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Description: This 2600 square ft. exhibition is one of the most ambitious projects of its kind that the Florida Park Service has undertaken in the past 20 years. The exhibit is housed in an original CCC structure dating from the 1930's. We created a cartoon character named Arch, a CCC enrollee, who acts as an interactive guide to the museum. Throughout the exhibits, structures, materials and colors were all designed and chosen to reflect the rustic style of the CCC. The museum also incorporates a full-sized re-created wall of palm logs and local rock to demonstrate CCC building techniques and a full-sized portion of a barracks, where visitors can watch historic film clips of the CCC working in Florida and try on replicated uniforms. In designing and building this exhibit, we used as many of the same materials and building techniques used by workers in the 1930s, making the exhibits as authentic as possible. The entire center is a multi-dimensional, multimedia educational experience created as a tribute to the men who built the first parks in Florida.

Location: Highland Hammock State Park, Sebring, Florida, the first state park built by the Corps.

Client: Florida Park Service, Department of Environmental Protection

