



An airboat ride is a great way to experience the unique natural beauty of Big Cypress Reservation.

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You don't have to travel to Africa for a world-class nature tour. Billie Swamp Safari offers awe-inspiring experiences in Florida's magnificent Everglades.

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FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS, visitors to Billie Swamp Safari at the Seminole Tribe's Big Cypress Reservation have enjoyed a genuine Florida Everglades experience. At this 2,200-acre ecoheritage wildlife park, which is between Fort Lauderdale and Naples, swamp buggy ecotours and airboat rides transport guests through the backwoods beauty of tropical hardwood hammocks, cypress domes, and an assortment of wild flora and fauna. Chief among the sightings are alligators, crocodiles, deer, antelope, and numerous bird species. Even the rare, elusive Florida panther has been known to make an appearance now and again.