

In and Around Naples  
**A Series of Presentations**  
 for the Collier County Library  
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**Collier-Seminole  
 State Park**

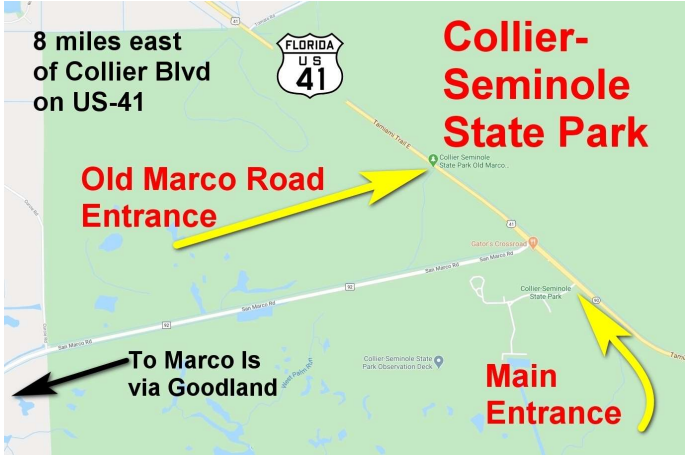
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**Collier-Seminole State Park**  
**Website:** [www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/collier-seminole-state-park](http://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/collier-seminole-state-park)  
**Where:** 20200 Tamiami Trail E., Naples  
 Another entrance at Old Marco Road.  
**Get There:** US-41 Tamiami Trail East, 8 miles east of Collier Blvd/SR-951.  
**When:** 5am to sunset.  
**Admission:** \$5 per vehicle, or annual pass.

**What: 7,271-acres in one of the largest mangrove swamps in the world.**

- Wide variety of wildlife and vegetation typical of Florida’s Everglades.
- Park includes one of three original stands of royal palm in Florida, co-existing with large areas of mangrove swamp.
- Camping, boat rentals, bicycling, hiking.
- Observation Deck.



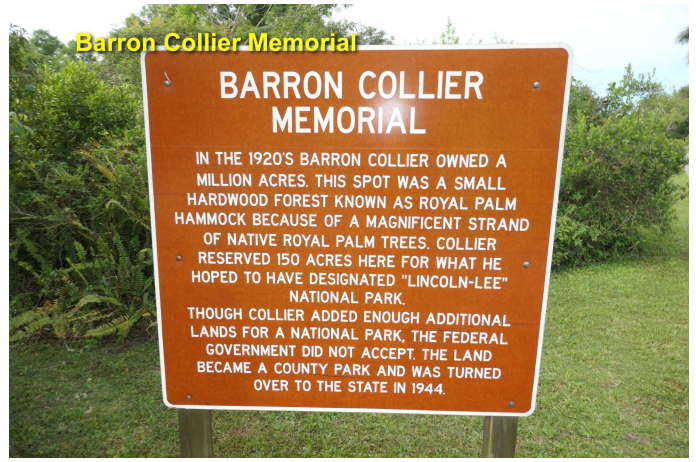
**Bay City Walking Dredge**  
 The park is the site of a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark, the last existing Bay City Walking Dredge.  
 Built in 1924, it was used to build the Tamiami Trail Highway (US-41) through the Everglades and Big Cypress Swamp, linking Tampa and Miami.  
**Opened southwest Florida to travelers.**



Tamiami Trail Finally Opens - 1928



Barron Collier Memorial



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"To the memory of the Founder and Father of Collier County Florida and the Faithful Friend of all Mankind"

Dugout Canoe - Carved from a Cypress Tree  
Transportation through the Everglades



Collier-Seminole State Park  
Blackwater River - Kayaking and Canoeing



University Kayaking Group



Collier-Seminole State Park has a boat ramp  
into the Blackwater River



Collier-Seminole State Park  
Canoes for Rent





**Collier-Seminole State Park  
Kayaks for Rent**



**Collier-Seminole State Park  
Salt Marshes**



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**Apple Snail - Freshwater  
Often used in aquariums**



**Collier-Seminole State Park  
Vulture**



**Monitoring Water Quantity and Quality  
Collier-Seminole State Park**



**Monitoring Panthers and Other Wildlife  
Collier-Seminole State Park**



**Collier-Seminole State Park  
Raccoon Tracks**

**Florida Black Bears  
Are in Collier-Seminole State Park**



**Posted photo of a black bear  
in Collier-Seminole State Park**



**Collier-Seminole State Park Campground**



**Collier Seminole Hiking Trails**

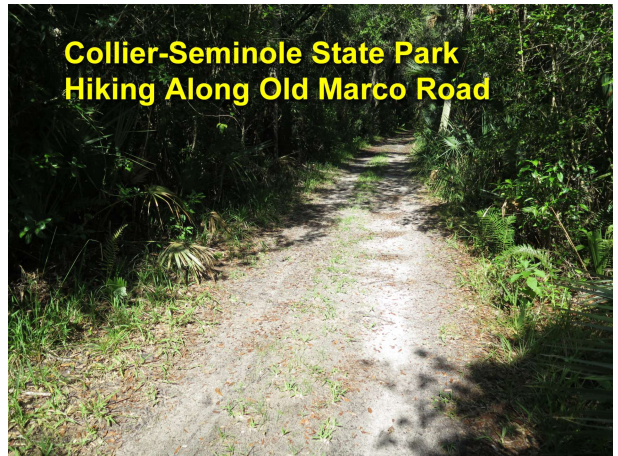


**HISTORIC OLD MARCO ROAD**

THIS ABANDONED ROAD BED WAS THE FIRST ROAD IN THE AREA FOR AUTOS. BUILT AROUND 1916 IT RAN FROM ROYAL PALM HAMMOCK TO MARCO JUNCTION AT SHELL ISLAND ROAD. FURTHER TRAVEL TO MARCO ISLAND WAS BY FERRY.

**Old Marco Road Entrance to  
Collier-Seminole State Park**

**Collier-Seminole State Park  
Hiking Along Old Marco Road**

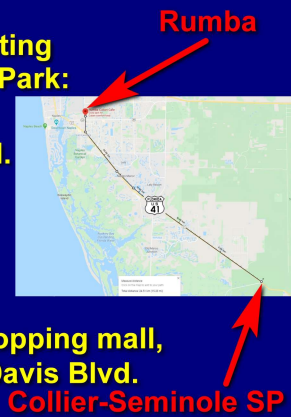


**Idea for lunch after visiting  
Collier-Seminole State Park:**

**Rumba Cuban Cafe  
1265 Airport-Pulling Rd.  
Drive back to Naples  
on US-41. 15 miles.**

**Turn right onto  
Airport-Pulling Rd.**

**Rumba is in a small shopping mall,  
on the right, just past Davis Blvd.**



**Rumba Cafe Cuban Sandwich**





**Rumba Cafe**

**Yucca**

**Lechon Asado**

**Mojo -  
Rice and  
black  
beans**