

In and Around Naples

Kirby Storter Park

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Kirby Storter Park Part of Big Cypress National Preserve

Website:

www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/kirby-storter-roadside-park.htm

Where: 48900 Tamiami Trail E, Ochopee, FL 34141.

Get There: On US-41 (Tamiami Trail) 37 miles east of Collier Blvd. Or take I-75 to State Rd 29 exit then down to US-41.

Admission: Free. Open dawn to dusk.

What:

- Half-mile boardwalk. Non-strenuous.
- Starts on a sawgrass prairie.
 - **Chickee hut for birding.**
- Continues through a cypress swamp.
- Ends at an overlook at a gator hole.
 - **Gator hole is a pond dug out by alligators to assure deep water even during dry season.**
- Wildlife include birds, snakes, fish, turtles, and alligators.

Map of Big Cypress National Preserve



Boardwalk Closed Due to Fire

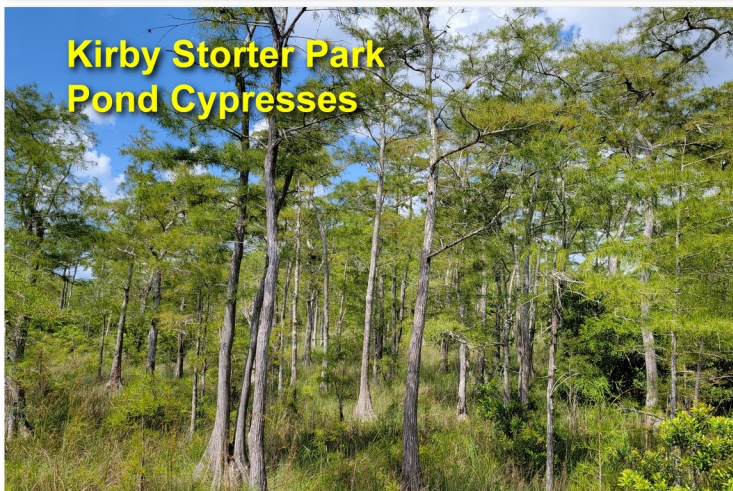
Most of the park's Boardwalk is closed due to a fire on the evening of Oct 14, 2024.



Kirby Storter Park Beginning of Boardwalk



Kirby Storter Park Pond Cypresses



Kirby Storter Park Sawgrass Prairie



**Kirby Storter Park
Now Entering Cypress Swamp**



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Cypress Swamp**



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Tillandsia Epiphyte in Kirby Storter Park



**Kirby Storter Park
Alligator Hole**





**Kirby Storter Park
Juvenile Alligator**



**Kirby Storter Park
Cooter Turtle**



Kirby Storter Park - Florida Softshell Turtle



**Kirby Storter Park
Green Water Snake**



**Kirby Storter Park
Five Florida Banded Water Snakes**



Kirby Storter Park - American Bullfrog



Kirby Storter Park - Juvenile White Ibis



**Kirby Storter Park
Back to the Sawgrass Prairie**