

Andrew's path of destruction



As Hurricane Andrew tracked across southern Florida, gusts of up to 168mph and a storm surge of between 7-12 feet threatened to make it the costliest storm in U.S. history

St. Lucie:
Nuclear power plant shut down

Red Cross shelters:
180 opened between Palm Beach and Key West

Hurricane area:
90 miles wide, travelling at 18mph

Fort Myers

Turkey Point:
Nuclear power plant shut down

Naples

Palm Beach

Fort Lauderdale
Miami

Grand Bahama

Florida Keys

Key West

Atlantic Ocean

Andros

Eye

Storm surge:
Tides 7-12 feet higher than normal pose greatest risk to lives and property

Sea level

Low pressure in the eye sucks dome of water above normal sea level

Eye

As hurricane reaches coastline the dome breaks on the sea bed creating huge waves

Swirling column

