

SARASOTA COUNTY Beaches



Longboat Key

Originally inhabited by Calusa and Timucuan tribes thousands of years ago and landed on by Spanish explorers in the 16th century, it was established as a town in 1955. Today, it's home to about 7,500 permanent residents and welcomes visitors to discover its past, pursue sports or just relax.

Lido Key

Located just across the Ringling Bridge from downtown Sarasota, Lido Key is home to North Lido, Lido Beach, and South Lido, along with upscale shopping and dining at St. Armands Circle, kayaking and nature trails at Ted Spering Park, and the iconic mid-century modern homes of Lido Shores.

Siesta Key

Siesta Key is renowned for Siesta Beach, named the No. 1 Beach in the U.S. by U.S. News & World Report (2026) and Tripadvisor (2025), No. 4 in the World by Tripadvisor, and one of the World's 50 Best Beaches. The island also offers vibrant dining and nightlife in Siesta Key Village, camping at Turtle Beach, and the free Siesta Key Breeze Trolley.

Casey Key

Visitors will find multi-million dollar homes and more laidback attractions, including Casey Key Fish House, a local restaurant watering hole, and North Jetty Park, where anglers can buy bait and families can enjoy picnics.

Venice

Venice beaches are a nature-lover's delight. Casperson Beach's hiking trails and boardwalks allow for birdwatching and views of plant species. Shark teeth are a favorite souvenir that can be picked up on the beaches here and the entire family- even the dog- will love Bohard paw park.

Manasota Key

Four quiet beaches provide an Old Florida Retreat with everything from mangroves to outdoor sports facilities. Stump Pass Beach is a state park perfect for hiking and exploring Florida's natural flora and fauna.



Siesta Beach

Beach Highlights

- Sarasota County has six barrier islands and more than 35 miles of coastline.
- Siesta Beach has been among TripAdvisor's Top Beaches several times in the past decade.
- Venice Beach is a Blue Wave-certified beach, awarded by Clean Beaches Coalition.
- Nokomis Beach on Casey Key is Sarasota County's oldest public beach.
- Lido Beach is where Black residents waded peacefully to fight beach segregation in the 1950's.