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2014 Everglades National Park Quarter - Florida

Twenty-Fifth in the America the Beautiful Quarters Collection

The fifth and final America the Beautiful Quarter issued in 2014 honors Everglades National Park in Florida. The coin was also the 25th in the overall series and completes the fifth year of the collection. Eventually, the series will feature a National Park or other national site in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the five overseas U.S. territories.

Five new coins are issued each year, and the series will continue in 2015 with coins for Homestead National Monument of America in Nebraska, Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana, Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina, Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge in Delaware, and Saratoga National Historical Park in New York. Even though five America the Beautiful Quarters are issued annually, they are produced and released one at a time throughout the year. The minting period for each coin is only about 10 weeks – and once it is over, the coin can not be reissued.

The vast majority of coins are released into circulation, where they immediately become worn and damaged, leaving just a tiny fraction in original Brilliant Uncirculated condition for collectors. Each Quarter is struck in uncirculated quality at both the Philadelphia and Denver Mints. The two different coins are identified by a small “P” (Philadelphia) or “D” (Denver) mint mark on the obverse under “In God We Trust.”

Everglades National Park is the largest subtropical wilderness in the United States. Although it covers more than 1.5 million acres in south Florida, it actually protects only about 20 percent of the original Everglades region. It incorporates a variety of ecosystems, from forests to wetlands, and it was the first tract of wilderness set aside by the federal government for its environmental impact instead of its scenic value. The park was authorized in 1934 and was established as a National Park in 1947.



Everglades is especially renowned as a habitat for an amazing variety of wildlife, and it provides a safe haven for rare and endangered species such as the American crocodile, manatee, and Florida panther. Other popular sightings include alligators, bobcats, black bears, foxes, and a tremendous number of birds such as storks, egrets, ibis, and herons. In addition, the park contains the largest stand of protected mangrove forest in the Western Hemisphere.

The reverse of the 2014 Everglades National Park Quarter features two waterbirds that have become symbols of the park. The foreground shows an aninga with its wings outstretched to display its spectacular plumage, while the roseate spoonbill in the background is one of the park's most colorful and distinctive birds.

The United States Mint prepared five additional designs for consideration for the Everglades National Park Quarter. One showed a snail kite with a snail in its beak, two included different versions of a spoonbill with an alligator in the background, one featured an alligator and a crocodile together, while the final one highlighted a Native American in a canoe with large wading birds flying in the background.

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