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### What I love about the Everglades!

What do I love about the Everglades? Is it the plants, animals or the beauty? It is all of these. The Everglades is a wonderful place.

The animals that are found in the Everglades are amazing. The animals are the ones who make the beautiful noises; the birds chirping and the alligators rustling out of the water. The animals are special in many different ways, such as their different sizes and colors. There are butterflies with yellow wings, gray alligators, and birds that are white orange and black. Did you know that some Everglades animals are endangered because we are using too much water? We need to protect them and their beauty.

Another thing that is special about the Everglades is its plants. The plants are the second most beautiful thing. The plants are beautiful. The plants are beautiful because they are unique. Some of the plants that can be found in the Everglades are the coco plant and the bay plant. The plants provide homes and food to many of the animals that live there. Did you know that some plants are poisonous? Humans should not touch them. Plants are different in many ways such as their colors, shapes, and sizes.

After learning about the animals and plants the best part of the Everglades is its beauty. Visiting the Everglades is like visiting another planet. The colors form such a beautiful picture. The Everglades is a habitat where many native animals and plants live. Together they form what I believe to be the best part, its beauty.

As you can see the Everglades is a beautiful place. The animals are wonderful. The plants know when to bloom, and the beauty wraps it all together.