



A Brief History of the Fakahatchee

- the strand with its rare plants and animals
- the islands and rivers, home to early settlers
- the logging of big cypress and life in a lumber camp
- the development of Golden Gate Estates & Remuda Ranch
- the long fight to save the unique ecology in a State Preserve

The author gives an overview of Southwest Florida's past, the drainage and development, and then delves in detail into the history of this area. The book includes old photographs, a large list of references, a time-line, stories from local residents, and first-hand accounts of the formation of the Park from some of the people involved.

She's done it again! The author has encapsulated a great amount of information into a small readable book. Her list of serious sources is impressive and she has dug up little-known facts, pictures, and snippets about local people & places.

An absolutely wonderful job of pulling the Fakahatchee history and story together.

Captain Franklin Adams, Naples

The author so artfully explained over 100 years of the history of the Fakahatchee that I found myself effortlessly reading it straight through. It was an excellent and thorough brief history.

Lila Zuck, Naples

Author Marya Repko grew up in Hadlyme, CT, but spent most of her adult life in Europe as a software engineer. When she discovered Everglades City, she felt at home immediately. Her first book *A Brief History of the Everglades City Area* has sold thousands of copies and her recent publication *Angel of the Swamp; Deaconess Harriet Bedell in the Everglades* received rave reviews. She is Membership Secretary for the Friends of Fakahatchee and President of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation. Marya is also co-editor of *The MULLET RAPPER*, a bi-weekly local newspaper.

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