



## Today in History

*December 6, 1947*

▲ The Everglades National Park, now a World Heritage Site visited by more than one million people every year, was dedicated in southern Florida

**1774:** Austria became the first nation to establish a state education system

**1971:** India recognised Bangladesh as an independent state from Pakistan

**2006:** Photographs taken by NASA's Mars Global Surveyor suggested the presence of liquid water on Mars

**2011:** Belgium's new federal government was sworn in after 541 days of negotiations, the longest in recorded history