

Shark Valley Essay Winner – May 2011

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Today I visited Shark Valley and I realized how beautiful it was. I know why because of its nature and wildlife. Everyone comes to see the view and the animals. There are some animals you thought didn't even exist. I saw a lot of Periphyton, I even got to smell it, squeeze it and look through it. The texture was squishy, it smelt very fresh. It was grass green and had a lot of mud brown to it. Next, we saw mostly saw grass. Sawgrass is called that name because it has blades that can cut you if don't touch it properly. Its emerald green and the bottom is sun yellow. I actually like looking at all the Sawgrass prairies. We saw so many alligators, they were impossible to count. We saw one taking a dip in the refreshing water. I actually saw one on the trail of the Hardwood Hammock. The Great Blue Heron was so beautiful,. It's tall and such an amazing view. With it's silky feathers and amazing eyes. That is why I think Shark Valley is so special to people all around. Why do you think the Everglades is so special?