



25 Things to Do

at

Myakka River State Park



1. VISITOR CENTER: Displays, Myakka movies, information; across from the ranger station.
2. AIR BOAT RIDE: One-hour narrated nature tour on Upper Myakka Lake; @ concession area.
3. TRAM TOUR: One-hour narrated wildlife, history tour; concession area, Dec through May.
4. CONCESSION: Eat gator stew, sandwiches, snacks; shop for hats, tees, books, and souvenirs.
5. CANOE-KAYAK: Myakka River and Lakes; launch your own or rent at concession.
6. BIKE: 7 miles of paved road, more miles of dirt roads; map at ranger station; bike rentals @ concession.
7. CANOPY WALK: Walk through the treetops; climb the 74-ft tower; access from the nature trail.
8. GATOR WATCHING: At bridge, along lakes and rivers—look on banks and in the water.
9. BIRDING: At birdwalk, along lakeshore, river, trails and roads; birdlists & classes available.
10. BIRDWALK: Observe birds by day, stars by night; five miles into the park, from the North Park Drive.
11. NATURE TRAIL: An easy forty-minute, interpretive walk; one mile into the park.
12. HIKE: 39 miles of trails through prairies, flatwoods, hammocks, and wetlands; map @ ranger station.
13. WILDERNESS PRESERVE: Hike to Lower Lake (Deep Hole 2 miles); obtain permit @ranger station.
14. RIVER TRAIL: Park at the bridge, walk along the river trail, then return.
15. SCENIC PARK DRIVE: Seven miles of paved road offers many views and stopping points.
16. NATIVE TREEWALK: Use CyberRanger in the ranger station to choose the best tree for your Florida yard, then visit the trees you like best along the walk. Map available in Ranger Station.
17. FISH: Fish for bass, catfish, panfish at South picnic area, bridge, weir, Clay Gully (license required).
18. PHOTOGRAPHY: Endless subjects—animals, flowers, prairie, lakes, river, hammocks.
19. PICNIC: Many picnic areas with tables and grills are located throughout the park.
20. PLAYGROUNDS: Enjoy the playgrounds at south picnic area, lake area, or Clay Gully.
21. JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM: Children earn a pin; information @ ranger station.
22. RANGER PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS: Schedule at ranger station.
23. OVERNIGHT: Camping (two campgrounds) or log cabins; Reservations 1-800-326-3521.
24. FRIENDS GALLERY: Artwork, photographs, posters, postcards, shirts, Myakka book; at ranger station.
25. JOIN FRIENDS OF MYAKKA or become a Park Volunteer; information at ranger station.



For more things to do, read *Myakka*, the book
available @ Myakka Friends Gallery & Gifts, inside the ranger station