



Miami – Dade Community College / Wolfson Campus  
Department of Natural Sciences, Health & Wellness

## Everglades National Park Shark Valley Sunrise Bike Trip

**When:** Sunday, February 3, 2008 from 6:45 am to approximately 11:00am

**Where:** Everglades National Park, Shark Valley entrance on US 41 (Tamiami Trail) approximately one hour driving time west of Miami (see map on back for directions)

**What:** an optional early morning outing for Chris Migliaccio's students in PCB 2033 & BSC 1050 and all Tools for Success students. We will bike at a leisurely pace and observe the abundant and active wildlife along the entire 15 mile paved road scenic loop through the Everglades.

**Directions:** Drive west on US 41 (=Tamiami Trail = SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street) approximately 18 miles west of Krome Avenue (SW 177<sup>th</sup> Avenue) to the Shark Valley entrance of Everglades National Park. Watch for the brown & white National Park sign directing you to turn left onto the Shark Valley access road. **You must park on the shoulder of the road along the south side of US 41 – NOT ON THE SHARK VALLEY ACCESS ROAD.** Be careful of traffic on US 41 as you unload your bike. We will meet at the Parking lot gate and depart at 6:45am sharp, traveling down the west (right) side of the loop nearest to the Park's Visitor Center / Store.

**Wear:** clothing appropriate for the weather and for biking: shorts, t-shirt, sneakers, sunglasses, hat, long shirt for the cool morning; dress in layers appropriate for that day's weather. Weapons, rollerblades, rollerskates and skateboards are not allowed on the loop.

**Bring:** your bike, a water bottle, fruit or other snacks, binoculars, camera, sunscreen and lip balm in a backpack or fanny pack. Remember that you must carry everything you bring. Helmets are suggested but not required unless you are 16 years old or less.

**Before you leave home:** Make sure your bike is in good working order - early in the week, inflate your bike tires fully to check for leaks. If you break down on the loop, it's a long walk back.

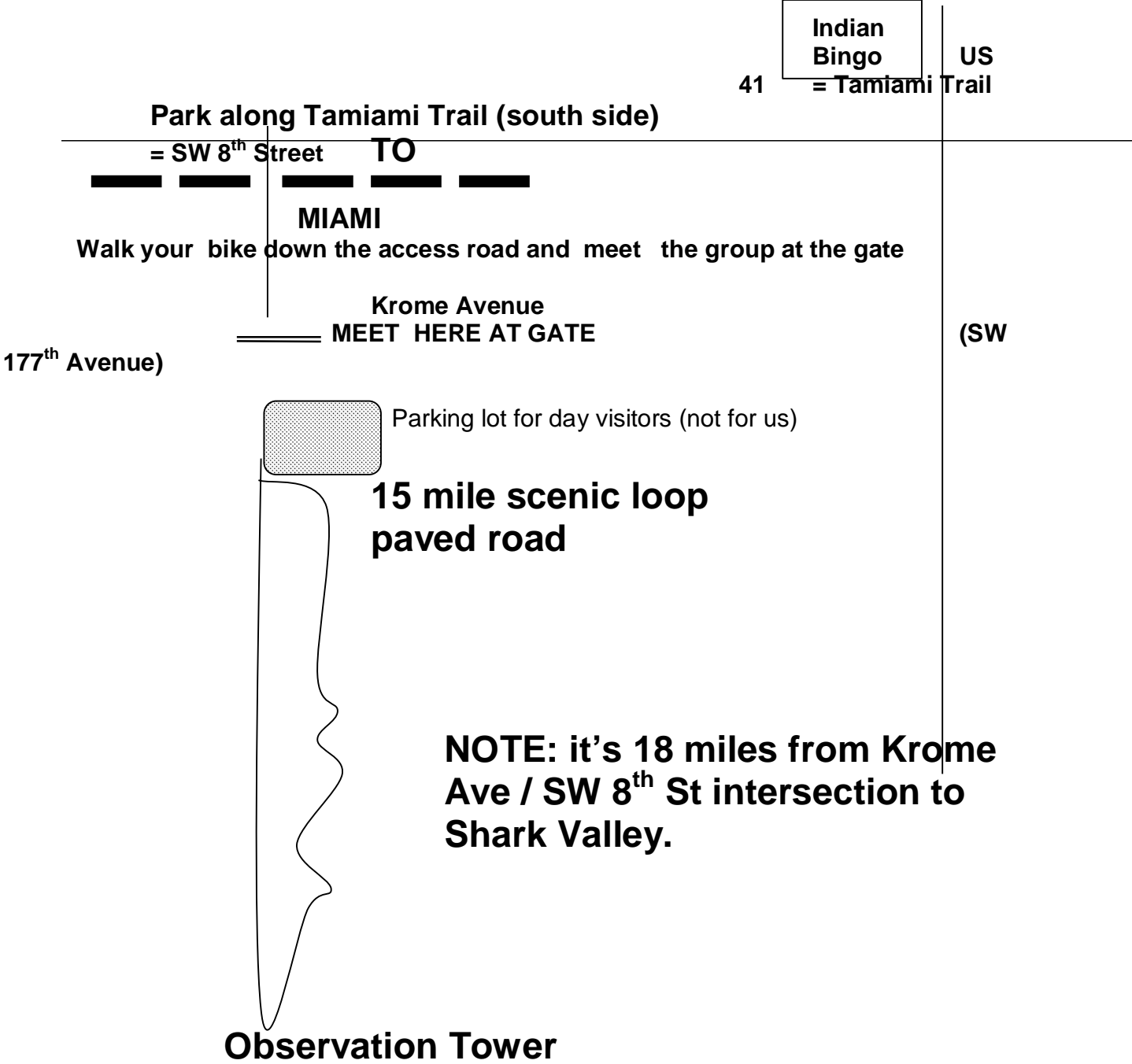
**Cost:** Admission is free because we will enter the Park before the parking lot opens. A small concession stand and Park bookstore sell T-shirts, water, maps and books but won't be open when we start our trip. Call 305-221-8455 for bike rental information.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: MDC requires students attending such fieldtrips to complete and submit the following 3 forms to their instructor before the trip. These are in the Fieldtrips folder in the Computer Courtyard Network and on WileyPlus. Print out, complete and give me your form by the last class of the week before the trip.**

- Forms\_AgreementForOffCampusCollegeActivities.pdf
- Forms\_SA5PermissionForEmergencyTreatment.pdf
- Forms\_SA6EmergencyContactInformation.pdf

**If we must postpone or cancel the trip due to bad weather, I will leave a message on my office phone mail at 305-237-3269. Call before you leave home that morning to check in if the weather is questionable (i.e. stormy/rainy/excessively windy).**

# Driving directions to Everglades National Park's Shark Valley entrance



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