



**Presents:**  
**“Paddling the Oleta –  
Miami’s Last Free Flowing River”**

**T**urn back the pages of time to get a feel for life in an earlier Florida. Discover native plants and marine species on a river that has seen the likes of Tequesta Indians, pioneer settlers and bootleggers. Starting at the edge of the historic Everglades and meandering all the way to the Atlantic Ocean, the Oleta River offers a fascinating array of stories and vistas.



Our route explores the State Park along the river and its successful ecological restoration, the Intracoastal Waterway marking the border between high-rise development and pristine mangrove forests surrounding the river and finally the meandering river itself that offers a glimpse into wild Florida.

Hear the stories of how the early Native Americans made this region their home and why it was a popular hiding spot during the Prohibition era. While keeping our eyes peeled for local wildlife like herons, spoonbills, ospreys and the occasional manatee and dolphin, you will find out how this ecosystem was saved from development and remains a symbol of the free-flowing and untamed Florida waterways that are so hard to find today.



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