

Everglades

COLLIER COUNTY

FLORIDA



*Western Water Gateway to
Everglades National Park*



Barron River from the Porch of the Rod and Gun Club



The Trophy Room, Everglades Rod and Gun Club



Palm-Lined Streets of Everglades Business Section



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Seminole Community House. Osceola's Descendant Extreme Left



Seminole Squaws Decked Out in Tribal Finery

If you would seek temporary refuge in that wildly beautiful region known as the Big Cypress Country . . . if your heart's desire is for genial seclusion in a "town within a park" . . . if you aspire to the complete relaxation afforded by subtropical nights . . . if any, or all, of these features capture your imagination you should visit Everglades. Here in all its tropical splendor you will find the last frontier, the last paradise of this Western World.

It is at the very edge of a vast unchartered wilderness that teems with wildlife. The surrounding sheltered waters provide some of the world's finest fishing. Yet, every modern convenience is available to residents and visitors. It is easily reached by land, sea and air travel.

The Town of Everglades is now the county seat of Collier County. It is also the terminal of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, headquarters of the Collier Development Corporation, District Headquarters of the Humble Oil & Refining Company for their Sunniland Fields, and financial center of the County's lumber and farming industry. Only 80 miles due west from Miami on the famed Tamiami Trail (U. S. 41), Everglades is the southernmost incorporated community on Florida's West Coast.

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Seminole Squaw in Typically Colorful Tribal Dress





Small Boats are Practical in "Sheltered Waters"



Even Without a Boat Fishing Can Be Good



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"Big Ones" Lurk in Everglades "Sheltered Waters"



Another Scene at the Gulf Beach— Colorful, Romantic, Alluring