



TWO MVPs **REDISCOVERING AMERICA'S BACKYARD**



Join Jenn and Kat on their journey as they tour (virtually) our US National Parks

WHAT THIS ISSUE CONTAINS:

Florida

Sailboats in the Sunset - St.
Augustine, Florida
USA/Unsplash/Kristin Wilson

Orange Grove
Brooksville FL/Unsplash/
Victoria Bilsborough



FLORIDA

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Florida invites those who are looking forward to relaxing on the beach with a good book to those who want a night life experience. Florida is the southeastern most U.S. state, with the Atlantic on one side and the Gulf of Mexico on the other. The Sunshine State, invites visitors to journey the long list of natural wonders it has to offer. Popular food choices like Key lime pie, Cuban delicacies and even Greek food, a specialty of Disney Springs, are just a few ideas while you plan your next visit to Florida.

SUNSHINE, KEY LIME PIE, AND BEACHES

Visitors looking for fun water things to do in Florida's interior will find it at various lakes and tributaries just as good for fishing as they are for kayaking and canoeing. The natural attributes of Florida attract thrill-seekers as well as those who want to kick back.

Big Cypress National Preserve

Big Cypress National Preserve contains a mixture of tropical and temperate plant communities that are home to a diversity of wildlife.

Biscayne National Park

Biscayne protects a rare combination of aquamarine waters, emerald islands, and fish-bejeweled coral reefs.

Canaveral National Seashore

Reflect on a pristine undeveloped shoreline, explore a historic site, or experience the rumble of a rocket soaring into space.

Castillo de San Marcos National Monument

The oldest masonry fortification in the continental United States and interprets more than 450 years of cultural intersections.

Everglades National Park

Protects an important habitat for numerous rare and endangered species.

De Soto National Memorial

Conquistador Hernando de Soto's army of soldiers, hired mercenaries, craftsmen, and clergy made landfall in Tampa Bay.

Dry Tortugas National Park

Accessible only by boat or seaplane, the park is known the world over as the home of magnificent Fort Jefferson, picturesque blue waters, superlative coral reefs and marine life, and the vast assortment of bird life that frequents the area.

Timucuan Ecological & Historic Preserve and Fort Caroline National Memorial

Visit one of the last unspoiled coastal wetlands on the Atlantic Coast. Fort Caroline sites here as well, memorializes the short-lived French presence in sixteenth century Florida.

Fort Matanzas National Monument

Fort Matanzas National Monument preserves the fortified coquina watchtower, completed in 1742, which defended the southern approach to the Spanish military settlement of St. Augustine.

Gulf Islands National Seashore

This site currently closed, Millions of visitors are drawn to the islands in the northern Gulf of Mexico for the white sandy beaches, the aquamarine waters, a boat ride, a camping spot, a tour of an old fort, or a place to fish.

Follow up on openings & announcements

US National Parks Service: Official Site

Cape Florida Park Boulevard, Key
Biscayne, FL, USA/Unsplash/
Adrian Diaz-Sieckel

Canaveral National Seashore,
Canaveral National Seashore, Florida, USA/
Unsplash/Don Shetterly

Everglades National Park, Florida, USA
Unsplash/
Sterling Lanier

Big Cypress National Preserve,
Ochopee, United States/
Unsplash/Lia Raby

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EVEN FOR ME LIFE HAD ITS
GLEAMS OF SUNSHINE.
— CHARLOTTE BRONTË,
JANE EYRE

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South Beach, Miami Beach, United
States/Unsplash/Jöel de vriend