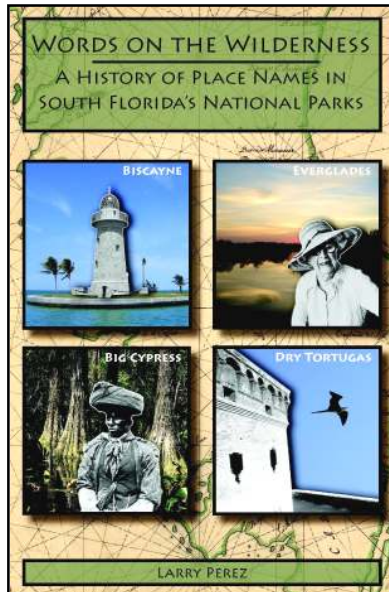


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NEW BOOK EXPLORES HISTORY OF NAMES IN PARKS

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Everglades City, FL – Everglades National Park was formally dedicated by President Truman in Everglades City on December 6, 1947. As the park prepares to celebrate its 60th anniversary, ECity Publishing is proud to announce the release of *Words on the Wilderness: A History of Place Names in South Florida's National Parks*. This new publication explores many colorful stories from the past in Everglades, Biscayne, and Dry Tortugas National Parks and Big Cypress National Preserve.

“Our national parks are often recognized as places of amazing natural beauty,” says author Larry Perez, “but we sometimes forget the deep cultural history preserved in these places. Nowhere is this more apparent than right here in South Florida.”

Perez is a lifelong resident of Miami and a long-time naturalist for both Miami-Dade Parks and the National Park Service. During his career, he has spent a great deal of time working around Biscayne Bay, Loop Road, Shark Valley and Flamingo. “We’ve gotten so accustomed to hearing these names,” says Perez, “that we don’t really stop to think about what they mean.” In *Words on the Wilderness*, Larry begins to unravel some of the mystery behind places like Chatham Bend, Gannet Strand, Ochopee, Cape Sable and Dildo Key. The project was born largely of his own curiosity. “How can you look at a place called ‘Hell’s Bay’,” asks Perez, “and not wonder how it earned that name?”

Words on the Wilderness explores the nomenclature behind every river, bay, reef, island, campsite, trail, road and structure commonly found on park visitor maps. During the course of over three years of research, Larry has unearthed the origins of over 400 unique place names.

Larry will present findings from his new book to the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation on Wednesday, December 12 at 5:30 PM. *Words on the Wilderness: A History of Place Names in South Florida's National Parks* can be purchased at many local bookstores or online at www.wordsonthewilderness.com Author Larry Perez can be contacted directly at larryperez@wordsonthewilderness.com