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What is so special about Everglades National Park?

The Everglades National Park has so many special things but the one that makes it even more special is the nature and living things that surround it. All the nature it has makes the Everglades beautiful and enjoyable. Some examples of what the Everglades has that makes it spectacular for people to enjoy is birds, hammocks, the plants, the trees, the different types of sea animals that they have in the water, and the different views that people see if they are in a tour shuttle or walking. In the Everglades the different types of birds people see while they are there are birds that have never been seen before out of the Everglades. Some of the birds they have there are the Little Blue Heron, the Spoonbill, the Great Blue Heron, Yellow Crowned Night Heron, the Tricolored Heron, the Snail Kite, and the Bald Eagle. There are more but these are all I am going to name.

All the hammocks that the National Park has are massive. All of them have a bunch of emerald leaves all squished together. These leaves form a circle shape so the hammocks are circled shaped. The Everglades has a lot of hammocks and it also has a lot of plants. If people go walking they might have a chance to look at plants. If people go walking or go on the tour shuttle they could see a lot of trees. The trees in the Everglades are not really that much of exciting to see but it there is interesting birds or blooming flowers on the tree then people will look at it. The trees in the Everglades might not be seen that much but it still is part of the Everglades and it still is an important part of the Everglades and it makes it beautiful. The Everglades has different types of trees but some people won't know what type of tree it is. They will just say it is a normal tree but if a ranger explains to the people what the different trees are then they will know what kind of tree it is.

The National Park has a lot of animals and trees and plants and what it also has is the sea animals that live in the water. There is sea animals that live in the ocean but you just have to keep your eyes open to see them. The last thing that the Everglades has, and most people love to do and come for is the views. The kinds of people that come and visit the Everglades get a chance to see the views by walking or riding a tour shuttle. Everyday that people come to see the dazzling views are just amazed by what that National Park has. It is something that you could enjoy doing with your friends and family. All of these facts are what the National Park has. The Everglades is such a phenomenal eye catching dazzling place and ecosystem, to the living things. That's why all of us should protect the Everglades so then the living things could be happy with their ecosystem, so the nature around it won't disappear and so it could stay beautiful, and so the people could always be having a beautiful nice important National Park.