

Abandoned by DISNEY

Unravel Disney's darkest secret today!



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In the depths
of Florida's
Walt Disney
world, away
from the
screaming
children and

Smiling characters,
an abandoned theme
park shows a darker
side of the

Happiest place on Earth located in the middle
of Bay Lake, the abandoned Discovery Island still
remains exactly as it was in decades past.

At first
the
island
was call
T island
as
it had
a
secretary

Of tropical
birds and
flowers.

Treasure island
opened on
April 8, 1974
but in 1979
Disney changed

the
name
to
Island.
in
1999
Disney
& were
forced
to shut
down

the island because
the birds and alligators
were breeding

Out of control and Disney got in to trouble
because of this. An investigation resulted in a fine
for Disney of \$95,000 which they paid to avoid

going to
court.
April 4
was its
last day
open to
the public,
having
been
open for
almost
25
years.

Most animals
were relocated
to Disney's
Animal Kingdom,

and ones
remaining were
the natural
inhabitants of
Bay Lake.

Only one man has been to Disney World's secret abandoned island. Shane Perez is a

Photographer, blogger, and explorer of

abandoned spaces who swam to the abandoned island hoping to unravel Disney's darkest secret.

Perez said in 2006 "I've learned a few disturbing facts about the lake and would not recommend that anyone attempt to

re-trace our footsteps". According to locals

alligators live in Bay Lake which surrounds the island. Snuggling

Cameras
into the
theme
park at
night
eerily,
the group
saw that
all lights
were on

despite the zoo being
abandoned. As they
walked through the

Overgrown paths, Perez realized that they were
not alone. With each human step, they heard whatever
was on the island move away from them.

Perez
said 'we
could
hear all
sorts of
noises in
the trees
surrounding
us.

We were
literally
surrounded
by what

sounded
like
thousands of
birds. We
could hear
them

cawing
and
cOOing
in all
directions
Some
sounded
almost

Like people
speaking.
Perez came
across cages
which

housed the animals years before,
vets rooms and storage areas. Objects
found included old paperwork,
photos and preserved snakes. Spider
webs, old lighting, heavily overgrown

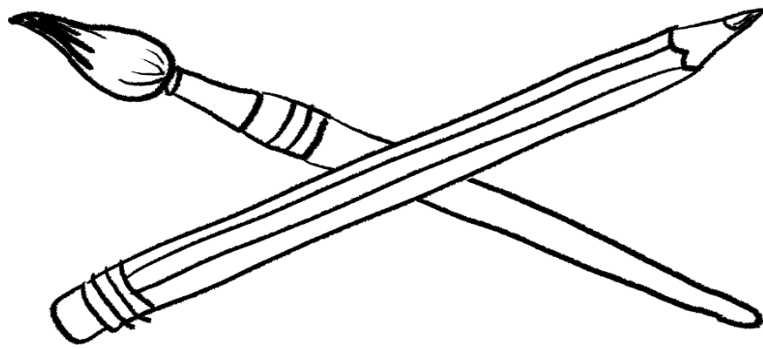
paths, and
animal
noises made
the group move very
slowly. Having
covered only half the
island, the group soon
swam back to

the shores of
Walt Disney
world. Because
of the

alligators
and deep
water, it is not
likely that
Perez - or
anyone - will

return to
the island
again.

THE END



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