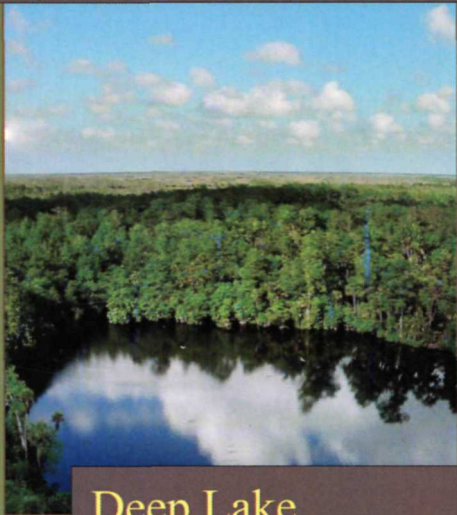




Big Cypress National Preserve



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This natural depression is aptly named for its great depth – of both water and cultural history. Formed by a sinkhole, it is the deepest lake in Florida south of Lake Okeechobee. Seasonal flooding of land surrounding the lake created rich soils that were ideal for growing fruit and vegetables. A Seminole chief, followed by later entrepreneurs, lived and farmed near its shores. Today, alligators are Deep Lake's most common resident.

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