

BIG BEND SCENIC BYWAY

Check it off!

1. Spotting a Florida black bear is always a thrilling sight, and since the Big Bend Scenic Byway is in the "Apalachicola Core Area" where forests and interconnected greenways provide an excellent habitat, you may spot this magnificent animal with its cubs. If you see a Florida black bear, can you draw a picture of what it was doing?

2. If you make a stop along the Big Bend Scenic Byway, look for a small bird with black and white bars on its back, a black cap and nape, and white cheek patches. What type of bird is this? The Big Bend Scenic Byway is home to the largest population of this type of bird.

3. The Great Florida Birding Trail is a network of almost 500 sites throughout Florida, with many of these sites along the Big Bend Scenic Byway. How many different birds can you count? Which one is your favorite?

4. There are many habitats along the Big Bend Scenic Byway. Can you describe which one of these you saw: beaches, coastal strand, salt marsh, scrub, tidal flats, coasts and estuaries, oyster bars, seagrass beds?

5. Did you know that many of the Ralph Kendrick Dwarf Cypress Domes are more than 300 years old? Have you seen any of these trees? (If you go approximately 5.5 miles north of the intersection of US 98 and CR 65 you will see a sign on the east side of the road. Follow these signs along the graded dirt road for about 4.75 miles.) Take photos of the many plants, butterflies, insects or animals you see.

6. Did you see the lighthouse on the St. Mark's National Wildlife Refuge? This lighthouse was built in 1832 and is still in use today.

