

In and Around Naples
A Series of Presentations
for the Collier County Library
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**Big Cypress National
Preserve Welcome Center**

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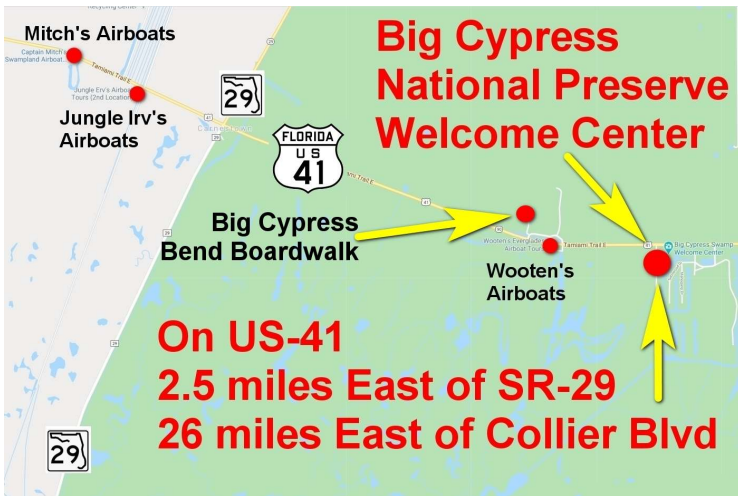
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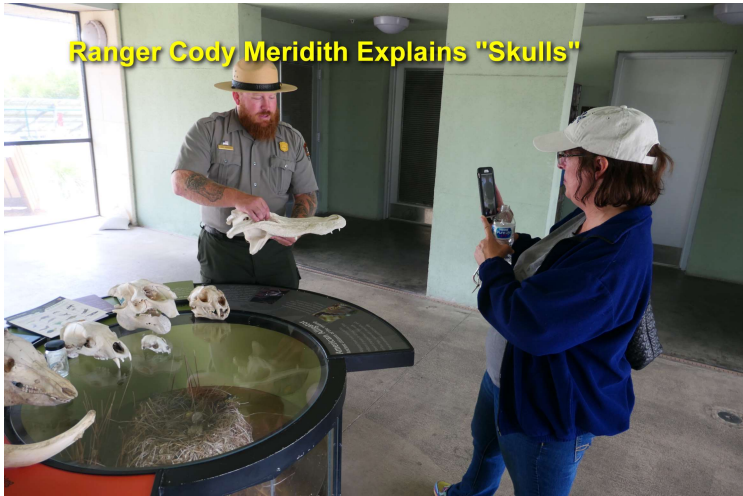
Where: 33000 Tamiami Trail E (US-41),
Ochopee, FL 34141.

Get There: US-41, 25 mi E of Collier Blvd,
2.5 miles E of SR-29.

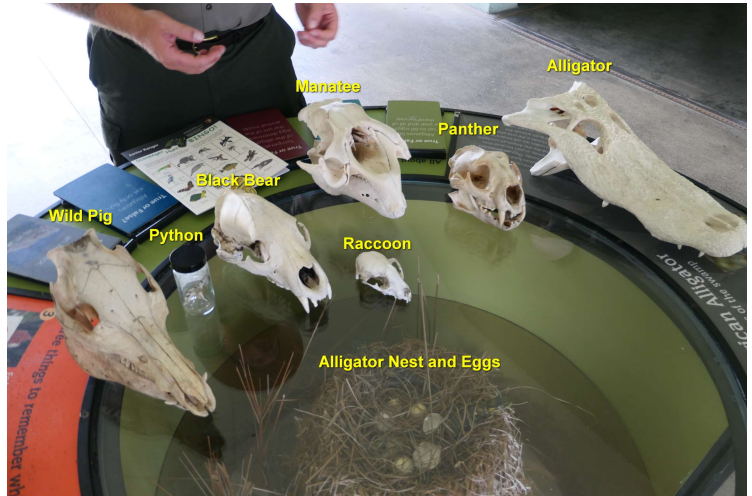
When: Daily 9am–4:30pm.

What: Welcome center, exhibits,
boardwalk.





Ranger Cody Meridith Explains "Skulls"



Manatee
Panther
Black Bear
Wild Pig
Python
Raccoon
Alligator
Alligator Nest and Eggs



Big Cypress National Preserve Exhibit - Alligator Eggs



2 Miles East of Big Cypress Welcome Center: Smallest Post Office in the USA!

OCHOPEE POST OFFICE

Considered to be the smallest post office in the United States, this building was formerly an irrigation pipe shed belonging to the J. T. Gaunt Company tomato farm. It was hurriedly pressed into service by postmaster Sidney Brown after a disastrous night fire in 1953 burned Ochopee's general store and post office. The present structure has been in continuous use ever since—as both a post office and ticket station for Trailways bus lines and still services residents in a three-county area, including deliveries to Seminole and Miccosukee Indians living in the region. Daily business often includes requests from tourists and stamp collectors the world over for the famed Ochopee postmark. The property was acquired by the Wooten Family in 1992.

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Hours OF OPERATION
MONDAY - FRIDAY
 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Saturday
 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

USA's Smallest Post Office
38000 Tamiami Trail East
Ochopee, FL 34141

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 Post Office
 OCHOPEE, FL 34141