

## Key Largo man wrestles live alligators for a living.

Travis Slater steps into the corral, grabs a good sized alligator by the tail, and drags it to the center of the pit. Just as the enormous reptile whips around to try to take a chomp out of his leg, Travis grabs the creature's giant jaws and clamps them tightly while jumping on the big beast's back and straddling it. He tucks his knees in, and tightly holding on to the raging thrashing reptile's back with his legs, Travis manages to pry open the giant lizard jaws with his bare hands so the audience can see the row of approximately 80 huge pointed teeth.

These are similar to the teeth of the alligator that left an angry scar on Slater's arm several years ago when he first started working with the thick-skinned critters at the Everglades Alligator Farm in Homestead. Just a 30-minute drive from Key Largo, this is a breathtaking attraction every resident and visitor should take the time to see.

Host to over 2,000 alligators of all ages and sizes, the Everglades Alligator Farm is also home to a variety of snakes, a baby crocodile and even an endangered Florida panther. Slater's goal is to educate the public on the

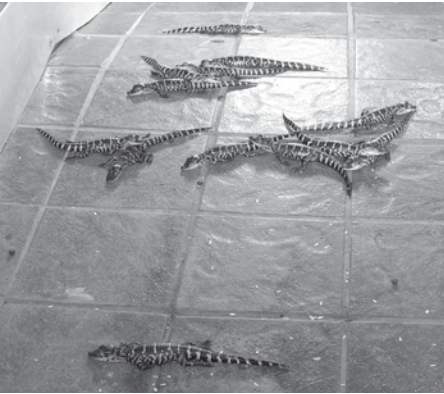
wildlife he respects and cares for, and he is a wealth of information.

A trip to the Everglades Alligator Farm includes an exciting airboat tour of the surrounding river of grass; a walking trail around the farm to see the alligators, crocodiles, caimans, and wildlife; a great display of local and exotic snakes; and informational wildlife shows every hour. Everglades Alligator Farm is open daily between the hours of 9 am and 6pm.

Whether you are headed to Key Largo or Key West, this is an attraction you absolutely won't want to miss!

For more information on the Everglades Alligator Farm call 305-247-2628 or go to [www.everglades.com](http://www.everglades.com). There is a \$2 off an airboat ride coupon on their website.

The Everglades Alligator Farm is located at 40351 SW 192 Ave., Homestead, Florida.



Baby alligators and two-year-olds thrive on the Everglades Alligator Farm, which is home over 2,000 alligators as well as a variety of snakes, a baby crocodile and even an endangered Florida panther.



Travis Slater holds the alligator's jaws so the audience can appreciate the row of approximately 80 teeth.





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Brittney Baker

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Brittney has been in a coma in ICU at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami for over 2 months. She is being treated for massive head injuries and multiple broken bones. As soon as she is stable enough she will need to have spinal surgery to repair a broken back. Brittney was tossed about in that car like a rag doll and her recovery is going to be a very slow process, if she recovers at all.

The accident happened April 7th at MM 100. Most people would not have survived such a horrific accident but Brittney has youth and strength to her advantage and that is what has kept her alive and got her this far.


Brittney is the child of John and Jennifer Baker of Key Largo. Jennifer Baker is the manager of Dolphin Cove and her husband John is only employed part time. They are doing all they can

to ensure Brittney's survival, but the cost of daily hospital visits and medical expenses is astronomical.

Over the years the Baker family has been active in many community benefits and events - and now they need our help.

Visit Facebook "Britt's Battle" where you can donate money to help with Brittney's medical expenses, or give a donation for one of these Good Karma bracelets to be worn as a "constant reminder to keep the circle positive and loving."

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