



Everglades National Park
50th Anniversary Celebration
December 5-7, 1997

Schedule of Events

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Everglades City 50th Anniversary Celebration

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Everglades City, Florida

On December 5: the weekend kicks off at 6:00 p.m. with music by "Stampede". From 8:00-10:00 p.m., a 40's swing band will host a concert and dance, in addition an outdoor film festival will occur.

December 6: 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Continuous live music (jazz, country, folk and more!), artists and photographers of the Everglades, local arts and crafts displays, historical storytellers, antique car display, antique swamp buggy race, "Taste of the Everglades" food vendors, Indian encampment, day-long musical jam. Evening headliner concert and outdoor film festival.

December 7: 10:00 a.m. All events repeat throughout the day, with the addition of a canoe race at 11:00 a.m. and an air show at 2:00 p.m.

"A Look Back" - Superintendent's Panel Discussion

December 5, 1997

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Keys Gate Golf and Tennis Club, 2300 East Palm Drive, Homestead, Florida

A panel of former Everglades National Park superintendents, moderated by Superintendent Richard Ring, will discuss past management issues and decisions to provide a historical perspective on the 50th Anniversary. Local community leaders, elected and press representatives have been invited and this event is open to the public.

"One Community...One Great Celebration" Homestead/Florida City Anniversary Event

December 5, 1997

3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Florida Keys Factory Shops, 250 East Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida

Join the communities of Homestead and Florida City in a festival to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Everglades National Park. Activities include: a special commemorative postal cancellation, a photo exhibit by Clyde Butcher, a historical photo display by the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, exhibits and demonstrations, food, and performances by various local musicians, including the Audubon Society's special "River of Grass" concert. The evening will conclude with fireworks.
Note: At 6:00 p.m., dignitaries and special guests will officially welcome the crowd.

Rededication of Everglades National Park

December 6, 1997

2:00 p.m.

Everglades City Airpark, Everglades City, Florida

The park was originally dedicated on these grounds in 1947, and in 1997, dignitaries and the public gather on the same grounds to rededicate Everglades National Park. However, in 1997 the national consensus for Everglades restoration reaffirms the commitment to the Park's future.

Rededication Ceremony

December 6, 1997
Everglades City, Florida

Program

12:00 p.m.

Pre-Program Music

2:00 p.m.

Rededication Program

Welcome..... Richard G. Ring
Superintendent of Everglades National Park

The National Anthem.....Barron-Collier High School Band

Invocation..... Mrs. Helen Stephens
Conservation Chair, Florida Federation of Women's Clubs

Welcome from the People of Everglades City.....Honorable Sammy Hamilton, Jr.
Mayor of Everglades City

Perspectives on December 6, 1947.....Mr. Norman Herren
Former President, Collier Corporation
Honorary Chair of the Everglades City 50th Committee

Presentation of the 1997 Ernest F. Coe Award Superintendent Ring

Remarks Lieutenant Governor Buddy MacKay

Remarks Mr. Robert G. Stanton
Director of the National Park Service

RemarksHonorable Carol M. Browner
Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency

RemarksRepresentative Clay Shaw
Chairman of the Florida Congressional Delegation

Dedication of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and
Honoring the Memory of Ernest F. Coe Senator Bob Graham

Remarks and Special Presentations Honorable Bruce Babbitt
Secretary of the Interior

Commemoration of Florida's Gift to the Nation.....Governor Lawton Chiles

Rededication Address..... Vice President of the United States Al Gore

MusicBarron-Collier High School Band

With Sincere Thanks

Everglades National Park would like to thank the following
for making the 50th Anniversary Celebration possible:

Collier County Airport Authority and the Everglades City Airpark
Everglades City 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee
Everglades National Park 50th Anniversary Steering Committee
Florida Keys Factory Shops
Florida National Parks and Monuments Association
The Greater Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce;
"One Community ... One Great Celebration Anniversary" Committee
Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau
Mayor Sammy Hamilton, Jr. and the people of Everglades City
Mayor Otis Wallace and the people of Florida City
Mayor Steve Shiver and the people of Homestead
Governments of Collier and Miami-Dade Counties

We would also like to thank the many corporations, foundations, and individuals
who have sponsored the anniversary events throughout the year
and

the past, present, and future generations dedicated to the preservation of
Everglades National Park





Not often in these demanding days are we able to lay aside the problems of the time, and turn to a project whose great value lies in the enrichment of the human spirit.

Today we make the achievement of another great conservation victory. We have permanently safeguarded an irreplaceable primitive area.

We have assembled to dedicate the use of all the people for all time, the Everglades National Park.

*President Harry S Truman
December 6, 1947*