



A relaxing chickee in the Living Village

## A PLACE TO LEARN, A PLACE TO REMEMBER

THE AH-TAH-THI-KI SEMINOLE INDIAN MUSEUM IS A WORLD OF LIVING HISTORY

By Gabriel Wallace

In the Seminole language, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki means a place to learn, a place to remember. And when you visit the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum in the rich swamplands of the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation, you will do just that—by entering an educational and entertaining world of living history and culture.

The dramatic five-screen presentation, *We Seminoles!*, is a dynamic orientation film providing the historical and cultural backdrop for the five different exhibit galleries visitors can explore. Showcasing rare artifacts and more than 40 life-size figures engaged in a variety of activities including hunting, traveling and dancing, guests gain an overview of Seminole life in the 1890s. Three changing exhibit galleries provide a closer look at a variety of aspects of Seminole life.

Continue the museum experience outside by following the mile-long elevated boardwalk through a natural cypress dome, all wheel chair accessible, leading to a recreated Living Village. Here Seminole artisans demonstrate and create the beadwork, basketry, woodcarvings and distinctive Seminole patchwork. Learn about indigenous plants and their traditional uses by the Seminoles as you read the placards along the boardwalk.

"We invite everyone to come and check out our exciting new programming in our renovated outdoor amphitheater and catch a glimpse of a traditional Seminole garden in-the-making along the boardwalk," said Carrie Dille, Visitor Services and Development Manager of the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki.

The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum opened its doors to the public on August 21, 1997 helping to

commemorate the 40th anniversary of federal recognition of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. It is a designated Smithsonian Institution Affiliate and was the first Native American museum to be accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

Open seven days a week from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the heart of the Everglades, the museum is located approximately 17 miles north of I-75 at exit 49—less than two hours from Fort Myers, West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale. For ticket prices, group rates and other information, visit [ah-tah-thi-ki.com](http://ah-tah-thi-ki.com). 



Ray Branna, Museum Outreach Specialist, with a resident Red Shouldered Hawk



The boardwalk passes through a cypress dome



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