



Tram Tour

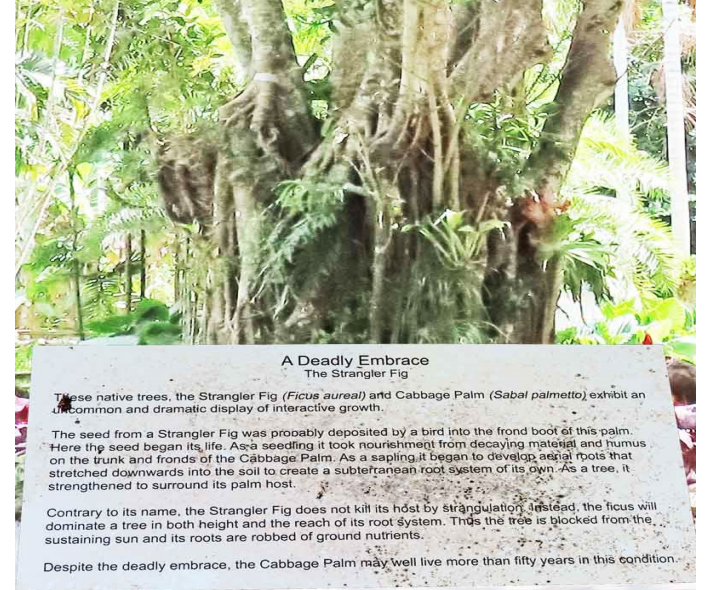


If you visit the Flamingo Gardens in Davie/Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 38 miles from Miami Beach, one of the first or “for-sure” things to do is to take the Tram Tour ride. John Tavares was our driver and tour guide for this tour of the 60-acre Wray Botanical Collection and Wildlife Sanctuary. John is a former radio announcer from Jamaica. His knowledge and friendliness made the tour a learning experience about the property’s wetlands and native hammock areas. The Tram station is next to the Florida Panther exhibit. There are 42 acres of wetlands within the Gardens’ 60-acre property.



You will gain a lot of information about the many plants in the Gardens. Mr. Tavares also talked about the Wray’s family history and use of the land and how it has changed since Mrs. Wray died. There is one section of the tour that has been untouched as per Mr. Wray’s request, a jungle growth as it appeared to the Seminole Indians who occupied this area. There is a Wetlands Walkway and Pioneer Walkway within the area that individuals can take. This area contains 200-year-old Live Oaks, a tropical rainforest and tropical fruit groves.





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Sources: <https://www.flamingogardens.org/botanical-gardens.html>, and <https://www.flamingogardens.org/narrated-tram-tour.html>.

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