

Wetlands And Everglades

Wetlands And Everglades - The Everglades is a natural region of tropical wetlands in the southern portion of the U.S. state of Florida, comprising the southern half of a large drainage basin and part of the neotropical ecozone. The system begins near Orlando with the Kissimmee River, which discharges into the vast but shallow Lake Okeechobee. Water leaving the lake in the wet season forms a slow-moving river 60 miles (97 ... The Everglades is a subtropical wetland ecosystem spanning two million acres across central and south Florida. During the wet season, Lake Okeechobee overflows, releasing water into a very slow moving, shallow river dominated by sawgrass marsh—dubbed the "river of grass." The Everglades Wetland Research Park on the campus of the Naples Botanical Garden, Naples, Florida, is a Florida Gulf Coast University facility designed to provide teaching, research, and service related to wetland, river, and coastal science and ecological engineering. At the research park, we seek to understand: how wetlands function, and; if and how we can create and restore wetlands. The introduction of non-native fishes is a problem across the United States, particularly in Florida. USGS scientists are developing a decision support tool to help natural resource managers prioritize which species to focus prevention, detection, rapid response, and control efforts.