



DAY TRIP TO FLAMINGO

From Florida City · Monroe County, Florida



RIVER AND
LAKE



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NATIONAL PARK

The village is gone. Its name now belongs to a park visitor area with a visitor center, marina, lodge, restaurant and campground.

Flamingo makes a full day: about an hour and a quarter each way through the park. At the end are the visitor center overlooking Florida Bay, the Bradley memorial, the marina, and lunch at the Flamingo Restaurant. From May 1 to November 15 the visitor center is closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays, so pick another day if you want to go inside.

A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ 8:00 | Leave Florida City and pay at the main entrance. |
| ☐ 9:30 | Reach Flamingo. The visitor center and the Bradley memorial. |
| ☐ 10:30 | Walk the marina and look for wildlife from the docks, or take the 11 a.m. backcountry boat tour. |
| ☐ 12:30 | Lunch at the Flamingo Restaurant. |
| ☐ 14:00 | Drive back to Florida City. |

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **Florida Bay from the visitor center.** The covered walkway looks out over the water and the mangrove shore.
- **The Bradley memorial.** A bronze plaque set in a rough boulder by the water.
- **The marina.** Use a long lens for wildlife and keep your distance.



USGS topographic map, 1956 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	47 mi, about 1 h 16 min each way from Florida City. From Miami: 81 mi, about 2 h 05 min.
ENTRANCE	\$35 per private vehicle, good for 7 consecutive days at all park entrances; \$20 per person on foot or bicycle. Non-US residents 16 and older also pay a \$100 nonresident fee unless they hold an annual or America the Beautiful pass (NPS fees page).
HOURS	The main entrance near Homestead is open 24 hours. The Guy Bradley Visitor Center at Flamingo is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from November 16 to April 30. From May 1 to November 15 it opens 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday to Tuesday, and is closed Wednesday and Thursday. NPS says hours can vary with staffing; call (305) 242-7700 to confirm.
DRIVE	38 miles from the Homestead entrance to Flamingo, per NPS. NPS says gasoline and diesel for cars and boats are sold near the Flamingo Marina Store.
RESTROOMS	In the Flamingo Marina Store, per NPS. The campground has bathhouses.
FOOD	Flamingo Restaurant: lunch and dinner 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. from November 1 to April 30, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. from May 1 to October 31; breakfast from 7 or 8 a.m. The Marina Store sells snacks and supplies, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in winter and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in summer (Flamingo Adventures). NPS suggests bringing your own food and drink.
ON THE WATER	The concessioner runs 90-minute boat tours from the marina. NPS lists the backcountry tour to Whitewater Bay at 9 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. daily, year-round, and the Florida Bay tour from November 1 to April 30. The concessioner also rents boats, canoes, kayaks and bikes; its activities booth is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, and NPS says rentals go out until 3 p.m. and come back by 5 p.m. Flamingo is one end of the 99-mile Wilderness Waterway.
BUGS	Flamingo Adventures warned in October 2026 that mosquito levels were "currently extremely high." Bring repellent and long sleeves.
WEBSITE	nps.gov/ever

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 25.14083, -80.92417 • 25°08'27"N
80°55'27"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/florida/flamingo/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.