



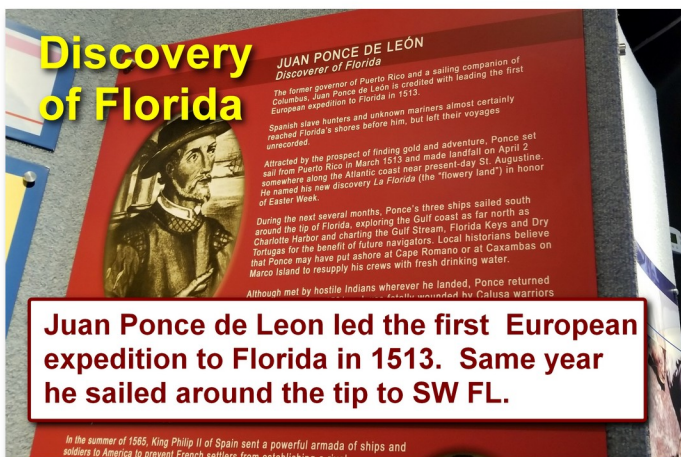
Collier County Museum at Government Center
Website: www.colliermuseums.com
One of five Collier County Museums.
Where: At Government Center, 3331 Tamiami Trail, East Naples 34112.
Get There: South on US-41, left on Harrison Rd (just before Wal-Mart), Follow signs.
When: Tues-Sat 9am to 4pm.
Admission: Free.

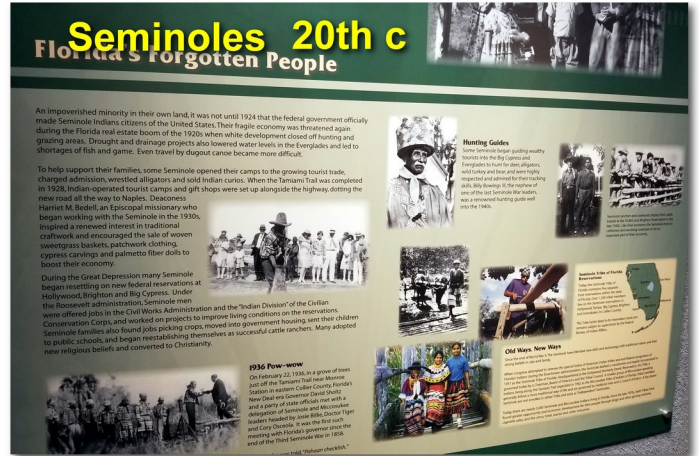
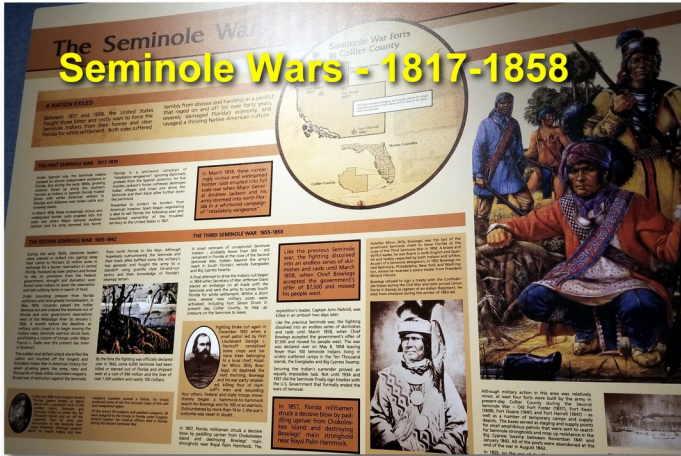
What: Museum offering historical exhibits about early settlers and American Indians in Southwest Florida.
Examples of exhibits:

- Colossal sharks.
- Prehistoric mastodons.
- Calusa Indian civilization.
- Indian Wars.
- Seminole people.
- Collier pioneers and developers.

Buildings include:

- Main gallery: 10,000 sq feet of displays.
- Native gardens.
- Restored Naples cottages.
- Archaeology lab.
- Seminole village.
- Seminole war fort.
- Calusa Indian camp.
- Original Keewaydin Ferry Boat to Keewaydin Barrier Island (still accessible only by boat today).





Barron Gift Collier

- Born Memphis 1873.
- Made \$1 million in street lighting by age 26. Then printing and streetcar advertising.
- Visited SW Florida 1906. Loved it.
- By 1916 had bought 1 million acres of land.
 - He became the largest landowner and developer in Florida.
 - He also owned a chain of hotels, bus lines, banks, newspapers, telephone company, steamship line.



- State wanted a road from Tampa to Miami.

- No money for Naples-Miami section. In 1923, Collier offered to build the road if the State would split Lee County in two and name the lower half Collier County. State agreed.

- Tamiami Trail cost him \$13 million to build 1923-1928.

- He built Everglades City. County Seat to 1962.

- Collier died 1939 New York City.



Collier Memorial at Collier-Seminole St. Park

Collier Family Today

Owns 280,000 acres of land.

- Primarily in Collier County.

Activity divided into two companies:

- Collier Enterprises: Real estate, agriculture (citrus, vegetables, cattle, sod), oil exploration, golf courses, private equity investments.

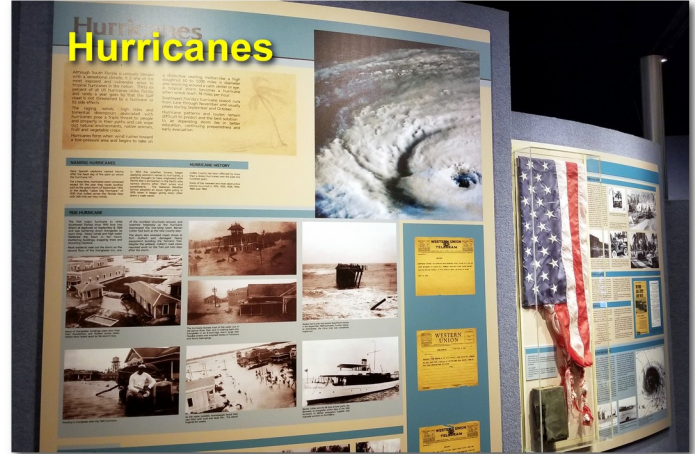
- Barron Collier Companies: Real estate, engineering, agriculture, utilities.

Both headquartered in Naples, FL.

Family est. net worth \$2.3 billion.



Hurricanes



Tamiami Trail (Now US-41)

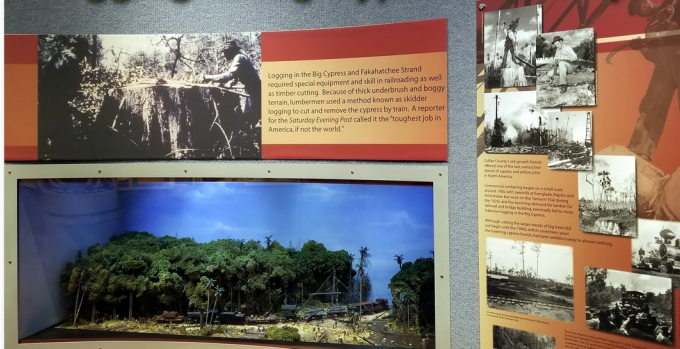


In Collier-Seminole State Park you can see a 1924 walking dredge used to build Tamiami Trail.



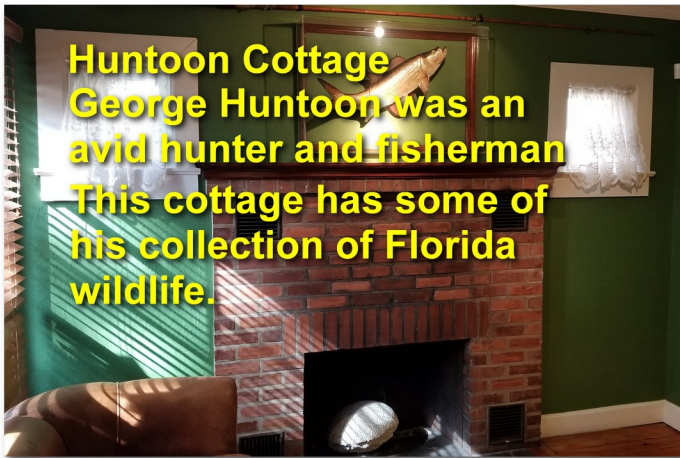
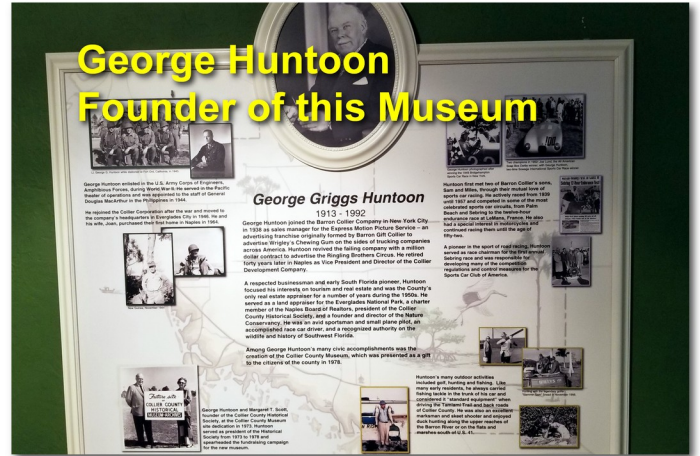
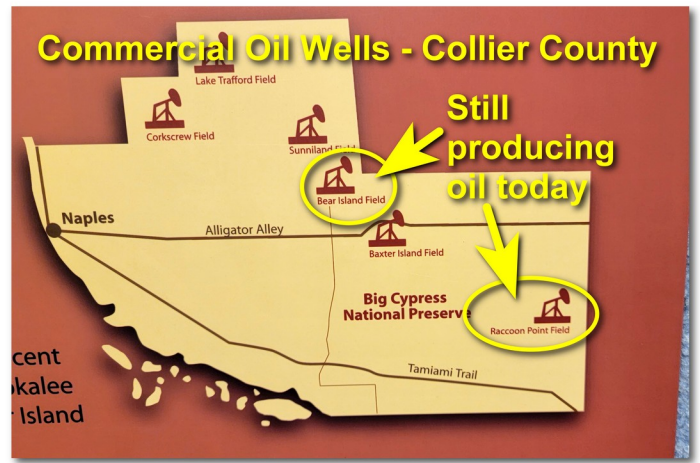
Logging the Big Cypress

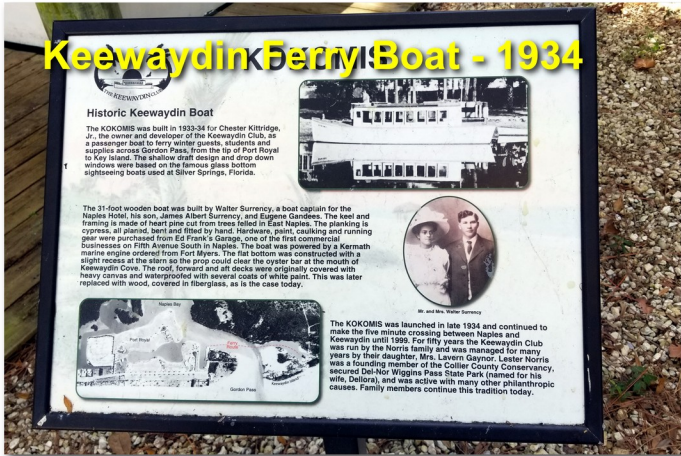
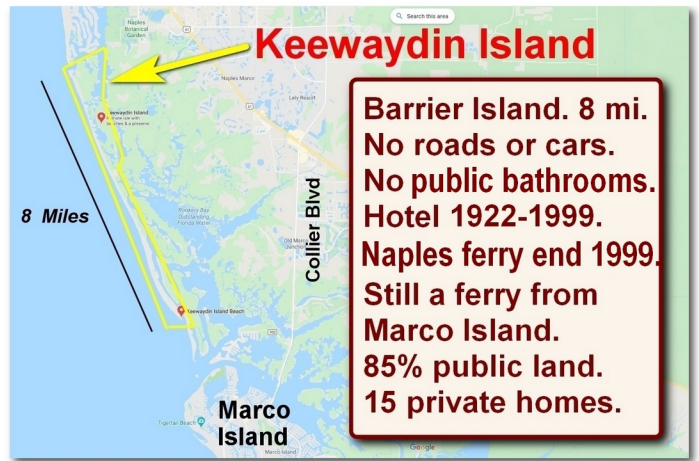
Logging in Big Cypress Swamp



Logging Train "The Deuce" c. 1915
Used by Lee Tidewater Cypress Co.
in Lee-Collier Counties
Retired 1957









Sherman Tank - WW2



Seminole War Fort



Seminole Wars between US Army and Seminoles 1817-1858



Seminole Camp



Calusa Indian Mound Ritual Platform



Everglades Cabin



Sugar Cane Press - 1914

Turned by mule, ox, or small tractor