

"Luke's Everglades Excursion"

1. Indigenous People: Known as first peoples, aboriginal peoples, native peoples, the original inhabitants of a given region. They maintain traditions and other aspects of early culture
2. Native American: A member of any of the indigenous people of the Americas.
3. Seminole Tribe of Florida: Native Americans who settled in Florida in the 18th century. Their language was known as Muskogee. They typically hunted and fished the abundant waters off the coast of Florida. www.semtribe.com
4. Calusa Tribe of Florida: Native Americans who were nicknamed The Shell Indians. They once lived on the shores of the southwest coast of Florida about 12,000 years ago. They were considered to be the first "shell collectors" using shells for tools, utensils, and jewelry.
5. Reservation: An area of land set aside for use and occupation by American Indian tribes.
6. Everglades: A subtropical area of southern Florida including Everglades National Park. It is noted for its wildlife.
7. Conservation: The protection of animals, plants, and natural resources.
8. Environment: The surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives.
9. Environmentalist: A person who works to protect the environment.
10. Habitat: The natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism.
11. Eco-System: Includes all of the living things (plants, animals, and organisms) in a given area, interacting with each other, and also with their non-living environments such as weather, earth, sun, soil, climate, and atmosphere. In an eco-system, each organism has its own role to play.
12. Endangered Species: A species of animal or plant that is seriously at risk of extinction.

13. Extinction: The situation that results when an animal or plant no longer exists.
14. Wildlife Corridor: A link of wildlife habitat, generally native vegetation, which joins two or more larger areas of similar wildlife habitats. Corridors are critical to animal populations. www.floridawildlifecorridor.org
15. Predator: An animal that naturally preys on others.
16. Invasive Species: A non-native species to the eco-system likely to cause economic or environmental damage.
17. Light Pollution: Excessive artificial light of the night sky over inhabited area which can have serious environmental consequences for humans, wildlife, and our climate.
18. Nocturnal: Animals who sleep during the day and come out at night when the sun goes down.
19. Solar System: The collection of 8 planets and their moons in orbit around the sun, together with asteroids, meteoroids, and comets.
20. Camouflage: To hide or disguise the presence of a person, animal, or object by covering themselves to blend in with their surroundings.
21. Legend: A traditional story sometimes popularly regarded as historical but unauthenticated. Learn about the Legends of the Seminoles and their campfire stories. Their legend "The Creator of Earth" made sure that certain animals and plants possessed unique healing powers. www.semtribe.com
22. Chickee: A word Seminoles used for "house." Palmetto thatch over a cypress log frame.
23. Artifacts: An object made by a human being, typically an item of cultural or historical interest.
24. Milky Way Galaxy: The galaxy that contains our solar system, seen as a band of light in the night sky.
25. Family Heirloom: A valuable object that is owned by a family for many years and passed down from one generation to another. Example: jewelry

26. Gemstone: The name given to a piece of mineral, rock, or organic material that has been cut, polished, and made into a piece of jewelry.

27. Custom: Can be a practice or belief that has been practiced by an individual or a group for a long time.

28. Tradition: When a custom is transferred from generations to generation.

29. Marjorie Stoneman Douglas: A writer and environmentalist. She fell in love with the Everglades in the early 1900's. Her efforts were instrumental to protecting the Everglades. She wrote, "Everglades: River of Grass".

30. Dr. Betty Mae (Tiger) Jumper: First female chief of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. She was born on the Seminole Reservation in 1923. She was the first Florida Seminole to learn to read and write English. First to graduate from High School and a nursing program. She appreciated her cultural heritage and throughout her life, she worked tirelessly as an advocate for her Native American Culture and History. As a child, she'd listen to older members of the tribe tell stories that were passed down from their ancestors. She would later record the stories for future generations called "Legends of the Seminoles".

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Manatee Lagoon www.visitmanateelagoon.com

AH-TAH-THI-KI Museum/Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation
www.ahtahthiki.com

Palm Beach Zoo & Wildlife Conservation www.palmbeachzoo.org

South Florida Science Center & Aquarium www.sfsciencecenter.org

Florida Wildlife Corridor www.floridawildlifecorridor.org

Seminole Tribe www.semtribe.com

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