

August 5th through 10th, 2008 Big Cypress Swamp documentary
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On August 5th Elam Stoltzfus and Sammy Tedder traveled to the Big Cypress National Preserve to document and collect more HD video footage. Target event was thunderstorms, lightning and rain. Aerial and airboat out in the prairie areas. It was hot, humid and plenty of mosquitos.... But it was worth it!!



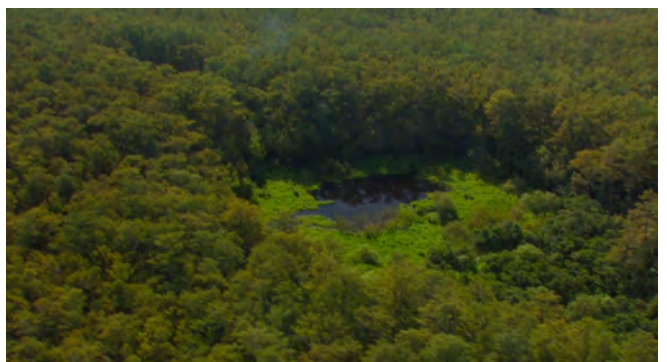
On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday Sammy and I waiting for the approaching thunderstorm marching across the prairie region between Turner Road and Birdon Road north of Hwy 41. Here are few images from the still frames from the HD video.





As you can tell, it was electrifying show with front row view. At one lightning strike, I felt electric static between my fingers. That was a little to close for comfort. I was surprised how much the fall colors were beginning to show. Especially the maples trees leaves. On Thursday morning London Helicopters took Sammy and I went up in the helicopter to complete the aerial of the circle of Big Cypress Swamp. This included the Ten Thousand Islands, Big Cypress Preserve, The Jet Port area and more of the north section of Big Cypress. Enjoy the images and journey with us.





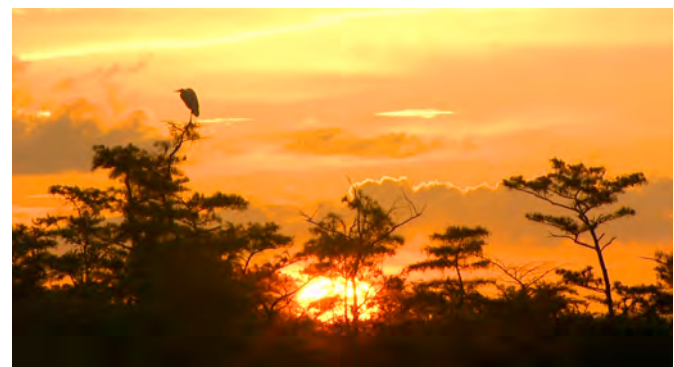
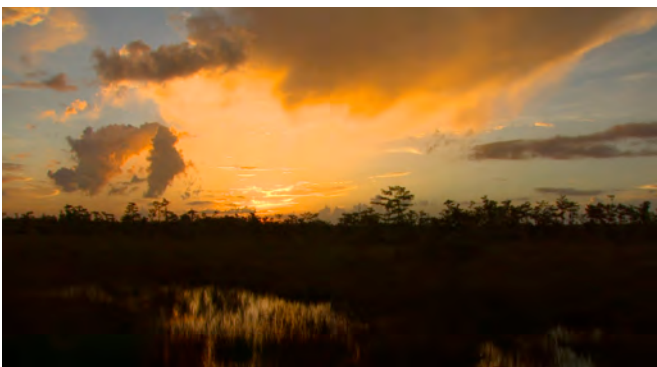


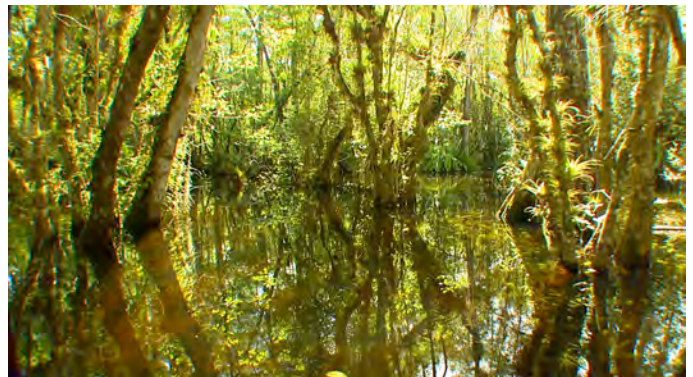
In the afternoon John Adams with Big Cypress National Preserve took on a tour on the airboat out from Mitchell Landing into the open prairie areas. It was spectacular with late afternoon clouds, high water level and green growth of the hot summer days.





On Friday morning we started out with a sunrise and traveled to the sloughs for several collection of images. Later in the morning we mounted the camera on the front of the canoe and rowed in the slough for a close intimate feel of the resurrection ferns, leather ferns and everything thing else that was in full growth.







On Saturday we spent the afternoon with the Leroy Henehayo Osceola family as they are building a store front/gallery to feature their crafts and art work. Leroy was teaching his two sons about the crafts, building a tiki hut and plenty of other activities around the place.





