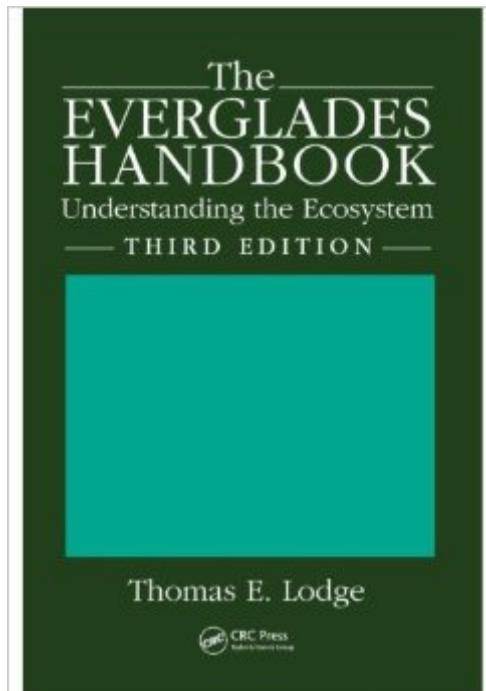


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# The Everglades Handbook: Understanding The Ecosystem, Third Edition



## **Synopsis**

Completely revised, updated, and now with color photographs and illustrations in every chapter, The Everglades Handbook provides a breadth and depth of information on the entire ecosystem of the Everglades that cannot be found anywhere else. Written by Thomas Lodge, one of the most respected authorities on the Everglades and one of its most ardent protectors, the book is an updated, expanded, and comprehensive explanation of what the Everglades is, how it has been changed, and the restoration needed to bring back ecological functions and safeguard sustainable future uses of the region by people.Â Expanded and updated coverage in the third edition includes: Caloosahatchee/Charlotte Harbor ecosystem; Kissimmee headwaters, including the chain of lakes near Orlando; St. Lucie/Indian River estuary; Impact of invasive species on various south Florida ecosystems; Sustainable agriculture relative to the Everglades ecosystem and other south Florida areas; Progress and impacts of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan; New chapter entitled Peripheral Ecosystems of the Everglades. ThisÂ edition maintainsÂ Lodge's trademark style, making the book appealing to students, the general public, scientists, and managers. A bestseller in each edition since its publication in 1994, this is quite possibly the most attractive, readable science book available on the Everglades. Thomas Lodge was interviewed by the Florida International University student media regarding his appearance at the Miami Book Fair International. He is also featured in a Miami Herald article highlighting Florida authors and their participation in the event.

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## **Customer Reviews**

As an environmental consultant, I found the first edition of The Everglades Handbook to be very useful, and the second edition even better! There are new chapters and very important new information, such as the new chapters on the Big Cypress Swamp, Lake Okeechobee, and "Synthesis" with its diagrams of succession and food chains, and the updated final chapter with details of human history in South Florida. I especially looked forward to the updated information on the Everglades restoration - it was excellent. The new edition is well worth the price (I heard that CRC Press reduced the price by 10%!). I can't recommend this book more highly for those people wanting to become familiar with how the Everglades works as an ecosystem.

Having enjoyed the prior edition of this book, I was delighted to receive the Third Edition which is even better with marvellous photos and graphics. This is essential reading for anybody trying to understand the challenges we face in restoring this unique ecosystem. The text is well written and reflects the author's scientific studies as well as his passion for the River of Grass. It is also an excellent source of information about the fauna and flora of the Everglades. It is delightful to browse through prior to a trip to Florida.

I purchased this book for a class I was taking. I must say I was very engaged with the information in this book and found it rather helpful in my personal studies of the Everglades. I lived in SFL for about 11 years and perhaps only 4 years ago started exploring the Everglades and Big Cypress. This book helped me understand more about the environment I was exploring and the severe implications involved with expanding the city of Miami westward and areas of northern SFL pushing south. The Everglades is so diverse and this book helped clearly identify and explain areas within this beautiful and fragile ecosystem.

This book is wildly expensive new, so I ordered a used copy rated "acceptable" in condition with some highlighting. My copy had obviously been used by a college student -- someone who used

little circles to dot her i's. There was yellow highlighting, and the cover was creased. But even with all that prior use and abuse, I was very, very happy to have this book. It contains a world of information about the geology and biology of the Everglades. And the writing is very clear. All the things I hungered to know on a recent kayak trip out of Flamingo I am learning now -- such as why some areas are forested and some not, why there are severely stunted cypress trees in some grassy areas, and what those open areas covered with succulent plants are doing right behind the south-facing beaches as you paddle from Flamingo out toward East Cape. There is an immense compendium of terrific information in this book, and I have barely scratched the surface. "The Everglades Handbook" fulfills the promise of the word "understanding" in its subtitle. I recommend it to anyone with a genuine interest in the Everglades.

Now in an updated third edition, *The Everglades Handbook: Understanding the Ecosystem* is an exhaustive, scholarly reference packed cover to cover with scientific information about the ecosystem of the Everglades - taking into account how drastically the Everglades has changed, and how it can be restored and safeguarded to promote sustainable use. Full-color photography illustrates the extensively researched text. The new third edition includes information about agriculture in historic Everglades lands, the latest information about and difficulties with the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, and a brand new chapter titled "Peripheral Ecosystems of the Everglades". A welcome, professional addition to college library and environmental studies shelves.

Probably the most useful and interesting single book on the Everglades. If you're on a budget, the older edition contains much of the same information at a fraction of the cost.

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