

# Discover Natural Sarasota

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## Blind Pass

With Gulf-to-bay access and tons of seashells, this park tends to be much quieter than others with just as much beauty. A beautiful hiking trail through the mangrove forest, fishing docks, canoe/kayak launches, playground and picnic facilities provide everything needed for a peaceful day at the beach.

**6725 Manasota Key Rd., Manasota Key.**

## Brohard Beach and Paw Park

It's the life for our canine companions at Brohard Beach and Paw Park, the only beach area in Sarasota County where dogs are invited to enjoy the sand and surf. The park has two separate fenced play yards—one for small dogs and one for larger dogs—both leading to the beach area. Amenities include dog-waste bags, showers, benches and drinking fountains. **1850 Harbor Drive S., Venice.**

## Caspersen Beach

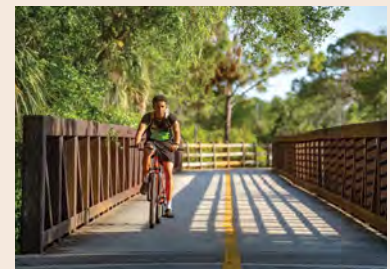
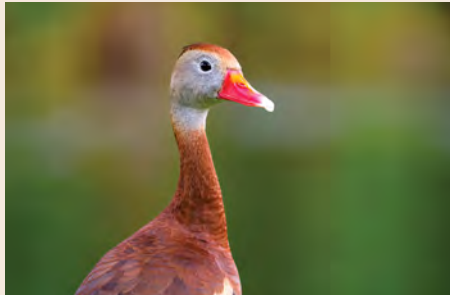
There's just some-fin about Caspersen Beach, also known as the shark-tooth capital of the world. Tucked away in quiet South Venice, the beach is home to crystal clear gulf waters and amenities such as a pavilion, playground, restrooms and showers, picnic tables and boardwalks. Enjoy two miles of shaded hiking trails. **4100 Harbor Drive S., Venice.**

## Deer Prairie Creek *North Entrance*

Get all your ducks in a row and visit this park where you may be lucky enough to see the Florida scrub-jay, deer, river otter, bobcats, a gopher tortoise and more. This 6,400-acre preserve has more than 60 miles of hiking trails. The North entrance features a large parking area for general parking and equestrian trailer parking, designated equestrian trails and a trailhead to the North Port Connector Trails. **7001 Forbes Trl., Venice.**

## Historic Spanish Point

Pathways of beautiful, sunny and shady, well-maintained gardens await you in the Marie Selby Gardens at Historic Spanish Point. Experience a docent-led tour or boat tour, or stroll on your own through the 30-acre campus showcasing a wide variety of native Florida plants. Restrooms and benches are located throughout the campus and the Bayside Cottage Café (operated by Michael's On East) is open daily. **401 North Tamiami Trl., Osprey.**



**Above clockwise:** Brohard Beach, Deer Prairie Creek, Celery Fields, Blind Pass, The Legacy Trail and Caspersen Beach.

**Right clockwise:** Rothenbach Park, Myakkahatchee Creek, Myakka River State Park, Pompano Trailhead, Oscar Scherer State Park and Siesta Beach.

## Myakkahatchee Creek Environmental Park

This neighborhood park is your go-to for a day of horseback riding on its 3.7 miles of trails. Situated on 160 acres under an oak canopy, it is also ideal for hiking, biking and camping. The Myakkahatchee Creek Connector Bridge connects the park to the Carlton Reserve. The footbridges, pavilion and public restrooms make the park a winner for family outings. **6968 Reisterstown Rd., North Port.**

## Myakka River State Park

*Alligators, armadillos and snakes, oh my!* These are just a few creatures you're likely to encounter on a visit to Myakka River State Park, one of Florida's oldest and largest parks. The Myakka River wildlife tour is a favorite for visitors. The 45-60 minute guided tour may be experienced by boat or tram and runs every day, weather permitting. If you're a bird watcher, bring your binoculars! **13208 State Road 72, Sarasota.**







## Oscar Scherer State Park

Take a hike! With 15 miles of marked hiking trails, this is the place to do it, on your own or with a guided ranger walk. The only freshwater lake for swimming in the county, the park offers endless opportunities for adventurous kayaking, canoeing and fishing. Camping is very popular in the 104 total RV sites on the park.

*1843 S. Tamiami Trl., Osprey.*

## Pompano Trailhead

Stay out of the kitchen and head to the Pompano Trailhead where you'll find 12 lighted pickleball courts, a half basketball court, grills, tables, a pavilion and playground. With plenty of parking and amenities for The Legacy Trail users starting their journey from the North, the newly-opened Pompano Trailhead is a happy place for exercise enthusiasts. *601 S. Pompano Ave., Sarasota.*

## Rothenbach Park

The whole family will enjoy the playgrounds at Rothenbach Park, with one designated toddler area and another section for older kids. With a shaded picnic spot, a workout area and about five miles of paved recreational trails that are perfect for walking, jogging, or cycling, this is the ultimate place for a fun family outing. *8650 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota.*



## Siesta Beach

The soft, white sugary sands make this public beach oh so sweet! Located off Beach Road on the northwest side of Siesta Key, Siesta Beach is consistently ranked among the top beaches in America. Frequent dolphin sightings in the warm Gulf of Mexico waters are an added bonus, along with great spots for snorkeling and shelling. The playground and amenities, including a concession stand, restrooms and showers make this an ideal place for a day of sun and fun. *948 Beach Rd., Sarasota.*

## Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Key *(Ted Sperling Nature Park)*

Just row with it at this park where it's so peaceful that you can actually hear the calmness of mangrove-filled water passages. Famous for kayaking, it's the perfect place to meet up with some incredible wildlife including manatees, osprey, herons, dolphins and stingrays. Ted Sperling Park is also the launching point for kayak tours to mangrove tunnels and Sarasota Bay. Guided tours are available. *190 Taft Dr., Lido Key.*

## The Bay

Zumba your way down to The Bay or take a yoga, tai chi, core or bootcamp class, all free at Sarasota's newest public park perched along Sarasota Bay. With its impressive Ibis children's playground, Mangrove Bayou Walkway, Common Ground lawns and paddle launch, you'll want to spend all day and maybe even stay for a spectacular sunset concert and views. *655 N Tamiami Trl., Sarasota.*

## The Celery Fields

Whether walking, jogging, training for a trekking expedition or bird watching from the 75-foot man-made observational hill, Celery Fields is an ideal location for your recreational needs. The 400+ acre site is also the county's primary stormwater collection zone, allowing it to serve a dual purpose. *6893 Palmer Blvd., Sarasota.*

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**Below clockwise:** Urfer Family Park, Historic Spanish Point, The Bay, Turtle Beach and Ted Sperling Park.



## The Legacy Trail

For fitness fans in search of the perfect place to bike or rollerblade outdoors, the search is over with the newly-expanded Legacy Trail. This 18.5-mile multi-use recreational rail trail connects Venice to Downtown Sarasota and runs along a former portion of the Seminole Gulf Railway corridor. The smoothly-paved path offers free parking areas, a series of interpretive signs and stop stations. **Multiple trailheads provide access to other amenities.**

## Turtle Beach Park/Campground

It's hard to find a more beautiful place to camp than Turtle Beach, with its direct beach access. The campground is full of amenities such as RV hook-ups, restrooms and showers, washers and dryers, and a playground. Swim and kayak in the Gulf of Mexico, or hike on nearby trails before taking a free trolley ride to Siesta Village for beachside shopping and a bite to eat. **8918 and 8862 Midnight Pass Rd., Sarasota.**

## Urfer Family Park

You won't be steered wrong with a visit to this park where you can still see cattle grazing near the old windmill. With three playgrounds designed for various ages, a one-mile nature trail with diverse ecosystems, and a paved fitness trail, there are plenty of options to enjoy the natural beauty of this 55-acre site. A boardwalk overlooks wetlands and the historical Dr. C.B. Wilson House which has been restored so that visitors can take a self-guided tour. **4012 Honore Ave., Sarasota.**

## Warm Mineral Springs

Relax, unwind and soak your roots in the only publicly-accessible hot spring in Florida. Warm Mineral Springs in North Port is also the largest natural mineral water spring in the world. Temps remain around 85 degrees (give or take) all year long, making it easy to enjoy the 51 healing natural mineral properties in the water. There is plenty of parking and grassy areas to set your chairs on for a day of soaking. **12200 San Servando Ave., North Port.**

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## SOUTH SARASOTA AND OSPREY

- 1 BAY PRESERVE**  
400 Palmetto Ave., Osprey; Sunrise–sunset. Free. *Urban pocket park. Playground. Wildlife. Specialty programs. 941-918-2100. conservationfoundation.com*
- 2 BAYONNE PRESERVE**  
8050 Springfield Dr., Sarasota; 6am–sunset. Free. *Scrub and pine flatwoods. Birds. Parking. Trails. Wildlife. Specialty programs.*
- 3 BIG SLOUGH PRESERVE**  
21075 State Road 72, Sarasota; 6am–sunset. Free. *Primitive, pine flatwoods, dry and wet prairie, hammocks, wildflowers. Bicycling. Birds. Horseback Riding. Parking. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 4 BLACKBURN POINT PARK**  
800 and 400 Blackburn Point Rd., Osprey; 6am–10pm. Free. *Water access park with mangroves, tidal wetland. Birds. Boat. Ramp. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Restrooms. Trails.*
- 5 CULVERHOUSE NATURE PARK**  
7301 McIntosh Rd., Sarasota; 941-861-5000; 6am–sunset. Free. *Wetlands, oak hammock, pond and community gardens with access to The Legacy Trail. Bicycling. Birds. Parking. Picnic. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 6 HISTORIC SPANISH POINT**  
401 N. Tamiami Trl., Selby Gardens; 9am–5pm, M–Sa; Noon–5pm, Su. Closed Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Adults (over 12) \$12, Seniors 65+ \$10, Youth (5–12) \$5, Children (under 5) Free. *Thirty-acre museum with archaeological site, 140-year-old pioneer heritage. Birds. Marine Life. Parking. Pavilion. Picnic. Rental Space. Restrooms. Tours. Trails. Wildlife. 941-966-5214. selby.org*
- 7 JIM NEVILLE MARINE PRESERVE**  
Little Sarasota Bay, Osprey; 6am–sunset. Free. *Mangrove islands only accessible by boat. Birds. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Marine Life. Wildlife.*
- 8 MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK**  
13208 State Road 72, Sarasota; 8am–sunset. \$6/vehicle for 2–8 persons, \$4/single occupant vehicle, \$2 pedestrians, bicyclists, extra passengers, passengers in vehicle with Annual Individual Entrance Passholder. *Dry prairie, depression marshes, blackwater river, freshwater lakes. Bicycling. Birds. Boat Ramp. Camping. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Horseback Riding. Parking. Pavilion. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Rental Space. Restrooms. Tours. Trails. Vending/concessions. Wildlife. Audubon-guided walks. 941-361-6511.*
- 9 OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK**  
1843 S. Tamiami Trl., Osprey; \$2 on foot or bike; \$4/vehicle with single occupant; \$5/vehicle with 2–8 people. *Mangrove forest, blackwater creek, pine and scrubby flatwoods, freshwater ponds. Bicycling. Birds. Camping. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Marine Life. Parking. Pavilion. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Rental Space. Restrooms. Swimming. Tours. Trails. Vending/concessions. Wildlife. 941-483-5956.*
- 10 OSPREY JUNCTION TRAILHEAD**  
939 E. Bay St., Osprey; 6am–sunset. Free. *Hammock and pond with Visitor Center and access to The Legacy Trail. Bicycling. Birds. Grills. Parking. Pavilion. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Rental Space. Restrooms. Trails. Visitor Center. Wildlife.*
- 11 PALMER POINT BEACH PARK**  
9399 Blind Pass Rd., Sarasota; 1800 N. Casey Key Rd., 6am–sunset. Free. *Beach accessible by boat or on foot from Turtle Beach Park. Birds. Fishing. Marine Life. Swimming. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 12 SCHERER THAXTON PRESERVE**  
13125 Honore Ave., Osprey; 6am–sunset. Free. *Pine flatwoods, depression wetlands, mesic hammock. Bicycling. Birds. Fishing Dock. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 13 TURTLE BEACH CAMPGROUND**  
8862 Midnight Pass Rd., Sarasota; office hours: 9am–4:30pm, M–F; 9am–4pm, Sa–Su. *For reservations and rates call 941.861.CAMP. Open beach, coastal dunes. Birds. Camping. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Marine Life. Parking. Picnic. Rental Space. Restrooms. Wildlife. 941-861-2267.*
- 14 TURTLE BEACH PARK**  
8918 Midnight Pass Rd., Sarasota; 6am–10pm. Free. *Open beach, coastal dunes, seagrass beds. Birds. Boat Ramp Only Open 24hrs. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Guided Tours. Marine Life. Parking. Pavilion. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Rental Space. Rentals Restrooms. Swimming. Tours. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 15 VAMO DRIVE PARK**  
1690 Vamo Dr., Sarasota; 6am–sunset. Free. *Mangrove fringed shoreline. Birds. Boat Ramp. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Marine Life. Pet Friendly. Wildlife.*
- 16 WHARF ROAD PARK**  
1601 Wharf Rd., Sarasota; 6am–sunset. Free. *Mangrove fringed shoreline. Birds. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Wildlife.*

We invite you to experience the great outdoors at Sarasota County's parks and preserves. For more information about these parks, visit [scgov.net/parks](http://scgov.net/parks) and [floridastateparks.org](http://floridastateparks.org).



# NOKOMIS AND VENICE

- 1 THE LEGACY TRAIL**  
See Trailheads Venice Train Depot, Nokomis Riverview, McIntosh, Culverhouse, Oscar Scherer State Park, Osprey Junction, Ashton, Sarasota Springs, Pompano and Payne Park; 6am–sunset. Free. From Downtown Sarasota–Fruitville Road/Payne Park to Venice Train Depot. *Just under 20 miles of multi-use recreational trail with connections to Venetian Waterway Park and the North Port Connector Trails. Bicycling. Birds. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Marine Life. Parking. Pavilion. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Rental Space. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 2 BROHARD BEACH AND PAW PARK**  
1850 Harbor Dr. S., Venice; 6am–10pm; parking lot closed from 12am–6am. Dogs allowed only on the designated portion of the beach. Free. Open beach, coastal dunes, mangrove swamp. *Birds. Fishing. Kayak Rent. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Restrooms.*
- 3 CARLTON RESERVE**  
(T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Memorial Reserve) 1800 Mabry Carlton Pkwy., Venice; 6am–sunset. Free. Pine flatwoods, dry and wet prairies, hammocks and wild flowers. *Bicycling. Birds. Camping. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Horseback Riding. Parking. Pavilion. Picnic. Rental Space. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 4 CASPERSEN BEACH PARK**  
4100 Harbor Dr. S., Venice; 6am–10pm. Free. *Open beach, coastal dunes, coastal hammock. Canoe/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Marine Life. Parking. Playground. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 5 CURRY CREEK PRESERVE**  
1075 Albee Farm Rd. (west), 1500 Pinebrook Rd. (east), Venice; 6am–sunset. Free. Pine flatwoods, hammock, depression marsh, scrubby flatwoods, river frontage. *Birds. Canoeing/kayaking. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 6 DEER PRAIRIE CREEK PRESERVE (SOUTH ENTRANCE)**  
10201 S. Tamiami Trl., (south) Venice. Accessible Kayak/canoe launch, fishing pier, bridge over waterway with access to North Port Connector Trail; 6am–sunset. Free. Pine flatwoods, hammock, depression marsh, scrubby flatwoods, river frontage. *Bicycling. Birds. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Parking. Pavilion. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 7 HIGEL MARINE PARK**  
1250 Tarpon Center Dr., Venice; Sunrise to sunset daily. Free. Water Access Park. *Birds. Boat Ramp. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Marine Life. Parking. Picnic. Restrooms.*
- 8 HUMPHRIS PARK**  
(South Jetty) 2000 Tarpon Center Dr., Venice; 941-486-2626; 6am–10pm daily. Free. Water Access Park. *Birds. Fishing. Marine Life. Parking. Picnic. Restrooms.*
- 9 JELKS PRESERVE**  
2300 North River Rd., Venice; 941-861-5000; 6 am–sunset. Free. Flatwoods, hammocks, wildflowers, river frontage. *Birds. Fishing. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 10 KNIGHT TRAIL PARK**  
3445 Rustic Road, Nokomis; 6am–sunset. Pistol and rifle range; 941.486.2351 (open W–Su, 9am–4pm); 6am–sunset. Free. Pine flatwoods, trap and skeet, pistol and rifle range, archery. *Camping. Grills. Parking. Picnic. Rental Space. Restrooms. Wildlife.*
- 11 MARINA PARK AND BOAT RAMP**  
301 East Venice Ave., Venice; dawn to midnight. Free. Water Access Park. *Birds. Boat Ramp. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Marine Life. Parking. Picnic. Restrooms.*
- 12 NOKOMIS BEACH PARK**  
100 Casey Key Road (Plaza); 208 S. Casey Key Rd. (Concession); 6am–10pm. Free. Open beach, coastal dunes and mangrove-fringed bay island. *Beach Wheelchairs. Birds. Boat Ramp Only Open 24 hrs. Canoeing/kayaking. Courts. Fishing. Grills. Lifeguards. Marine Life. Parking. Picnic. Playground. Rental Space. Restrooms. Swimming. Concessions. Wildlife.*
- 13 NOKOMIS RIVERVIEW PARK**  
251 Riverview Dr., S. Nokomis; 6am–sunset. Free. Parking lot with canoe/kayak launch and mangrove fringe. Access to The Legacy Trail and North Port Connector Trails. *Bicycling. Canoeing/kayaking. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Trails.*
- 14 NORTH JETTY BEACH PARK**  
1000 S. Casey Key Rd., Nokomis; 6am–10pm, parking lot closed from 12am–6m. Free. Open beach, coastal dunes and rock jetty. *Beach Wheelchairs. Birds. Fishing. Grills. Kayak Rentals. Lifeguards. Marine Life. Parking. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms. Swimming. Trails. Concessions. Wildlife.*
- 15 POCONO TRAIL PRESERVE**  
189 Pocono Trail E., Nokomis; 6am–sunset. Free. Primitive, maritime hammock, scrubby flatwoods. *Birds. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 16 RATTLESNAKE ISLAND**  
Lyons Bay; 6am–sunset. Free. Coastal hammock and mangrove-fringed bay island, accessible only by boat. *Birds. Fishing. Marine Life. Wildlife.*
- 17 SENATOR BOB JOHNSON'S LANDING**  
9083 S. Tamiami Trl., Venice; 6am–sunset. Free. Mangrove-fringed access along the Myakka River. *Birds. Boat Ramp. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Parking. Pavilion. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.*

**18 SHAMROCK PARK AND NATURE CENTER**  
3900 Shamrock Dr, Venice; 6am–sunset. Free. *Scrubby flatwoods, pine flatwoods, tidal creek, mangrove fringe. Bicycling. Birds. Courts. Grills. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Rental Space. Restrooms. Tours. Trails. Wildlife.*

**19 SLEEPING TURTLES PRESERVE NORTH**  
3462 Border Road, Venice; 6am–sunset. Free. *Bottomland forest, depression marsh, hammock, floodplain swamp, pine flatwoods, river frontage. Bicycling. Birds. Fishing. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Trails. Wildlife.*

**20 SLEEPING TURTLES PRESERVE SOUTH**  
2800 North River, Venice; 6am–sunset. Free. *Limited parking along road, accessible via walk-through gates, pine flatwoods, hammock, depression marsh, floodplain marsh, artificial lake, no river frontage. Birds. Fishing. Picnic. Trails. Wildlife.*

**21 SNOOK HAVEN PARK**  
5000 E. Venice Ave., Venice; 7am–9pm. Free. *Seasonal restaurant hours. Myakka River, oak hammock, old Florida fish camp. Birds. Boat Ramp. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Parking. Picnic. Restrooms. Tours. Vending/concessions. Wildlife.*

**22 SOUTH VENICE LEMON BAY PRESERVE**  
5472 Kenisco Rd. and 6200 Osprey Rd., Venice; 6am–sunset. Free. *Mangrove swamp, pine flatwoods, scrubby flatwoods, hammock, intercoastal waterway frontage. Birds. Parking. Trails. Wildlife.*

**23 VENETIAN WATERWAY PARK**  
257 Tamiami Tr. S. (west side); 303 East Venice Ave. (east side), Venice; 941-486-2626; 6am–sunset. Free. *Linear trail park. Bicycling. Birds. Fishing. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.*

**24 VENICE AREA AUDUBON ROOKERY**  
4006 S. Tamiami Tr. via Annex Rd., Venice; 941-496-8984; 6am–sunset. Free. *Bird rookery island, urban pocket park. Birds. Parking. Picnic. Restrooms. Wildlife.*

**25 VENICE BEACH**  
101 The Esplanade, Venice; 6am–10pm. Free. *Open beach. Beach Access Mat. Beach Wheelchairs. Birds. Courts. Lifeguards. Marine Life. Parking. Picnic. Restrooms. Swimming. Vending/concessions.*

**26 VENICE MYAKKA RIVER PARK**  
7501 Laurel Rd. E., Nokomis; 6am–sunset. Free. *Myakka River and lush vegetation. Bicycling. Birds. Canoeing/kayaking. Marine Life. Picnic. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.*

**1 BLIND PASS BEACH PARK**  
6725 Manasota Key Rd., Manasota Key; 6am–10pm. Free. *Open beach, coastal dunes, tidal marsh, seagrass beds. Birds. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Marine Life. Parking. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms. Swimming. Trails. Wildlife.*

**2 BLUE RIDGE PARK**  
2155 Ridgewood Dr., North Port; 941-429-PARK (7275); Sunrise to sunset daily. Free. *Water access park, large pavilion, recently updated playground and green space. Blueways connects to McKibben, Dallas White and Butler Parks. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Parking. Pavilion. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms.*

**3 BUCHAN AIRPORT COMMUNITY PARK**  
1390 Old Englewood Rd., Englewood; 6am–sunset. Free. *Scrub and pine flatwoods. Grills. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Rental Space. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.*

**4 BUTLER PARK**  
6203 West Price Blvd., North Port; 941-429-PARK (7275); 6 am–10pm. Free. *Lighted multipurpose fields, lighted basketball court, pavilion, recently updated playground, and paved walking path. Includes water access. North Port Aquatic Center and the Morgan Family Community Center are on the Butler Park campus. Boat Ramp. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms. Swimming. Trails.*

**5 CANINE CLUB DOG PARK**  
6442 Appomattox Dr., North Port; 941-429-PARK (7275); Sunrise to sunset (except Wed; noon–sunset). Free. *Off leash dog park with sections for large and small breeds. Restrooms and small pavilions on site. Birds. Ramp. Courts. Fishing. Grills. Parking. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms. Wildlife. Woofstock and the Dog-Gone Egg Hunt Ramp. Courts. Fishing. Grills. Parking. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms.*

**6 DALLAS WHITE PARK**  
5900 Greenwood Ave., North Port; 941-429-PARK (7275); Sunrise to sunset, year-round. Free. *Large pavilion, softball field, lighted sand volleyball court, lighted tennis court. Home to the local Scout House. Water access, grills, and playground. Birds. Boat Ramp. Courts. Fishing. Grills. Parking. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms. Wildlife.*

**7 DEER PRAIRIE CREEK PRESERVE (NORTH ENTRANCE)**  
7001 Forbes Trl., Venice; horse trailer parking and horse trails; 6am–sunset. *Connection to North Port Connector Trails. Free. Pine flatwoods, hammock, depression marsh, scrubby flatwoods, river frontage. Bicycling. Birds. Horseback Riding. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Trails. Wildlife.*





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941-861-5000  
unless otherwise noted.



## ENGLEWOOD AND NORTH PORT



### 8 GARDEN OF FIVE SENSES

4299 Pan American Blvd., North Port; 941-429-PARK (7275); Sunrise to sunset, year-round. Free. Garden with paved paths and fruit trees. Large accessible playground with paved walking trail and storybook stroll.

**Birds. Parking. Picnic. Restrooms. Playground. Paved Walking Path. Pollinator habitats. Wildlife.**

### 9 INDIAN MOUND PARK

210 Winson Ave., Englewood; 6am–10pm. Free. Mangrove swamp, tidal marsh, seagrass beds. **Birds. Boat Ramp. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Marine Life. Parking. Picnic. Restrooms.**

### 10 LEMON BAY PARK AND ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood; 6am–sunset. Free. Pine and scrubby flatwoods, mangrove-fringed shoreline. **Birds. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Rental Space. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.**

### 11 MANASOTA BEACH PARK

8570 Manasota Key Rd., Manasota Key; 6am–10pm. Free. Open beach, coastal dunes, mangrove swamp. **Birds. Boat Ramp Only Open 24hrs. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Marine Life. Parking. Picnic. Restrooms. Swimming. Wildlife.**

### 12 MANASOTA SCRUB PRESERVE

2695 Bridge St., Englewood; 6am–sunset. Free. Pine flatwoods, scrubby flatwoods, basin swamp, depression marsh. **Birds. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Trails. Wildlife.**

### 13 MARINA PARK AND BOAT RAMP

7030 Chancellor Blvd., North Port; 24 hours. Free. Water access park. **Birds. Boat Ramp. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Marine Life. Parking. Picnic.**

### 14 MCKIBBEN PARK

5500 Trekeil St., North Port; 941-429-PARK (7275); Sunrise to sunset. Free. Waterfront neighborhood park with playground, pavilion, pickleball courts, racquetball, tennis, and basketball courts. Includes an accessible kayak launch, dock for fishing, large oak trees, swings and a horseshoe court. **Boat Ramp. Canoeing/kayaking. Courts. Fishing. Grills. Parking. Pavilion. Playground. Rental Space. Restrooms.**

### 15 MYAKKA ISLANDS POINT

1289 Campbell St., Port Charlotte; 6am–sunset. Free. Salt marsh, mangroves, pine flatwoods, hammock. **Birds. Fishing. Parking. Trails. Wildlife.**

### 16 MYAKKA STATE FOREST

2000 South River Rd., Englewood; 941-460-1333; sunrise to sunset; \$2 daily use fee per person. Wet and dry flatwoods, depression marshes, wet prairie. **Bicycling. Birds. Camping. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Horseback Riding. Hunting. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.**

### 17 MYAKKAHATCHEE CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL PARK

6968 Reistertown Rd., North Port; 941-429-PARK (7275); sunrise to sunset. Free. Blackwater creek, marsh, oak-palm forest hammocks. Shaded trails and primitive camping available. Equestrian friendly. **Bicycling. Birds. Camping. Grills. Horseback Riding. Marine Life. Parking. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife. Nature Walks.**

### 18 OAKS PARK

5430 Mandrake Ter., North Port; 941-429-PARK (7275); sunrise to sunset. Free. Quiet and mostly undeveloped 17 acres of heavily wooded land. **Bicycling. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Trails. Nature Walk.**

### 19 WALTON RANCH

7020 N. Toledo Blade Blvd., North Port; 6am–sunset. Free. Working cattle ranch. Hammock, flatwoods, wetlands. **Bicycling. Birds. Horseback Riding. Parking. Picnic. Trails.**

### 20 WARM MINERAL SPRINGS

12200 San Servando Ave., North Port; 941-429-PARK (7275); 9am–5pm (except 12/25). Daily admission fee. Green space, natural spring maintains 85–87 degrees year round. **Parking. Picnic. Restrooms. Swimming. Tours. Vending/concessions.**

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- 1 **ASHTON TRAILHEAD**  
4301 Ashton Rd., Sarasota; 6am–sunset. Free. An access point to *The Legacy Trail*. *Bicycling. Grills. Parking. Pavilion. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms.*
- 2 **CELERY FIELDS REGIONAL STORMWATER FACILITY**  
6893 Palmer Blvd., Sarasota; 6am–sunset. Free. *Birding, marshlands, ponds and upland habitat. Bicycling. Birds. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Parking. Pavilion. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Restrooms. Tours. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 3 **CIRCUS HAMMOCK**  
4572 17th St., Sarasota; 6am–sunset. Free. *Shady hammocks. Parking. Pet Friendly. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 4 **CROWLEY MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER**  
16405 Myakka Rd., Sarasota; 941-322-1000; 10am–sunset, Th–Su; open Sa/Su in fair weather; closed 12/25. Adults, \$5; youth (3–12), \$2; children (under 3), free; military, free; members, free. *Flatwoods, hammocks, marshes, swamps, riverine system. Birds. Parking. Picnic. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 5 **EASTWOOD PARK**  
422 W Cornelius Cir., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11pm. Free. *Leashed pets, swing set, covered picnic tables. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground.*
- 6 **EDWARDS ISLANDS**  
(Big and Little) Roberts Bay, Sarasota; 6am–sunset. Free. Bay islands—accessible only by boat. *Birds. Fishing. Marine Life. Picnic. Swimming. Trails.*
- 7 **FIREHOUSE PARK**  
1232 36th St., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11pm. Free. *Leashed dogs, playground, picnic tables, grill. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground.*
- 8 **FRUITVILLE ROAD PARK**  
400 N Beneva Rd., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11pm. Free. *Walking trail, park benches. Bicycling. Pet Friendly. Trails.*
- 9 **NORTH WATER TOWER PARK**  
4700 Rilma Ave., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11 pm. Free. *Disc golf. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms. Trails.*
- 10 **OLD MIAKKA PRESERVE**  
251 Myakka Rd., Sarasota; 6am–sunset. Free. *Scrubby flatwoods, pine flatwoods, seasonal wetlands. Birds. Parking. Picnic. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 11 **PHILLIPPI ESTATE PARK**  
5500 S. Tamiami Trl., Sarasota; 6am–10pm. Free. *Creek, mangrove swamp, mesic hammock, midden, historic structures. Bicycling. Birds. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Rental Space. Restrooms. Tours. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 12 **PINECRAFT PARK**  
1420 Gilbert Ave., Sarasota; 6am–10pm. Free. *Urban pocket park, hammock. Bicycling. Birds. Boat Ramp. Canoeing/kayaking. Courts. Fishing. Parking. Picnic. Playground. Rental Space. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 13 **POMPAÑO TRAILHEAD**  
601 S. Pompano Ave., Sarasota; 6am–10pm. Free. Access to *The Legacy Trail*. *Bicycling. Grills. Parking. Pavilion. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Pickleball Courts. Playground. Rental Space. Restrooms.*
- 14 **RED BUG SLOUGH PRESERVE**  
5200 Beneva Rd., Sarasota; 6am–sunset. Free. *Hammocks, pine flatwoods, small basin swamp. Birds. Fishing. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 15 **ROTHENBACH PARK**  
8650 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota; 6am–sunset. Free. *Outstanding biking, hammock, lakes. Bicycling. Birds. Grills. Parking. Picnic. Playground. Rental Space. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 16 **SAPPHIRE SHORES PARK**  
5015 Sun Cir., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11 pm. Free. *Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood, yoga. Fishing. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground.*
- 17 **SARASOTA SPRINGS TRAILHEAD**  
4012 Webber St., Sarasota; 6am–sunset. Free. Access to *The Legacy Trail* with other amenities. *Bicycling. Grills. Parking. Pavilion. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms.*
- 18 **SIESTA BEACH**  
948 Beach Rd., Sarasota; 6am–10pm. Free. *Open beach, coastal dunes, “#1 Beach in America.” Beach Access Mat. Beach Wheelchairs. Birds. Courts. Grills. Lifeguards. Marine Life. Parking. Picnic. Playground. Rental Space. Restrooms. Swimming. Vending/concessions, Wildlife.*
- 19 **URFER FAMILY PARK**  
4000 Honore Ave., Sarasota; 6am–10pm. Free. *Pine flatwoods, maple swamp, pasture. Bicycling. Birds. Grills. Parking. Pavilion. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Rental Space. Restrooms. Tours. Wildlife.*
- 1 **ARLINGTON PARK**  
2650 Waldemere St., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11pm. Free. *50m lap pool, wading pool, outdoor racquetball courts, indoor gymnasium, weight room, dog park. Courts. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms. Swimming. Trails.*
- 2 **BAYFRONT PARK AND MARINA/ ISLAND PARK**  
5 Bayfront Dr., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–12pm. Free. *Children's water play fountain, bike paths, walking paths, playground. Bicycling. Birds. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Rental Space. Restrooms. Trails.*
- 3 **BIRD KEY PARK**  
200 John Ringling Cswy., Sarasota; 941-365-2200; 5am–11pm. Free. *Leashed dog park area. Bicycling. Birds. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Trails.*
- 4 **CENTENNIAL PARK AND BOAT RAMP**  
1059 N. Tamiami Trl., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11pm. Free. *Water access park. Birds. Boat Ramp. Fishing. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Restrooms.*
- 5 **CENTRAL-BROADWAY PARK AND WATERFRONT**  
1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11pm. Free. *Waterfront park with walkway over a tidal lagoon. Fishing. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly.*



**6 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL PARK**  
2523 Cocoanut Ave., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11pm. Free. Picnic, shelters, kitchen area available for rent. *Bicycling. Fishing. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Restrooms. Trails.*

**7 ELOISE WERLIN PARK**  
420 John Ringling Cswy., Sarasota; 5am–11pm. Free. Located under John Ringling Causeway. *Fishing. Parking. Pet Friendly. Playground.*

**8 HART'S LANDING AND TONY SAPRITO PIER**  
920 John Ringling Blvd., Sarasota; 941-955-0011; 5am–11pm. Bait shop 6:30am–6pm year-round. Free. Sarasota's oldest saltwater bait and tackle shop. *Birds. Boat Ramp. Fishing. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms.*

**9 INDIAN BEACH PARK**  
2703 Bay Shore Rd., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11pm. Free. One acre coastal park for landing site only (kayak or canoe). *Fishing. Pet Friendly. Swimming.*

**10 JOAN M. DURANTE PARK**  
5550 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Longboat Key; 941-316-1988; sunrise to sunset. Free. Grassflats, salt marsh, man-made lagoons. *Birds. Fishing. Marine Life. Parking. Picnic. Trails. Wildlife.*

**11 KEN THOMPSON PARK AND NEW PASS FISHING PIER**  
1700 Ken Thompson Pkwy., Sarasota; 941-365-2200; 5am–11pm. Free. Water access park. *Bicycling. Birds. Boat Ramp. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Grills. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms. Trails.*

**12 LAUREL PARK**  
1725 Laurel St., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11pm. Free. No animals permitted. *Gazebo, playground, community events. Parking. Picnic. Playground.*

**13 LIDO BEACH**  
400 Ben Franklin Dr., Sarasota; 941-365-2200; 5am–11pm. Free. Beach

and coastal dunes, non-motorized boat launch and kayak tunnels, beach wheelchairs, concessions/gift shop. *Beach Wheelchairs. Birds. Fishing. Grills. Lifeguards. Marine Life. Parking, Picnic, Restrooms, Swimming, Vending/concessions. Wildlife.*

**14 MARIE SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS—DOWNTOWN CAMPUS**  
811 S. Palm Ave., Sarasota; 941-366-5731; 10am–5pm. Daily except holidays: Adults \$25; Children 4-17 \$15; Members Free. Selby estate grounds include many distinct garden areas. *Parking. Rental Space. Restrooms. Tours. Trails. Wildlife.*

**15 MOTE MARINE LABORATORY AND AQUARIUM**  
1600 Ken Thompson Pkwy., Sarasota; 941-388-4441; 10am–5pm. Adults (13 and older) \$22; Youth (3-12) \$16; Children (under 3) Free; Mote Members, Free. Sharks, manatees, sea turtles, 100 species of marine life. *Marine Life. Parking. Rental Space. Restrooms. Tours. Wildlife.*

**16 NORA PATTERSON BAY ISLAND PARK**  
946 Siesta Dr., Sarasota; 5am–11pm. Free. Water access park. *Birds. Fishing. Marine Life. Parking. Picnic.*





## DOWNTOWN SARASOTA AREA

- 17 NORTH LIDO BEACH PARK**  
159 Emerson Dr., Sarasota; 941-861-5000; 5am–11pm. No parking available. Free. Open beach, coastal dunes. *Birds. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Marine Life. Swimming. Wildlife.*
- 18 PAYNE PARK/  
A.B. SMITH PARK**  
2010 Adams Ln./ 2110 Adams Ln., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11pm. Free. Leashed dog park area with skate park and amphitheater. *Bicycling. Courts. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms. Trails.*
- 19 PIONEER PARK**  
1260 12th St., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5 am–11 pm. Free. Picnic, tennis, basketball, leashed dog area. *Courts. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Trails.*
- 20 QUICK POINT  
NATURE PRESERVE**  
100 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Longboat Key; 941-316-1988; sunrise–sunset. Free. Mangrove forest, salt marsh, natural and man-made lagoons. *Birds. Canoeing/kayaking. Fishing. Marine Life. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 21 SARASOTA BAY WALK**  
1500 Ken Thompson Pkwy., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11pm. Free. Nature trails, boardwalks, natural setting, bay views. *Fishing. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 22 SAVE OUR SEABIRDS**  
1708 Ken Thompson Pkwy., Sarasota; 941-388-3010; 10am–5pm. Daily; \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 4-12. Wild bird learning center. *Birds. Parking. Restrooms. Wildlife.*
- 23 SCHOOL AVENUE GREENWAY**  
2193 Siesta Dr., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11pm. Free. Greenway walking path, part of citywide multi-use recreational trail (MURT). *Bicycling. Pet Friendly. Trails.*
- 24 SEMINOLE LINEAR PARK**  
2100 Mietaw Dr., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11pm. Free. Neighborhood passive area, declared city-maintained park area. *Pet Friendly. Trails.*
- 25 TED SPERLING NATURE PARK  
AND SOUTH LIDO BEACH**  
190 Taft Dr. and 2201 Benjamin Franklin Dr., Sarasota; 6am–10pm. Free. Mangrove forests, pine flatwoods, coastal hammocks, bayou. *Birds. Canoeing/kayaking. Courts. Fishing. Grills. Guided Tours. Marine Life. Parking. Picnic. Playground. Rentals. Restrooms. Trails. Wildlife.*
- 26 TONY SAPRITO FISHING PIER**  
900 John Ringling Blvd., Sarasota; 941-955-0011; 5am–11pm. Free. Fishing pier under Ringling Bridge. *Fishing. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly.*
- 27 TUTTLE WALKWAY PARK**  
799 N. Tuttle Ave., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11pm. Free. Multi-use pathway. *Bicycling, Pet Friendly, Trails.*
- 28 WATERFRONT PARK**  
1101 10th St., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5am–11pm. Free. Beautiful views of Sarasota Bay. *Bicycling. Fishing. Marine Life. Parking. Pet Friendly.*
- 29 WHITAKER GATEWAY PARK**  
1445 N Tamiami Trl., Sarasota; 941-954-4105; 5 am–11pm. Free. Urban pocket park, gazebo, views of Sarasota Bay. *Fishing. Parking. Pet Friendly. Picnic. Playground. Restrooms.*

# Welcome!

## Discover Natural Sarasota County

Trace Sarasota County's natural beauty from the scintillating waters of the Gulf of Mexico, across the white sand beaches on our barrier islands at our wonderful beaches and parks.

Explore the wild outdoors—from bird-watching in Myakka River State Park to bicycling The Legacy Trail. We invite you to share memorable experiences under the rich sunlit skies and the graceful waters of Sarasota County.

Longboat Key | Sarasota | Lido Key  
Siesta Key | Venice | Casey Key  
Manasota Key | Englewood  
Venice | North Port

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