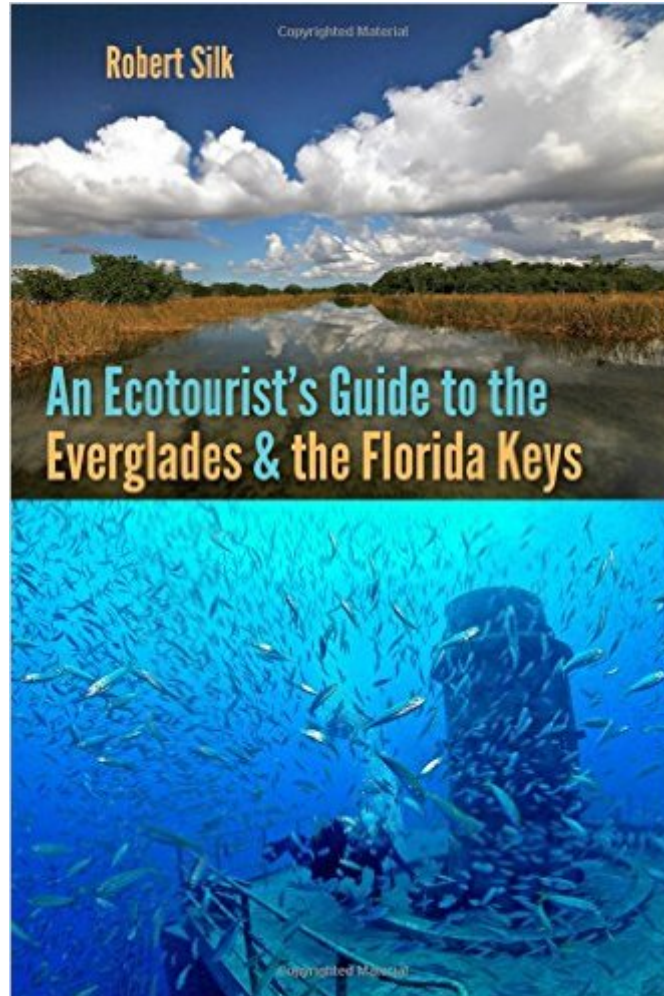


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# An Ecotourist's Guide To The Everglades And The Florida Keys



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As essential as sunscreen and a must-have for anyone visiting or living in South Florida. "Mac Stone, author of *Everglades: America's Wetland* "An alluring snapshot, capturing the region's fun side with fishing, fantasy, food, and an overall funky feel." Mary Barley, chair, Everglades Trust "Delivers all of the hidden and not-so-hidden gems that even the most discerning traveler needs to have for a true national park experience in South Florida, combining the ever-evolving story of the unique and amazing Everglades ecosystem with the must-do's for every visitor." John Adornato, Sun Coast Regional Director, National Parks Conservation Association "More than just a guidebook: it's a warm, inviting exploration of South Florida's natural beauty and history." Laura Albritton, author of *Miami for Families: A Vacation Guide for Parents and Kids* "Shows readers how to experience natural beauty in places they would never find on their own" and makes the workings of this complicated ecosystem easy to understand." Daniel Burkhardt, editor of *Florida Bay Forever: A Story of Water from the Everglades to the Keys* "Packed with adventure and a local's expert advice, this guide is essential reading for a fun-filled trip through the world's most famous wetland, the Everglades, and the spectacular marine environment of the 130-mile island chain formed by the Florida Keys. From the Ten Thousand Islands to Big Cypress, the Everglades, and the Florida Keys, Silk stops through alluring locales, such as a mysterious Coral Castle in the Redland/Homestead area, and the exceptional waterside campgrounds of Biscayne National Park. Silk's tour of the region even features an eerie Cold War-era missile base deep in Everglades National Park. Awe-inspiring boardwalks, paddles through mangroves, dives to imperiled reefs, a ride on the famous African Queen boat from the eponymous Bogart and Hepburn movie, and a sampling of the scenic and quirky attraction of Key West complete Silk's journey. Along the way, the reader will learn about local history and culture and discover some of the eclectic, locally owned restaurants, watering holes, and attractions that possess the charming Old Florida character. "

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Robert Silk, a longtime journalist of the Florida Keys, has produced a magnificent guide for those who seek to explore the wonders of the Everglades and the Florida Keys. Not only does this well written book provide advice on touring the vast array of natural attractions found in South Florida, it provides needed background on the history and ecological challenges of the area. The warm and moving foreword of legendary Everglades photographer Clyde Butcher is a powerful endorsement of Mr. Silk's ability to capture the complex beauty of South Florida. Whether you are a tourist or a resident of South Florida, you will want to own this guide and use it to maximize your enjoyment and understanding of the area.

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