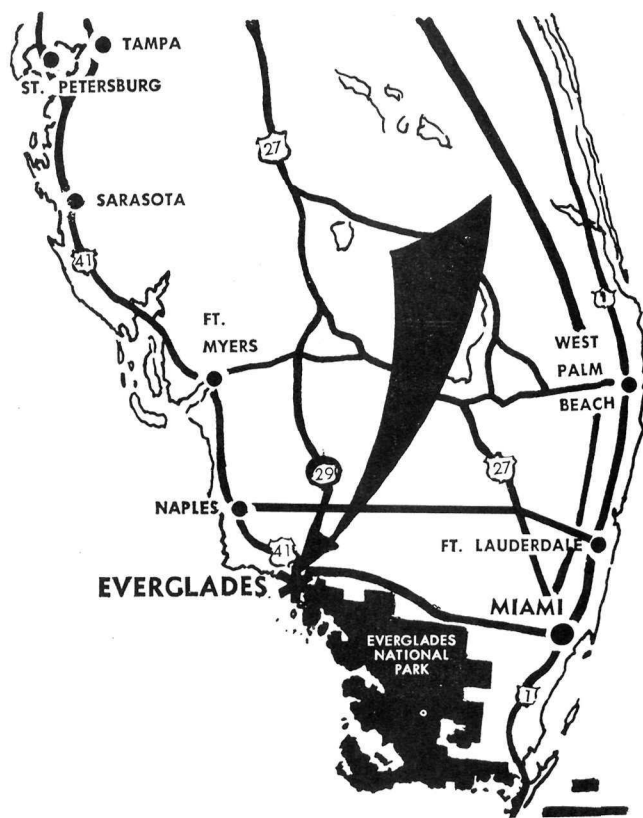


Everglades National Park

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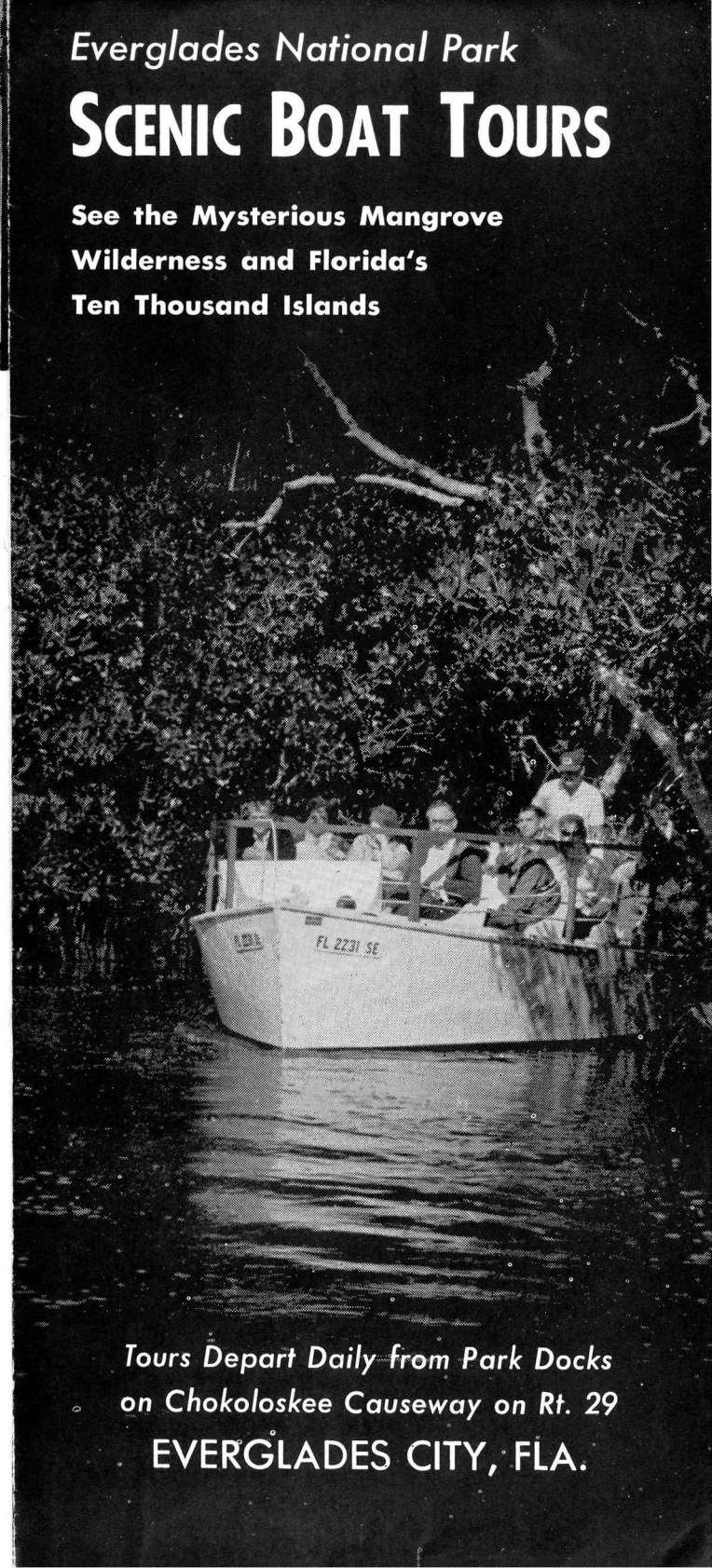
See the Mysterious Mangrove  
Wilderness and Florida's  
Ten Thousand Islands

## BIRDS AT SUNSET

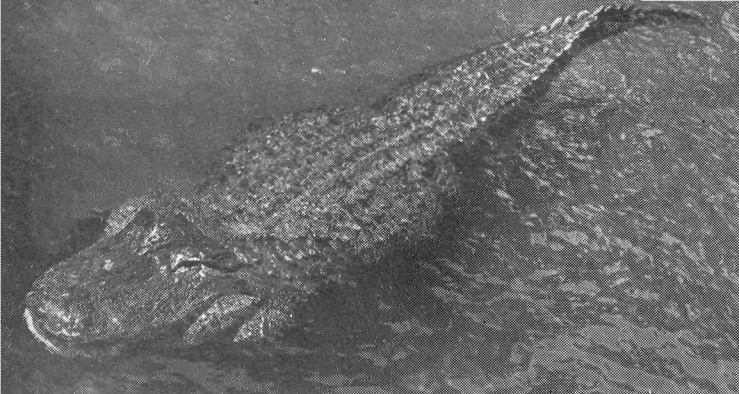


## EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK BOAT TOURS

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*Tours Depart Daily from Park Docks  
on Chokoloskee Causeway on Rt. 29  
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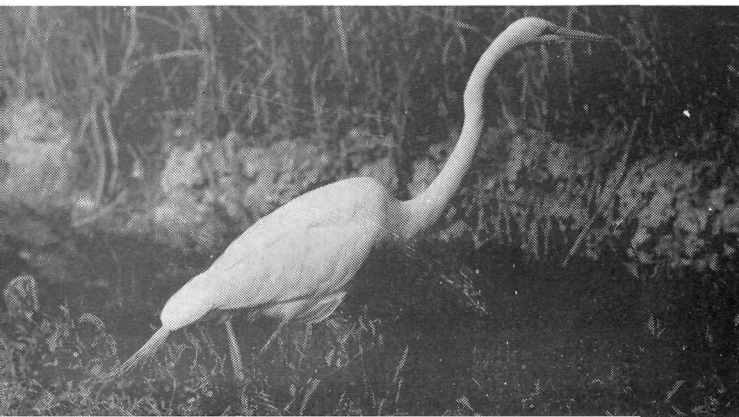


## ALLIGATOR

A thrilling discovery awaits you in the green maze of southwest Florida's Ten Thousand Islands, a mysterious, water wilderness now a portion of the sprawling Everglades National Park easily accessible by boat. Where once only mangrove-wise guides and fishermen went, you can go, penetrating the fascinating maze of the mangrove jungle through which twist and turn creeks — some named, most nameless; or you can explore the Outer Islands fringing the Gulf of Mexico. Daily boat tours are operated by Sammy Hamilton Jr. from the National Park Docks on the causeway between Everglades and Chokoloskee, Fla.

The Mangrove Wilderness Tour takes you inland up Turner's River, named in honor of an early pioneer homesteader of the 1870's, past ancient Indian shell mounds, through nameless waterways, where once plume hunters operated, into Half-Way Creek and twisting and turning through mangrove tunnels back to the docks via another route. Birdlife is plentiful, depending upon the water table in the feeding area. Alligators are often visible. Most frequently seen are American egrets, various herons, anhingas (water turkeys), cormorants, and sometimes rare roseate spoonbills and American bald eagles. The cruise lasts approximately one hour and a half. Your tour boat is regularly inspected by the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Park Service. Tickets may be obtained at the Visitors' Center at the NPS docks.

## AMERICAN EGRET



## KINGSTON KEY

The Ten Thousand Island Boat Tour takes you among the mangrove islands bordering the Gulf of Mexico. Leaving the NPS docks, you cross Chokoloskee Bay and head down Sandfly Pass, twisting and turning between the green islands. Mangroves are constantly fighting the sea, creating new land as debris collects among their aerial roots. It is one of the few plants that can not live without salt. Mangroves have built much of the coastal land in South Florida. Continuing through the islands, glimpsing the Gulf stretching westward to Mexico, you reach Kingston Key, where you land for a brief period of shelling and exploration. Leaving Kingston Key, your tour boat passes among more mangrove islands and returns via Indian Key Pass and Chokoloskee Bay. The cruise lasts approximately two and one-half hours.

During the June to September period, a special sunset cruise into upper Chokoloskee Bay is provided, affording a marvellous opportunity to watch thousands of birds returning to tiny islands to roost for the night. The birds spend the day foraging inland, but seek refuge on the islands at night. As many as 20,000 birds are seen at the peak of the summer season. This cruise lasts approximately two hours.

Don't miss these opportunities of seeing the beauty of the primitive wilderness of the Everglades National Park.

## MANGROVE RACCOON

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