



Welcome to Shark Valley

As one of three entrances to Everglades National Park, Shark Valley offers opportunities to view wildlife in a diversity of habitats.

Use all of your senses while exploring.



Entrance Fee

Your \$ 10.00 entrance fee is good for seven days and can be used at any of the park entrances.

Hours

The Shark Valley area is open from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Please plan your activities so that you may depart the area on time. All vehicles must be out of the parking lot by 6:00 PM.

Things to do

There are three ways to visit Shark Valley- walking, bicycling or riding a tram along a 15-mile (24 Km) loop trail that is closed to private vehicles. An observation tower, water fountains, and restrooms are located at the halfway mark.

Ranger-led activities are offered seasonally.

Touring by Tram

The two-hour tram tour is narrated by a concession naturalist or a park ranger.

Tram times:

December to April

9:00 - 10:00 - 11:00 - Noon - 1:00 - 2:00 - 3:00 - 4:00

May to November

9:30 - 11:00 - 1:00 - 3:00

Reservations recommended December to April.

Exploring by Bicycle

Biking is a great way to see Shark Valley. Bring your own bikes or rent them. Allow 2 to 3 hours to bike the entire loop.

- All foot and bike traffic along trail must stop for trams.
- Bikers should start their ride on the west road.
- Visitors under 16 must wear a helmet while biking.

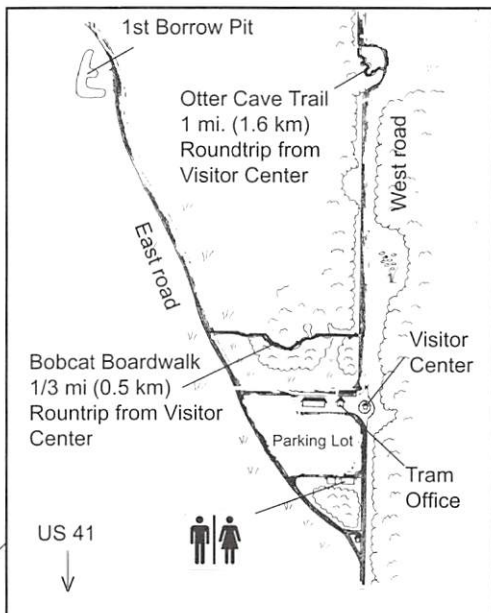
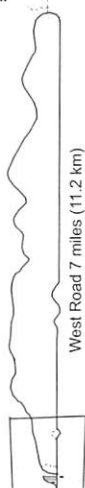


Bike Rentals: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. All bikes must be returned by 4:00 PM. A biking map is available at the Visitor Center.

Walking the Trails

Bobcat Boardwalk: A self-guided trail through a sawgrass slough and a dense bayhead tree island.

Otter Cave Hammock Trail: A shaded, limestone trail through a lush, tropical hardwood hammock.



For Your Comfort

Restrooms and water fountains are located across from the Visitor Center. Vending machines and the concession gift shop offer beverages, snacks and souvenirs.

For your safety

- Keep a distance of 15 feet (5 m) from all wildlife.
- Roller blades, scooters and similar devices are not allowed in the park.
- Be prepared for adverse weather conditions such as sudden thunderstorms, lightning and extreme heat.
- Generators must be off at all times -