

Once upon a time before a giant mouse came to Florida...

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The Lost Roadside Attractions of Florida

Florida is the original tourist destination and the state became a playground for northerners since the 1830's. This interesting topic covers popular tourist roadside attractions before Disney World. Some examples include Six Gun Territory, Miami Serpentarium, Pirates World, Bongo Land, Dr. Vedder's Museum and many more from North to South Florida.

A Florida native Zach, has been with the Museum of Arts and Sciences for 25 years and is the Senior Curator of Education and History with a specialty in Florida history, art, and paleontology.

He is well known for his outreach presentations throughout Northeast and Central Florida and on world traveling art exhibitions including presentations with The Smithsonian.

In 2011, Zach discovered the Daytona Mastodon in a drainage pond near the museum creating a gallery for the Giant Ground Sloth and Daytona Mastodon.

A Current cast member for the PBS series "The Fossil Hunters", he has also appeared on the Travel Channel as a guest historian with Philippe Cousteau Jr. and his wife on a new show about pirates.



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