EVERGLADES Information Network & Digital Library

http://everglades.fiu.edu/

A collaborative project of
Florida International University Libraries and
Everglades National Park

BACKGROUND

The biological diversity and rich natural resources of the Florida Everglades have long attracted the attention of researchers and scholars, educators and environmentalists, policy makers and many others interested in gaining an understanding of the complex relationships between species and habitat, climate and ecosystem, and the impacts of human development on this wetland ecosystem and irreplaceable natural resource. Such intense and longstanding interest in the Everglades has spawned a great number of diverse research studies, dating as far back as the early 1900’s, and continuing today thanks to the efforts of state and federal and local, government agencies, universities, research institutions, coalitions of environmental organizations, and various other organizations around the world.

While there is an increasingly rich body of information and data about the Everglades, it is at times difficult to gain access to needed resources on demand, or to discover what work has already been done. The highly interdisciplinary and scattered nature of Everglades information -- with significant portions of the record unknown or unavailable to those who could most benefit from it -- threaten to hinder the success of further research or restoration efforts, study, or decision making. What is needed is a comprehensive, authoritative and convenient system for finding and retrieving Everglades information. It is this need that the Everglades Information Network & Digital Library addresses.

EVERGLADES INFORMATION NETWORK

The mission of the Everglades Information Network (EIN) is to provide worldwide, timely and effective access to the universe of Everglades information, with the goal of supporting and facilitating research, education, restoration and resource management.

By integrating both traditional and electronic information services, the EIN is developing an authoritative, comprehensive, and up-to-date system of vital information relating to the South Florida ecosystem. Beneficiaries of the EIN include scientists, scholars, educators, students, environmentalists, as well as legislators, administrators, government officials, and other decision makers, both locally and worldwide.

EVERGLADES DIGITAL LIBRARY

One of the most innovative and unique elements of the EIN is the Everglades Digital Library -- an online repository of electronic documents, images, maps and other materials available from your desktop at no cost, at most any time, via the Internet and World Wide Web.

The collections of the Everglades Digital Library include research publications, proposals, and technical reports; educational and interpretive materials; and non-text resources such as maps; photos; data; and more.

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Library materials are provided by ENP research scientists and their cooperators; Park interpretive staff; the research permits office; FIU faculty, research staff and students.

Access to the Everglades Digital Library is freely available to anyone with an Internet-connected computer and World Wide Web software. The digital resources represent a variety of online file formats: plain text; formatted text in HTML or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF); images and photos in GIF and JPEG. A fast and user-friendly database search capability is currently under development.

We invite you to visit the Everglades Information Network & Digital Library on the World Wide Web at: http://everglades.fiu.edu

SELECTED RESOURCES

Hole-in-the-Donut Collection

Reports, proposals, contracts, maps, and photos from this important restoration site in Everglades National Park.

South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Taskforce

Annual reports, charters, rosters, and other materials from leading federal, state, and regional agencies involved in the Everglades restoration effort.

Walt Dineen Society & Annual Conference

Membership and conference information, abstracts, and proceedings from this interdisciplinary forum for South Florida science.

Everglades resources elsewhere on the Internet

An annotated directory of Everglades-related Internet sites and resources developed by other agencies, organizations and groups.

For further information

If you have questions, suggestions, or comments regarding the Everglades Information Network & Digital Library, please contact the project director at:

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