

The Friends of Fakahatchee is a non-profit organization that creates awareness for preserving nature and its wildlife. It is necessary to preserve the endangered wildlife as they are part of our natural and cultural heritage. Through the Fakahatchee Strand, the Florida Everglade's narrow thread of forested swamp approximately 20 miles long and 3 to 5 miles wide, the Friends of Fakahatchee help better the environment . The unique Fakahatchee Strand houses a number of threatened and endangered species and a myriad of plant life. The very plants and animals that live within the Strand symbolize life much like that of human beings and hence require the equal right and necessity to live and be preserved. This needs our urgent attention before all becomes irreparable and must be protected before the wilderness is completely eradicated from the face of this earth.

Preserving wildlife is not only important because they offer aesthetic pleasure but also because of the economic benefits that they offer. The wildlife provides valuable services for our sustenance. By regulating clean air, water and the weather conditions, they prevent pests in crop harvests. Other various life threatening diseases are also prevented. The rich gene pool that is offered by these rich wildlife species can be used to multiply for moral and economic purposes. These species are needed for our well being; their extinction will result in severe consequences. The cancer cure that is newly being developed requires a certain strain of wheat crop. With it, a new antibiotic drug can be created and will be used to prevent this dangerous disease.

Today, scientists remain unable to estimate the exact number of species on earth. Calculated to be within 30 to 40 million species, all species are distinct in terms of genes and characteristics. All information about the different species are still unknown. When one considers that many unknown strains of species may have already become extinct, one can only imagine potential dangers. Only two million species have been identified. Many scientists speculate that perhaps the cure for the common cold could lie in some unknown plant or animal that may or may not still be living.

We are responsible for the conservation and preservation of nature. We can do our part by adopting small methods like avoiding plastics, using non-carbon based products, switching to eco friendly products, and avoiding transportation for small distances. Many schools encourage kids to plant trees and also make posters that spread the message of conservation and preservation of nature. The world is in danger and little steps like these can go a long way. Many health-related diseases are a result of the emission of carbon monoxide into the air from cars. Smoking also contributes to the pollution. Nature and wildlife is needed to preserve and sustain our lives and hence we must take it upon ourselves to do the same for them.

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Many neighborhoods are taking up carpooling as a means of emitting less toxins into the air. Major malls and grocery stores have already begun utilizing paper bags and discarding plastics all together. Water and electricity also need conservation and by switching off the tap or the light when not in use will benefit the world greatly. By supporting the Friends of Fakahatchee, who promote these ideals necessary for mutually harmonious existence between human beings and nature and wild life, the world can become a cleaner, safer place. The world needs our support to do our bit.

If you are looking to help maintain and protect this natural legacy, then please consider volunteering. The Friends of Fakahatchee is always searching for zealous new environmentalists <http://www.friendsoffakahatchee.org/volunteer.php> . To learn more about the Friends of Fakahatchee or support their efforts, please visit <http://www.friendsoffakahatchee.org/index.php>