

Everglades Bingo

Florida's Everglades are the aquatic backbone of south Florida. Dubbed the River of Grass for the sawgrass that flourished throughout the marsh, the Everglades is a mosaic of freshwater ponds, prairies and forested uplands that supports a rich plant and wildlife community. Everglades Bingo was designed to test your knowledge of the plants, animals, and history of the Everglades.

Materials Needed:

8 ½"x 11" White Card Stock

Blank Business Card Sheets (10 cards per sheet)*

Laminator**

Color Printer

Box of rocks or another item that can be used to mark off Bingo Clues

* If you do not have access to blank business card sheets you can print them on regular paper and cut them out, but you will probably want to laminate them.

** It is not required to laminate the Bingo Cards or the Clue Cards, but the game will resist wear and tear if you do.

Preparation of Game:

1. Print out Bingo Cards – This is the document titled “Bingo Game Cards.” The document contains 15 different cards. Print all the cards in color on White Card Stock. Each card has a different orientation of the clues so that only one person can get BINGO at a time. Laminate cards for a longer lasting game.
2. Print out Clue Cards – This is the document titled “Bingo Clues.” The clues were designed to print out on blank business card sheets (10 cards per sheet). Print double sided so that one side of each card has the word BINGO and the other side has a clue. After printing you can easily tear the cards apart and you should have 24 different clue cards. *Hint: most printers will not print double sided on paper that is thick like business card sheets. To avoid this problem use the manual print tray to print one side at a time. Print page one from the manual tray, take page one and flip it over and send it through the manual tray again to print page two on. Do the same for pages three and four, and five and six.*

Instructions:

Pass out the Bingo Cards and about 20 rocks (or whatever item you are using to mark off the clues) to each student. There are 15 different cards so if the class is small enough each player can have one card, otherwise the students may be required to work in pairs.

Place the Bingo Clues face down on a table and mix them up. Ask everyone to take a rock and mark off the free space in the middle of each card. When everyone is ready pick up a Bingo Clue and read the clue to the students. The students then use the Bingo Card to find the answer to the Bingo Clue. Depending on the class you can either have the students raise their hands to answer the clue or just yell it out. Once the answer is correctly given the entire class can mark it off their card. Every card has the same answers; they are just in different orientations.

Continue this process until someone has five in a row up and down or diagonal – BINGO! You can verify a BINGO by asking the student to list the Bingo Clues that earned them the BINGO! In very few cases two people will win at the same time. Enjoy!