



Discover A Watershed: The Everglades



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SUBJECTS

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The Everglades is of interest to people both within and beyond the watershed. This comprehensive guide to this unique ecosystem, developed for formal and nonformal educators, is divided into three parts: ‘The Natural Watershed’, a reference section that includes the natural and human history of the area; ‘The Altered Watershed’, a discussion of contemporary issues and potential solutions; and ‘Investigations’, a collection of learning activities. This text can provide a six- to eight-week course of study on the Everglades watershed. Activities may also be used in any order, with educators selecting those elements of the watershed most relevant to their particular areas of study. Individual activities identify skills, time required, setting, and subject areas, and include suggestions for warm-up and wrap-up extensions. Illustrations consist of drawings, diagrams and numerous black and white photographs. Appendix includes maps, index, list of species and additional resources.

Grade Level
6-12

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278 pages

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What the REVIEWERS Said !	Key Characteristics	Strengths Noted	Other Considerations
	Fairness and Accuracy	Information is current and comes from thoroughly referenced primary sources. Represents differing viewpoints. Openness to inquiry evident in student "investigations".	May not represent agriculture and other land uses fairly.
	Depth	Numerous concepts utilized, drawing from earth science, ecology, geography, history, mathematics, and language arts.	
	Emphasis on Skills Building	Reinforces skills such as observing, recording, mapping and analyzing. Includes many opportunities for instructor to expand on these.	
	Action Orientation	Emphasizes civic responsibility and the importance of being informed. Encourages problem-solving skills and the application of knowledge.	
	Instructional Soundness	Some activities address students' multiple intelligences. Assessments correlate with objectives.	Would require adaptation to make it relevant to students outside of Florida.
	Usability	Well-organized, easy to read lessons include subject, duration, and vocabulary.	Requires teacher to become familiar with a great deal of background information.

"Visually, a beautiful manual. I could not tell if it was a student text, a teacher guide to a text, or a teacher text. Actually, I still am not sure."

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