
Friends of the Everglades
Marjory's Circle
For those who Believe
the Everglades are worth fighting for.



Why Now?

The next decade will determine the future of the River of Grass.

Today, the Everglades faces a convergence of threats — and opportunities — that will shape its future for generations.

- A detention center built in the heart of Big Cypress National Preserve
- Looming deadlines to rein in Big Sugar's water pollution
- Development proposals threatening land critical to Everglades restoration
- Continued harmful discharges from Lake Okeechobee
- Growing pressure on Florida's public lands and wildlife habitat
- A narrowing opportunity to acquire land and restore the River of Grass

Friends of the Everglades *has never waited for permission to defend the River of Grass. Marjory's Circle ensures we never have to.*

Defending the Everglades

Fearless. Independent.

In 1969, Marjory Stoneman Douglas founded **Friends of the Everglades** at age 79 to stop destructive development in Big Cypress National Preserve. Together with a growing movement of advocates, she helped stop the project — and changed the future of the Everglades.

More than fifty years later, **Friends of the Everglades** remains the same independent voice, now under the direction of Executive Director Eve Samples — holding government agencies accountable, defending environmental laws and standing up to threats wherever they emerge.





How Friends of the Everglades gets results

ADVOCACY & LITIGATION

When the Everglades is threatened, we take action — filing federal lawsuits, holding government agencies accountable and fighting to ensure environmental laws are enforced.

SCIENCE & POLICY

Every position we take is grounded in research and expert analysis, ensuring our advocacy is based on evidence.

EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT

Systemic change requires an informed public. Through community engagement and our youth education program, Young Friends of the Everglades, we're building the next generation of Everglades defenders.



Record of Results

Marjory's Circle members help make victories like these possible.

PROTECTING BIG CYPRESS

Our landmark lawsuit and effective collaboration with allies played a key role in shutting down the harmful and unpermitted "Alligator Alcatraz" detention center in Big Cypress National Preserve.

PROTECTING FLORIDA'S STATE PARKS

Helped pass landmark legislation safeguarding Florida's public lands from future development.



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RESCUING THE RIVER OF GRASS

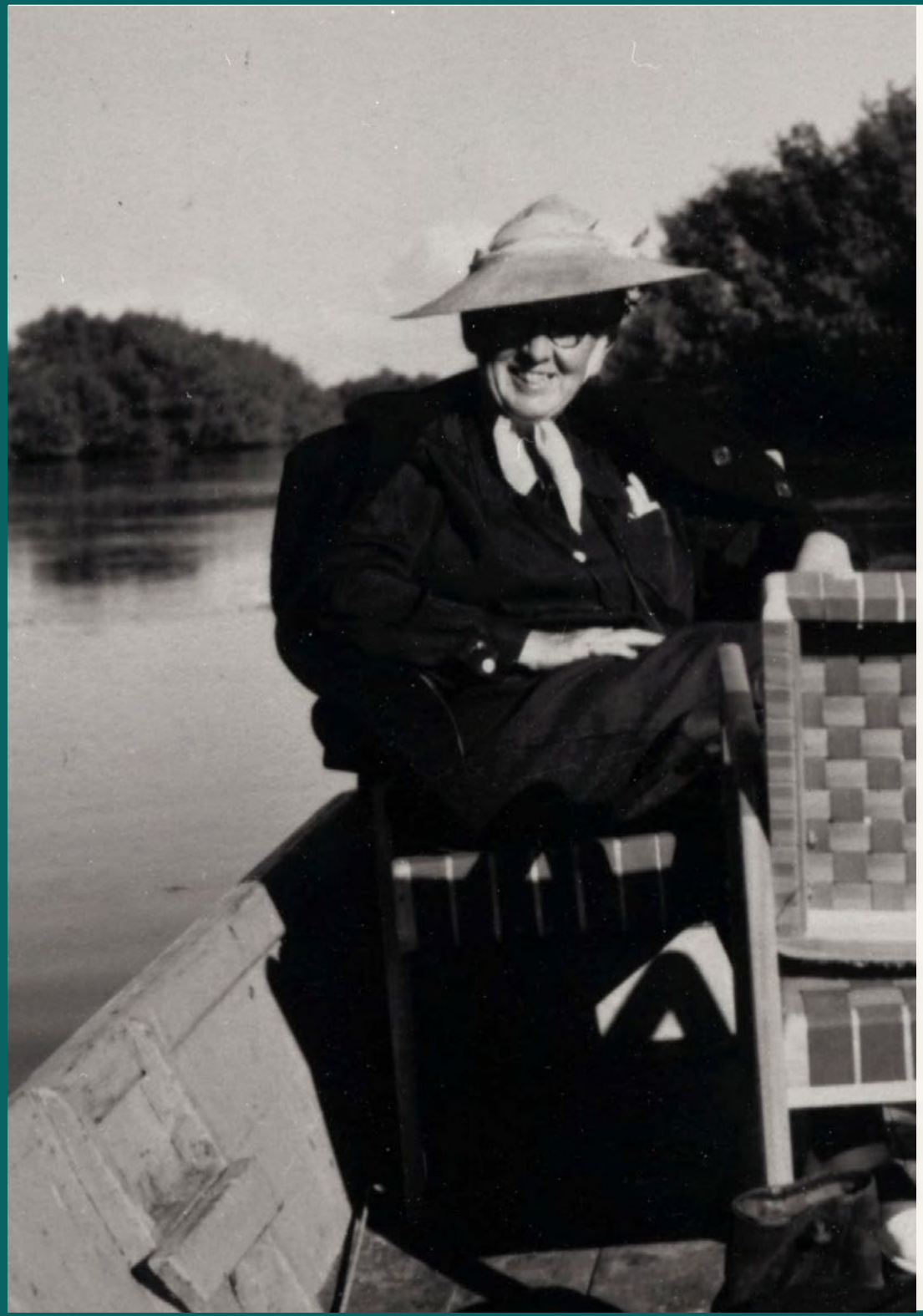
Mobilized more than 38,000 advocates in support of Everglades restoration and land acquisition.

STRENGTHENING THE MOVEMENT

Raised more than $2 million for Everglades legal defense and emergency advocacy.

INSPIRING FUTURE DEFENDERS

Introduced thousands of students to the Everglades through hands-on educational experiences.



Be a Nuisance Where it Counts

— Marjory Stoneman Douglas

Marjory Stoneman Douglas believed that ordinary people could challenge powerful interests and change the future of the Everglades.

She inspired generations of advocates to speak up when silence would have been easier — and to keep fighting long after others had given up.

Today, Marjory's Circle honors that spirit by bringing together individuals who believe the Everglades is worth fighting for, and who are willing to stand with **Friends of the Everglades** in its defense.

For those who *Believe* the Everglades are worth fighting for.



PRESERVE. PROTECT. RESTORE.

Members connect with fellow Everglades advocates through special events, behind-the-scenes experiences, and unique access to the work their support makes possible.

Today, **more than 100 members** stand together to ensure **Friends of the Everglades** remains a fearless, independent voice for the River of Grass.

Inside *Marjory's Circle*







EXPLORE

Experience the River of Grass through member expeditions and behind-the-scenes opportunities that bring you closer to the Everglades you're helping protect.

CONNECT

Stay informed and engaged through exclusive conservation briefings, special gatherings, and conversations with the people leading today's work.

BELONG

Become part of **Friends of the Everglades'** most dedicated community of supporters, united by a shared commitment to protecting the River of Grass.

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MEMBER BENEFITS

	CHAMPION $1,200	WATERSHED $2,500	MANGROVE $5,000	CYPRESS $10,000	SAWGRASS $25,000	HAMMOCK $50,000	DEFENDER $100,000+
RECOGNITION							
Featured on FOE Website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Annual Report Donor Listing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Voice of the Everglades E-newsletter Inclusion	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Virtual Event Acknowledgment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social Media Spotlight	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marjory's Birthday Gift (April 7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ACCESS							
Exclusive Member Gatherings	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Virtual Programs & Webinars	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Insider Briefings	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Priority Registration for Capacity-Limited Experiences				✓	✓	✓	✓
LEGACY CELEBRATION							
Marjory Stoneman Douglas Legacy Celebration Sponsor Recognition			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marjory Stoneman Douglas Legacy Celebration Tickets	**Discounted Tickets**	**Discounted Tickets**	**2**	**4**	**6**	**8**	**10**

Friends of the Everglades may, at its discretion, provide enhanced Legacy Celebration recognition opportunities outside of Marjory's Circle for exceptional event support.
Defender-level members are prioritized for VIP seating alongside program speakers and honored guests, as available.



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