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Get to know South Florida's National Parks!

Directions: Watch this Odyssey Earth video:

<http://www.odysseyearth.com/videos/south-floridas-national-parks/> to learn more about Everglades National Park, Biscayne National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve, and Dry Tortugas National Park. Each of these sites is unique and home to a variety of wildlife on land and in the water.

Students will fill out the worksheet (below), as they watch along with the Odyssey Earth video.

Standards: LAFS.2.SL.1.2, LAFS.3.SL.1.2

Everglades Literacy Lesson Connection:

Kindergarten Lesson 1: What is the Everglades?

<https://www.evergladesliteracy.org/kindergarten>

-Students will be introduced to the Everglades, learning about this special place for plants and animals that is unlike anywhere else on Earth. They will watch a presentation on some of the animals that live in the Everglades and start working on their Everglades Coloring Book.

Ask your students which park they want to visit the most! Do you or your students have any pictures or memories from visiting one of these national parks? Share with us!

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South Florida's National Parks Worksheet

Directions: Watch the South Florida's National Parks video and answer the questions below.

Questions:

1. How many National Parks are there in South Florida?

- a. 6
- b. 4
- c. 3
- d. 1

2. List the name of each park:

3. The Everglades is the largest subtropical wilderness in the U.S. Circle one: T or F

4. List 3 species that you can find in Everglades National Park:

5. In Biscayne National Park, 5% of it is made up of water. Circle one: T or F

6. List 3 activities you can do in Biscayne National Park:

7. List the name of the tree species that Big Cypress National Preserve gets its name from:

8. Big Cypress National Preserve occupies 24,000 square miles of the Everglades. Circle one: T or F

9. List 2 species that you see swimming in the water of Dry Tortugas National Park.

10. Dry Tortugas National Park is closer to Havana, Cuba than Miami, Florida. Circle one: T or F

South Florida's National Parks Worksheet Answer Key

Questions:

1. How many National Parks are there in South Florida?
 - a. 6
 - b. 4 (Correct answer)
 - c. 3
 - d. 1

2. List the name of each park:

Everglades National Park, Biscayne National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve, and Dry Tortugas National Park.

3. The Everglades is the largest subtropical wilderness in the U.S. Circle one: **T** or F

4. List 3 species that you can find in Everglades National Park:

Answers will vary but should include any of the following species: American alligators, spoonbills, snakes, orchids, epiphytes, ospreys, owls, sawgrass, slash pines, panthers, porpoises.

5. In Biscayne National Park, 5% of it is made up of water. Circle one: T or **F**

6. List 3 activities you can do in Biscayne National Park:

Answers will vary but should include any of the following: snorkeling, kayaking, paddle boarding, exploring archaeological sites.

7. List the name of the tree species that Big Cypress National Preserve gets its name from:

Cypress trees.

8. Big Cypress National Preserve occupies 24,000 square miles of the Everglades. Circle one: **T** or F

9. List 2 species that you see swimming in the water of Dry Tortugas National Park.

Answers will vary but should include any of the following: turtles, birds like the Sooty tern, coral reefs.

10. Dry Tortugas National Park is closer to Havana, Cuba than Miami, Florida. Circle one: **T** or F