



Preliminary Alternative E
Addition Lands General Management Plan
Big Cypress National Preserve
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PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVE E

- CONCEPT**
- Expand opportunities for visitors with limited backcountry expertise to interact with preserve resources. Includes the maximum amount of wilderness, limited motorized use, expanded non-motorized trail opportunities, and new frontcountry road and camping opportunities.
- WILDERNESS**
- Includes 109,000 acres of proposed wilderness
 - Marine wilderness would allow the already established motorboating to continue
- VISITOR FACILITIES AND AMENITIES**
- New access point on I-75 at MM 51 that includes parking and a visitor contact station
 - Utilize FDOT rest area on I-75 at MM 63 and develop new parking area(s), trailheads, and a visitor contact station
 - New trailhead at Bear Island Grade for non-motorized access
 - New day use area at Deep Lake to include parking, a picnic area, and a trail/boardwalk
 - Upgrade Nobles Grade into a road corridor to provide access to a new campground
 - New trailheads at Rock Island and Bear Island Grade for non-motorized access
 - Explore visitor services partnerships at Carnestown - a range of commercial services would be encouraged
 - Explore providing opportunities for commercial boat tours south of US 41
- VISITOR ACCESS AND ORV TRAILS**
- New access points on I-75 at MM 51 and MM 63 (motorized and non-motorized)
 - New canoe/kayak trails in the tidal areas south of US 41
 - New access points at Rock Island and Bear Island Grade (non-motorized access only)
 - Establish up to 37 miles of primary ORV trails
- NPS OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION FACILITIES**
- New NPS operations facility on I-75 at MM 63
 - Maintain the existing fire operations center located at Copeland and expand for other operational needs
- RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**
- Ongoing resource management activities and projects would continue, such as vegetation management through exotic plant control and the use of prescribed fire