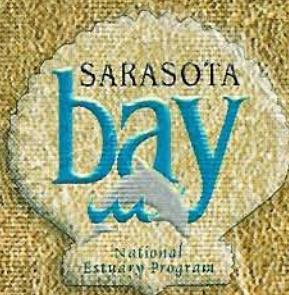


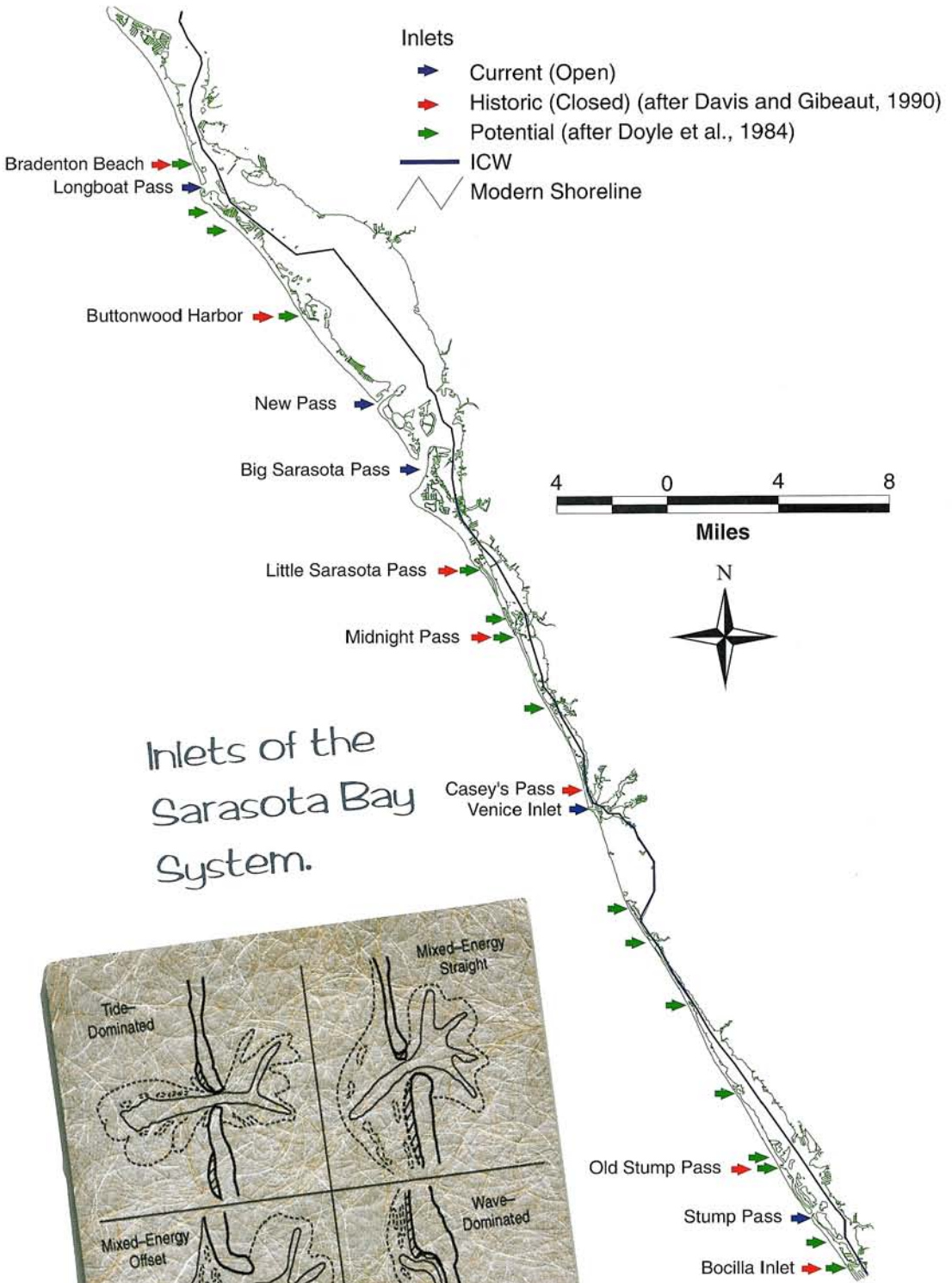
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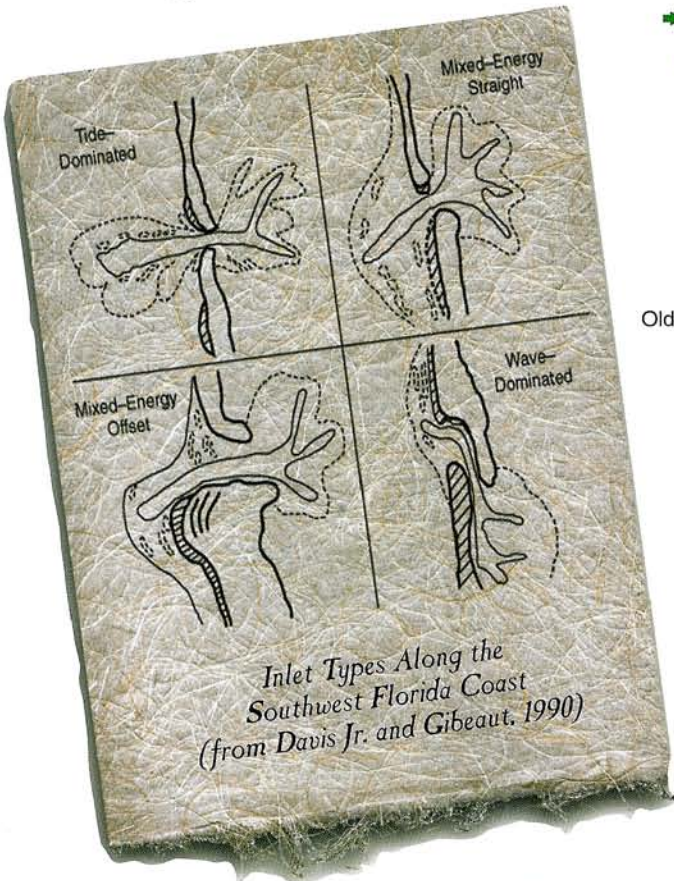
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Inlets of the Sarasota Bay System.



Inlet Dynamics

Tidal inlets — Floridians sometimes call them passes — are highly dynamic and visible features of Southwest Florida's geography. Inlets provide strategic points of entry and egress between the Gulf of Mexico and the inland waterways, but can be intimidating to navigate because of their shifting nature, strong ebb and flood currents and wave action — including breakers, which may extend clear across the inlet mouth even in a buoyed channel.

Waves propagating into an opposing current experience an increase in height and a decrease in length, resulting in steeper waves that are more difficult to navigate. Offshore shoals continually shift because of the moving beach sand, and it is sometimes not feasible to keep buoys in the best water. Local boaters, under such conditions, often leave the buoyed channel guided by their knowledge of local conditions and of the dynamic history of inlet development, which enables them to pick the best depth and avoid uncharted obstructions.

Inlet Locations and Status

Five inlets are currently used by boaters to transit between Gulf and bay waters in the Sarasota Bay system: Longboat Pass, New Pass, Big Sarasota Pass, Venice Inlet and Stump Pass.

Longboat Pass, New Pass and Venice Inlet are federally maintained waterways between the Sarasota Bay system and the Gulf. They are periodically surveyed and, when shoaling occurs to a point where actual depths are less than the designed project depths, are dredged by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND). Big Sarasota Pass and Stump Pass are not federally designated inlets, although Stump Pass was dredged by the WCIND in 1998.

The U.S. Coast Guard maintains aids to navigation at all the inlets except Stump Pass, which as of the summer of 1998 was unmarked on the Gulf side.

Two inlets — Longboat Pass and New Pass — have single-span lift bridges situated near the inlet mouths. The bridge at Longboat opens on demand for boaters from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and afterwards on three hours' notice. The New Pass bridge has restricted openings for boaters from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the hour and every 20 minutes.

Six inlets have closed during the past century on this reach of the Florida coast: Bradenton Beach, Little Sarasota Pass, Midnight Pass, Casey's Pass, [Old] Stump Pass and Bocilla Inlet. Another historic inlet probably existed at Buttonwood Harbor prior to 1883.

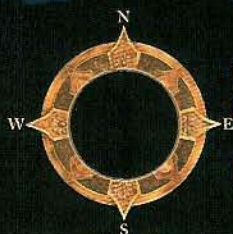
Both current and historic inlets have formed, closed and reopened over their life spans, due to natural processes as well as human intervention. Such events directly affect the amount of water flowing through an inlet during a tidal cycle, referred to as a tidal prism. Dredging inlet "A" can rob some of the tidal prism from inlet "B," situated several miles down the coast. Similarly, the tidal prism of an inlet may be affected by changing the area of the bay adjacent to it; an inlet may close due to an abundance of sediment and strong longshore drift coupled with a small tidal prism.

Considerable debate continues regarding the effects of the dredging and filling of mangrove and marsh environments along bay margins on decreasing the tidal prism and the related closing of inlets. Little disagreement exists, however, about the potential for storm overwash of the barrier islands and the creation of new inlets. Sixteen sites along this stretch of the coast are particularly vulnerable to storm overwash. These locations are prone to overwash because of the narrow width of the barrier island, low elevation and orientation to storm-wave attack.

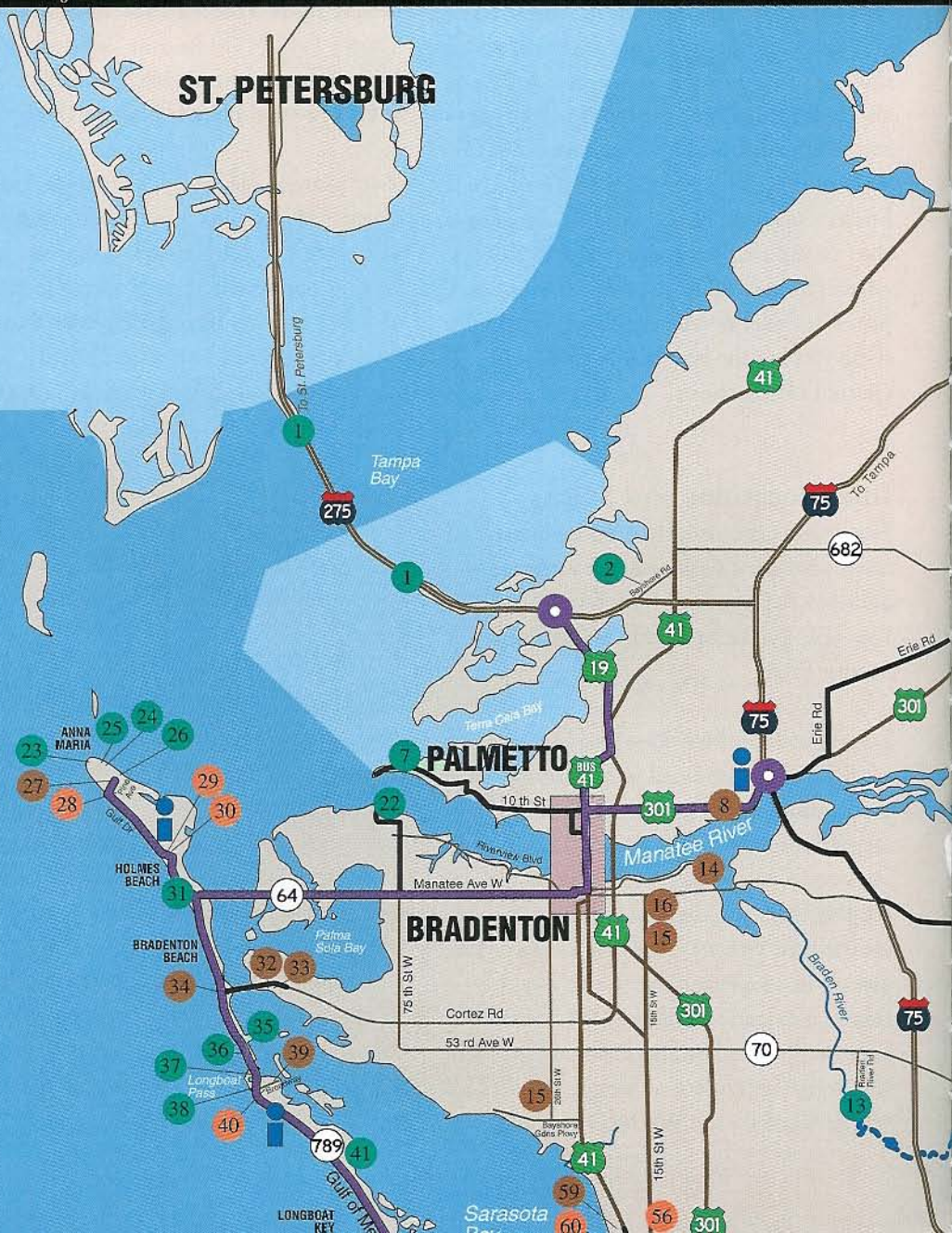
Places to See & Things to Do

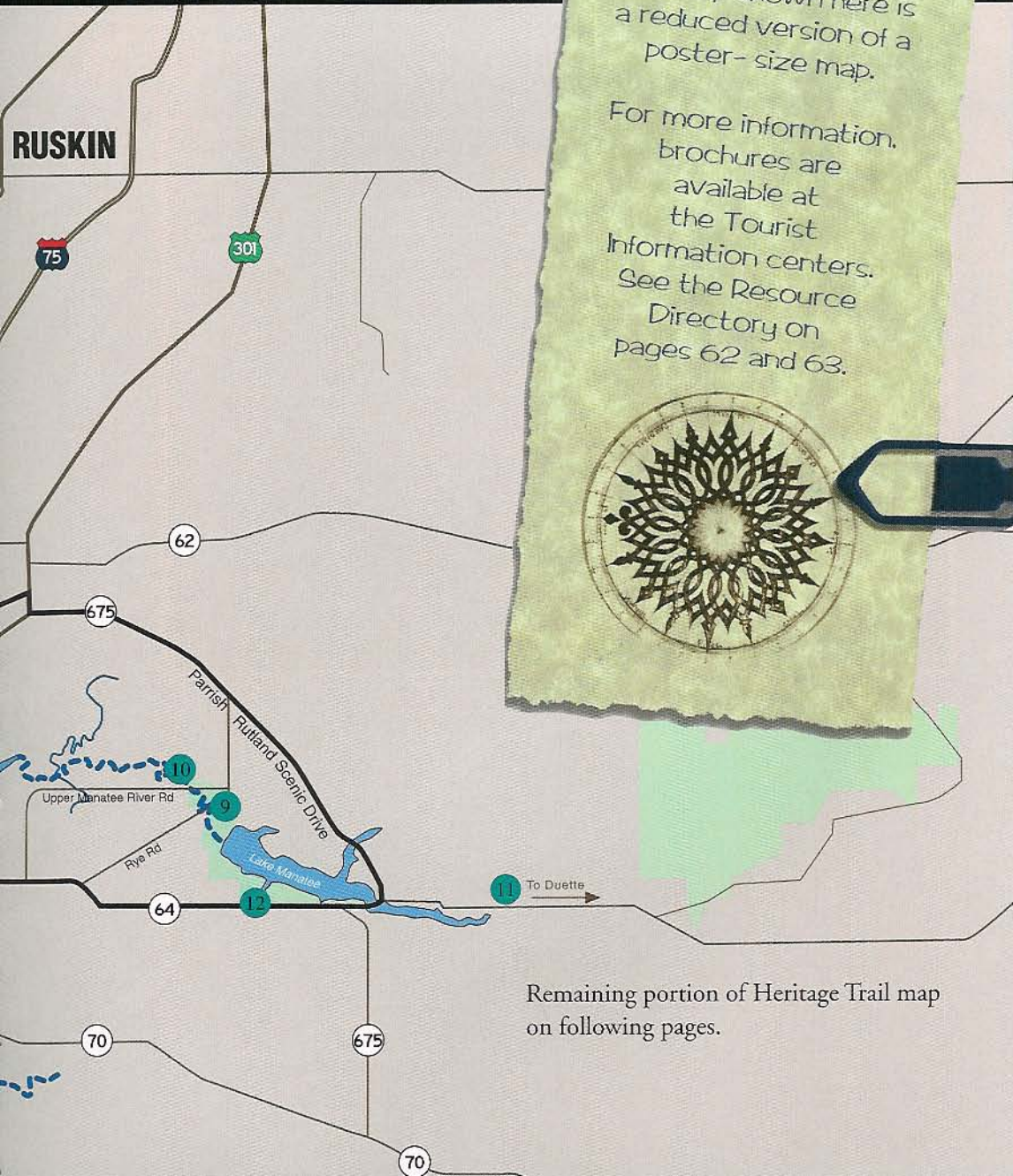
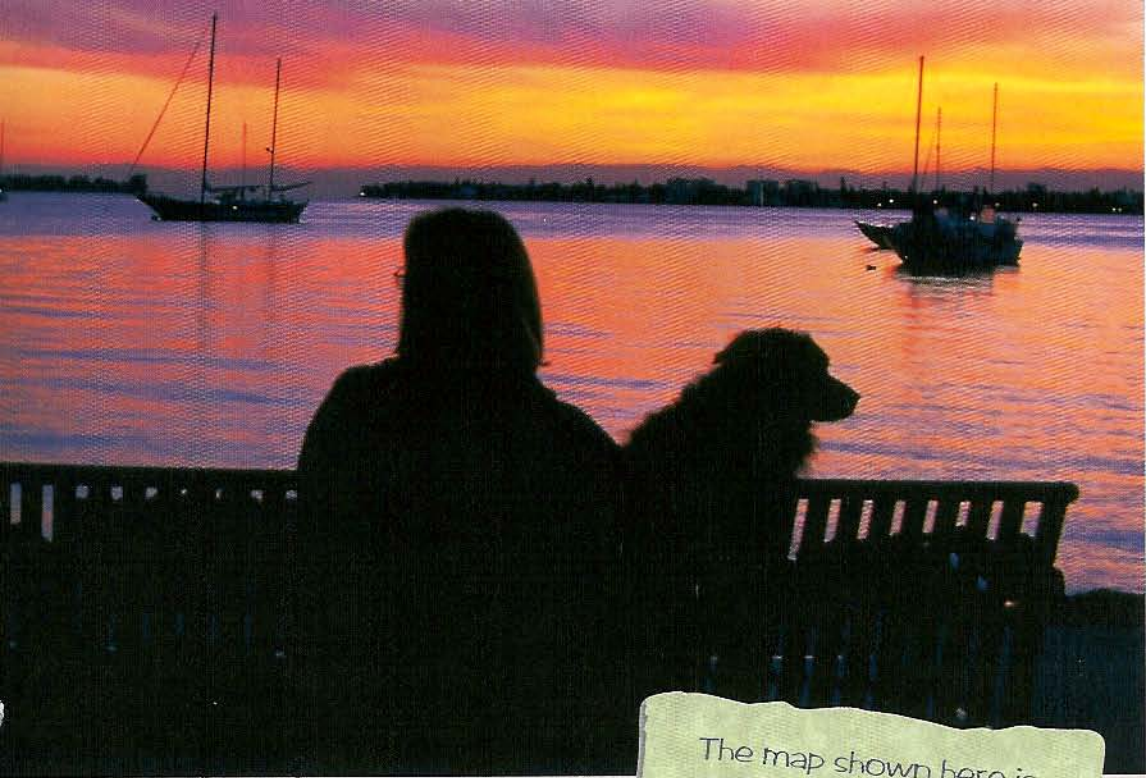
The Gulf Coast of Florida is a tropical paradise with its aquamarine waters, white sandy beaches and fantastic fishing and boating opportunities. The area is also rich in his-

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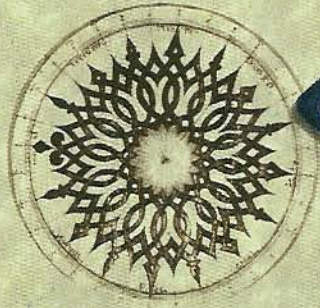
Sarasota Bay Gulf Coast Heritage Trail





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For more information, brochures are available at the Tourist Information centers. See the Resource Directory on pages 62 and 63.

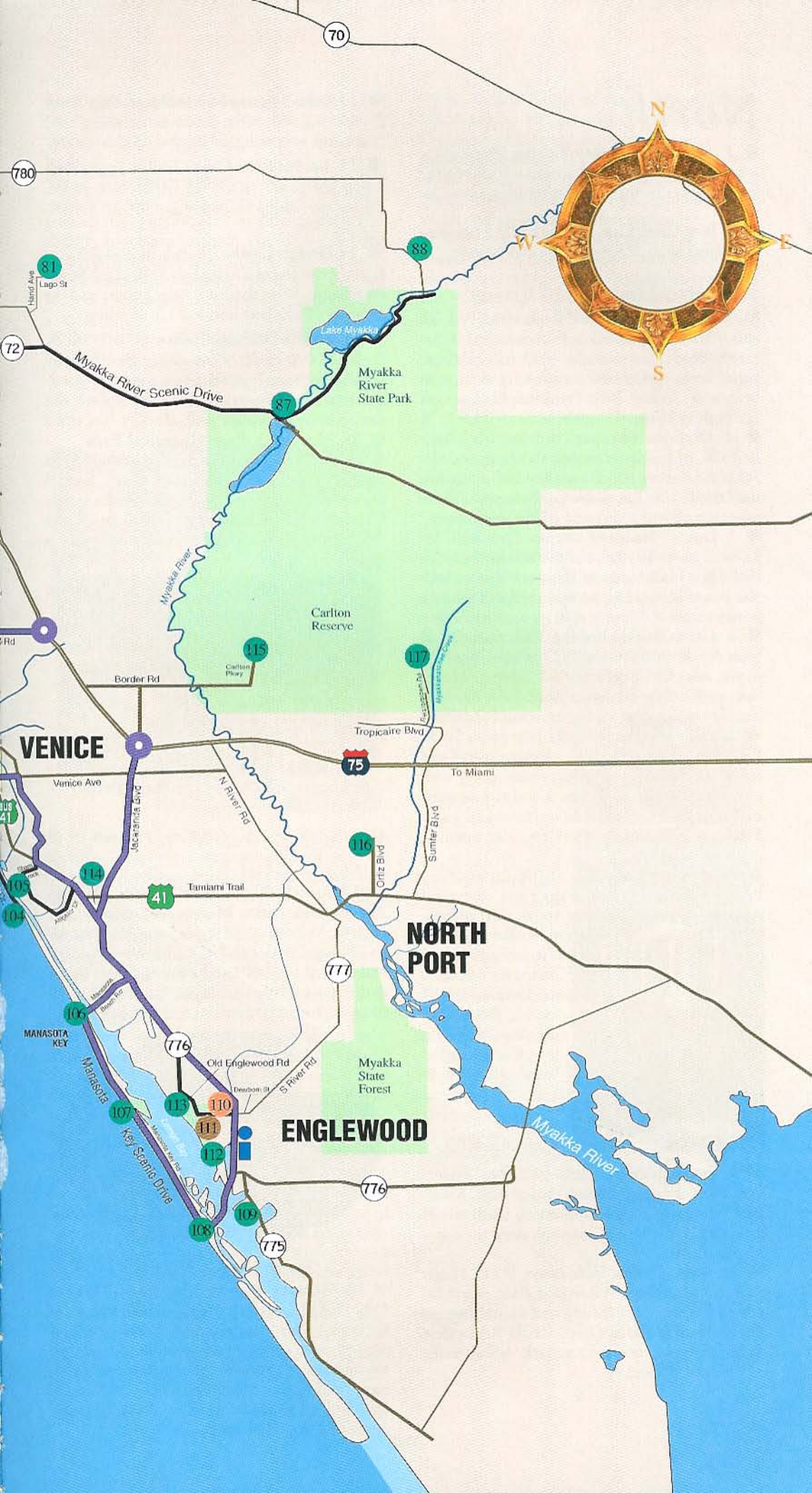


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Sarasota Bay – 1995

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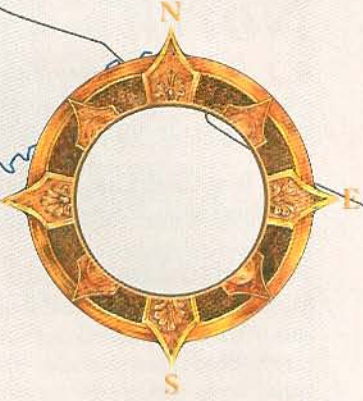
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Myakka River

North

● **1 Sunshine Skyway Fishing Piers:** (Skyway Br.) at the north and south end; among the longest piers in the world offering spectacular views.

● **2 Frog Creek Campground:** (8515 Bayshore Rd.) quiet area, offering fishing and canoeing.

Palmetto Historical District

● **3 Palmetto Historical Park:** (10th Ave. W. and 6th St. W.) the site of Palmetto's first settlement, which now includes restored buildings, parks, businesses, shops, community clubs, a library and Heritage Park, Palmetto's first post office built in 1880.

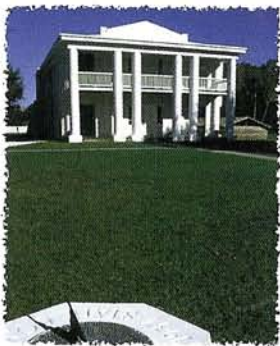
● **4 Olympia Theatre:** (10th Ave. W.) built in 1926, originally served as a theatre and the Palmetto Bakery which remained in operation until the 1950s. Today, it is under renovation for use as a performing arts and community center.

● **5 Lamb House:** (Riverside Dr.) built by Julius A. Lamb in 1899, and purchased in the 1920s by J. Pope Harlee (son of Palmetto's first settlers). The beautiful home has been restored and is now a private residence. Viewing only, no tours available.

● **6 Green Bridge Fishing Pier:** (Green Br.) built for \$1,000,000 in 1927; named for E.P. Green who first petitioned for the new bridge that spanned the Manatee River. Bike the Historic District and/or nearby Emerson Point Park.

● **7 Emerson Point Park:** (Emerson Point Rd.) 195-acre public park offering woodland trails, boardwalks and scenic vistas; along with a sheltered canoe/kayak launch and archaeological exhibits on Native Americans and early Florida settlement life. (Full facilities opening in the year 2000)

● **8 Gamble Plantation:** (3708 Patten Ave.) built in 1844, was one of the most successful sugar mill plantations in Florida. This confederate memorial offers a guided tour depicting old Florida living. Also, located on the grounds are the Sugar Mill Ruins.



Gamble Plantation

● **9 Rye Wilderness Park:** (905 Rye Wilderness Trail) offering camping, nature trails, horseback riding trails, wildlife observing (such as deer and bobcat), fishing and canoeing along the upper Manatee River.

● **10 Ray's Canoe Hideaway:** (1247 Hagel Park Rd.) near Rye Wilderness Park, offers facilities for canoeing, fishing and swimming.

● **11 Duette Park:** (2649 Rawls Rd.) offers miles of nature trails, horseback riding trails, camping and hunting.

● **12 Lake Manatee State Recreation Area:** (20007 S.R. 64) offers a 60-acre camping area, boat ramp, swimming, fishing and wildlife viewing.

● **13 Braden River Canoe Trail at Jiggs Landing:** (6106 Braden River Rd.) offers bait, tackle, canoes, or fishing boats for a quiet day exploring the river.

● **14 Braden Castle:** (St. Rd. 64 and 27th St. E) once the site of Dr. Joseph A. Braden's Sugar Plantation. View tin can tourist houses and the remains of Braden's home made of tabby.

● **15 Family Heritage House:** (1707 15th St. E. & 5840 26th St. W.) resource for the study of African American achievements; video, audio tapes and literature let you explore the strengths of a people.

● **16 Manatee Village Historical Park:** (15th St. E) National Historic Site that offers a look at the heritage of the area's settlers. Special attractions include the Village of Manatee, the Cracker Trail, the Bunker Hill School, the Wiggins General Store, a smokehouse and a sugar cane mill.



Manatee Village Historical Park

Bradenton Riverfront Cultural Center

● **17 South Florida Museum, Bishop Planetarium, Parker Manatee Aquarium:** (201 10th St. W.) explores Florida from "Astronomy to Zoology" with exhibits on the area's cultural and natural history, astronomy and laser shows and the aquarium's manatee, Snooty, the oldest manatee "born and raised" in captivity. Great for kids!



South Florida Museum

● **18 Manatee Players Riverfront Theatre:** (102 Old Main St.) offering fine entertainment for over 45 years with humor, memorable music and captivating stories. renovated 1920s hotel, (a former getaway for the Chicago gangsters) which now offers fine dining, a pleasant stay and a breathtaking view of the Manatee River and the downtown area.

● **19 Art League of Manatee County:** (209 9th St. W.) a long-standing creative presence offering art with exhibitions, lectures and workshops.

● **20 Riverpark Hotel:** (309 10th St. W.) newly renovated 1920s hotel, (a former getaway for the Chicago gangsters) which now offers fine dining, a pleasant stay and a breathtaking view of the Manatee River and the downtown area.

● **21 Carnegie Library:** (1405 4th Ave. W.) built in 1918 and houses Manatee County's early records.

● **22 De Soto National Memorial:** (North End 75th St.) 27-acre National Memorial offering nature trails, a living history camp and visitors center, and museum with educational films and artifacts. Bike scenic Riverview Blvd.



De Soto
National
Memorial



● **23 Bean Point Beach:** (N. Shore Dr. & N. Bay Blvd.) the first homesteader landed here 100 years ago. A walkover provides a spectacular view (perhaps the most dramatic) of the Gulf of Mexico and Tampa Bay.

● **24 Bayfront Park:** (N. Bay Blvd.) offering picnicking, walking and biking to nearby Bean Point Beach and the local fishing piers.

● **25 Rod and Reel Pier:** (875 North Shore Dr.) built in 1947, the old style Florida pier offers fishing, casual dining and spectacular sunsets.

● **26 Anna Maria City Pier:** (100 Bay Blvd.) originally built in 1911 as a dock for excursion boats from Tampa, the 736-foot pier attracts many sightseers and anglers.

● **27 Anna Maria Island Historical Society Museum:** (402 Pine Ave.) built in 1920 as an ice house, the museum houses rare photos of settlers and artifacts such as shells, fossils, sharks teeth and antique quilts. Old City Jail: (Next to museum) built in 1927, this landmark is a favorite for photographers.

● **28 Island Players:** (10009 Gulf Dr. N.) founded in 1948, offers community stage productions.

● **29 Anna Maria Island Art League:** (5312 Holmes Blvd.) offers an exhibit gallery and art classes including watercolors and clay sculpting.

● **30 Artists Guild of Anna Maria Island:** (5414 Marina Dr.) members include artists, actors, writers and musicians; with local artwork for sale including pastels, oils, watercolors and pottery.

● **31 Manatee County Beach:** (Gulf Dr.) 10-acres of white sand with a playground, picnic tables, refreshments and rest rooms.

● **32 Cortez Fishing Village:** (123 St. and Cortez Rd.) built in the 1880s, this quaint community has preserved the local heritage and offers walking tours and restaurants.

● **33 Cortez School House:** (119 St. W.) built in 1912, the brick schoolhouse is defined by classically inspired wooden piers; the building retains its original floor plan, architectural detailing, and character.

● **34 Historic Bridge Street:** (Bridge St.) quaint shopping and commercial district and location of the Bridge St. Fishing Pier, the first bridge to Anna Maria Island, built in 1920.

● **35 Coquina BayWalk at Leffis Key:** (Gulf Dr.) spectacular 30-acre nature park with trails, wildlife education and panoramic vistas.

● **36 Coquina Beach:** (Gulf Dr.) 96-acres of white sand accommodating more than two million visitors a year; picnic tables, grills and rest rooms.

● **37 Beer Can Island:** (111 N. Shore Rd.) perfect for secluded beach walks, brilliant sunsets and wildlife viewing opportunities. (Over 200 species of birds have been spotted here.)



Beer Can
Island

● **38 North Shore Rd. Beach Access:** (100 N. Shore Rd.) pristine beach providing access to Beer Can Island.

● **39 Historic Longbeach Village:** (Broadway) walk or ride your bike to see where the first house was built on the Key, and visit the old town dock overlooking Sarasota Bay.

● **40 Longboat Key Art Center:** (6860 Longboat Dr. S.) in operation for more than 40 years offering exhibits and art classes in sculpture, pottery, copper enameling, jewelry, photography and more.

Central

- **41 Joan M. Durante Park:** (5560 Gulf of Mexico Dr.) offers nature trails and boardwalks through a wetland and mangrove system; also includes gazebos, playgrounds and picnicking.
- **42 Bicentennial Park:** (Gulf of Mexico Dr.) 1/2-acre park offering picnicking and a Florida Yard Demonstration Landscape.
- **43 Quick Point Nature Preserve:** (100 Gulf of Mexico Dr.) 34-acre nature park offering trails, boardwalks, tidal pools, scenic vistas and wildlife viewing. Bike beautiful Gulf of Mexico Drive, City Island and nearby Lido Key.
- **44 Overlook Park/New Pass Fishing Pier:** (101 Gulf of Mexico Dr.) provides access to Quick Point Nature Preserve.

City Island Enviro Park



- **45 Mote Marine Aquarium:** (1600 Ken Thompson Pkwy.) allows visitors to get a close-up look at the creatures that inhabit nearby coastal waters. Come face-to-face with a shark, touch a horseshoe crab or enjoy watching manatees gliding through the water. Great for kids! Sarasota Bay Explorers at Mote takes visitors on a wonderful tranquil cruise around Sarasota and Roberts Bay, experience the local wildlife and marine life as your adventure is narrated by an on-board naturalist. Also offered is the Explorer Kayak Adventures which takes you on a serene guided tour of area bays.
- **46 Sarasota BayWalk:** (1550 Ken Thompson Pkwy.) 4.5-acre wetland restoration site offering wildlife viewing and nature trails.
- **47 Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary:** (1708 Ken Thompson Pkwy.) sanctuary for more than 200 species of injured birds; learn about native birds and what you can do to protect them.
- **48 Ken Thompson Park:** (1700 Ken Thompson Pkwy.) 84-acre park offering picnicking, fishing, canoeing or kayaking and a unique bird rookery.
- **49 Sarasota Jungle Gardens:** (3701 Bayshore Rd.) Sarasota's oldest attraction (1936); featuring 10 acres of beautiful gardens and jungle trails; bird and reptile shows; Kiddie Jungle; educational programs; shell museum; eco-safaris; and animals from around the world.
- **50 St. Armand's Circle:** (St. Armand's Cir.) where John Ringling started his real estate dreams, now offers world renowned dining and shopping pleasures.

- **51 North Lido Beach:** (400 Ben Franklin Dr.) beautiful beach offering a nature trail and guarantees outstanding sunsets.
- **52 Lido Beach:** (400 Ben Franklin Dr.) popular and active beach providing concessions, a gift shop, playground equipment, swimming pool and rest rooms.
- **53 South Lido Park:** (2201 Ben Franklin Dr.) this bays to beaches park provides expansive views of the Gulf of Mexico, Big Pass and downtown Sarasota. The park also offers a nature trail, a self guided canoe trail, picnic tables, grills, playground equipment, volleyball court, horseshoe court and rest rooms.
- **54 Bird Key Park:** (200 John Ringling Causeway) offers scenic vistas and recreational pursuits such as wind surfing and fishing (pets welcome).
- **55 Causeway Park:** (420 John Ringling Causeway) offers the Tony Saprito Fishing Pier, a bait shop (Hart's Landing) and a boat ramp.
- **56 Gulf Coast Wonder & Imagination Zone:** (8251 15th St. E.) (Moving to 63-late 1999) offers more than 60 hands-on natural and physical science exhibits (great for kids). The Florida Yard Demonstration Landscape and Butterfly Garden offers a showplace of native Florida plants, a cistern, and a turtle and fish pond.
- **57 Sarasota Classic Car Museum:** (5500 N. Tamiami Tr.) third oldest car museum in the U.S. featuring 100 years of world-class automotive art and history including John Ringling's motorcar collection.
- **58 John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art:** (5401 Bayshore Rd.) State art museum of Florida featuring 22 galleries with 500 years of European art; the Ringling complex also features the Ringling Mansion (Ca'd'Zan) and the Circus Museum.



Ca' d'Zan

- **59 Crosley Museum:** (1 Seagate Dr. / 8374 N. Tamiami Tr.) home of Powel Crosley, the entrepreneur (especially known for soap operas). This historic home, overlooking Sarasota Bay, has towering walls of cast stone, hand carved wooden doors, a stone portico, custom windows, fireplaces and a grand compass room.



Crosley Museum

● **60 Asolo Center for the Performing Arts:** (5555 N. Tamiami Tr.) offers two theaters featuring professional artists and Florida State University students. The Sarasota Ballet of Florida attains the highest international standards by performing mixed repertoires of treasured classics, contemporary and modern ballet.

● **61 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park:**

(2523 Coconut Ave.) quiet park offering picnicking near the historic Newtown community.



City of Sarasota Cultural District

● **62 Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall:** (777 N. Tamiami Tr.) designed by the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, this landmark has featured world-class music, dance and theater since 1970 and hosted such artists as Luciano Pavarotti, Willie Nelson and Julio Iglesias.



Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall & Sarasota Bayfront BayWalk

● **63 Bayfront BayWalk:** (Next to Van Wezel) in the heart of downtown, take a stroll along the Sarasota bayfront while enjoying wildlife viewing.

● **64 Sarasota Garden Club:** (1131 Blvd. of the Arts) enjoy native plants, a butterfly garden, a 1/2-acre pond with turtles and ducks, and other wildlife viewing opportunities including wild parrots and herons.

● **65 Sarasota County Department of Historical Resources:** (701 N. Tamiami Tr.) research the past through its varied collections of photographs and historical documents. Collections consist of late 19th and 20th century photographs, architectural drawings, maps, business and personal papers, newspapers and other archaeological artifacts.

● **66 Sarasota Visual Arts Center:** (707 N. from "Astronomy to Zoology" with exhibits on the area's cultural and natural history, astronomy and laser shows and the aquarium's manatee, Snooty, the oldest manatee "born and raised" in captivity. Great for kids!

● **67 Florida West Coast Symphony:** (709 N. Tamiami Tr.) featuring classical music, pops, children's concerts and resident chamber ensembles; celebrates its 50th season in 1999, under the direction of the artistic director, Leif Bjaland.

● **68 Centennial Park:** (1059 N. Tamiami Tr.) largest boat ramp facility in Sarasota.

● **69 Players of Sarasota:** (838 N. Tamiami Tr.) oldest community theater with auditions open to everyone.

● **70 Whitaker Gateway Park:** (N. Tamiami Tr.) provides picnicking, a playground and a great vista of Sarasota Bay.

● **71 Sarasota Opera House:** (61 N. Pineapple St.) listed on the National Registry of Historic Buildings and the League of Historic Theaters; celebrates its 40th season in 1999.

● **72 Theatre Works:** (1247 1st St.) "actor driven theater" presenting productions in the historic Palm Tree Playhouse.

● **73 Florida Studio Theatre:** (1241 Palm Ave.) one of the leading avant garde theaters in the area.

● **74 Golden Apple Dinner Theatre:** (25 N. Pineapple Ave.) offers cocktails, candlelight dining and a professional Broadway show.

● **75 Palm Avenue:** (Palm Ave.) artistic highlight showcasing several top art galleries on this quaint street.

● **76 Burns Court:** (Burns Court) unique shopping cluster of 1925 Mediterranean Revival bungalows, offering antique stores, jewelry, clothing, restaurants and the Burns Court Cinema.

● **77 Towles Court Artist Colony:** (Adams Lane and Morrill St.) includes working artists and artisans living in a renovated, picturesque downtown setting. Open studios and classes.

● **78 Island Park:** (Bayshore Rd.) offers spectacular Bay views, children's and dolphin fountains and unforgettable sunsets on Sarasota Bay. Bike nearby Palm Ave. to downtown and/or along the bayfront to nearby Selby Gardens.



Selby Botanical Gardens

● **79 Marie Selby Botanical Gardens:** (811 S. Palm Ave.) on Sarasota Bay, offers 20 distinct garden areas that showcase plant species from all over the world. Take a stroll through the butterfly garden, the bamboo pavilion, koi pond, banyon grove, palm grove, shoreline restoration and the baywalk. Selby Gardens also offers a collection of more than 6,000 orchids and a museum showing more than 20,000 colorful plants.

- **80 Pinecraft Park:** (1420 Gilbert Ave.) 15-acre park offering wildlife viewing.
- **81 Lakeview Park:** (7150 Lago St.) on Lake Sarasota, offers fishing and recreational activities.
- **82 Siesta Public Beach:** (948 Beach Rd.) recognized as one of the most beautiful beaches anywhere and as having the whitest sand in the world (99% pure Quartz); offering concessions, picnic shelters, tennis courts, pavilion, ballfield, volleyball courts, fitness trail, a safety building and rest rooms.



Siesta Public Beach

- **83 Turtle Beach:** (8918 Midnight Pass Rd.) bays to beaches park with a tidal lagoon connecting to Little Sarasota Bay; offering a large picnic shelter, volleyball court, horseshoe courts, dune walkovers and rest rooms.
- **84 Palmer Point Park:** (1/2 mile south of Turtle Beach) secluded bays to beaches park and popular spot for boaters and canoeists.
- **85 Phillippi Estates Park/Edson Keith House:** (5500 S. Tamiami Tr.) 60-acre park with Indian middens dating back 2000 years. The Edson Keith House was built in 1916 in classic Italian renaissance style. Phillippi Creek was named after Felipe Bermudez, a fisherman from Cuba, who had an area rancho in the 19th century.
- **86 Florida House Learning Center:** (4600 Beneva Rd. 316-1200) futuristic house demonstrating sustainable designs and technologies for living in southwest Florida; also offers a Florida Yard Demonstration Landscape.
- **87 Myakka River State Park:** (13207 St. Rd. 72) experience "Old Florida" in Florida's largest land-based state park (28,876-acres) featuring fishing, canoeing, hiking, bicycling, nature trails, horseback riding, boat and tram tours and exceptional wildlife viewing.



- **88 Crowley Museum and Nature Center:** (16405 Myakka Rd.) 185-acre park with nature center, wildlife sanctuary, education facility, nature trails and pioneer museum.
- **89 Potter Park:** (8587 Potter Park Dr.) offers picnicking, nature trails and tennis and basketball courts.

South

- **90 Osprey Fishing Pier:** (West End of Main St.) local fishing pier.
- **91 Historic Spanish Point:** (337 N. Tamiami Tr. and Seaman Rd.) features pioneer homestead buildings (from the late 1800s), beautiful gardens, prehistoric Indian Middens (dating from 1250 BC) and nature trails.



Spanish Point

- **92 Blackburn Point Park and Bridge:** (800 Blackburn Point Rd.) historic one lane bridge with an adjacent park offering picnicking and fishing. Bike to nearby North Jetty Park.



Blackburn Point Bridge

- **93 Oscar Scherer State Park:** (1843 S. Tamiami Tr.) offers nature and hiking trails, camping, swimming, picnicking, fishing, canoeing, and bicycling. Look for the endangered Florida Scrub-Jay.
- **94 Nokomis Beach:** (901 Casey Key Rd.) Sarasota County's oldest public beach, with a pavilion, picnic shelters, a boardwalk and rest rooms.
- **95 North Jetty Park:** (100 Casey Key) one of the best surfing beaches on the gulf coast of Florida and is popular for fishing; provides a bait stand, picnic shelters, volleyball courts, a concession stand, dune walkovers and rest rooms.

Venice Cultural and Heritage Park



● **96 Heritage Park:** (Venice Ave.) linear walking path along Venice Avenue in historic downtown Venice, offering history of pre-historic times, native Americans and fisherman who lived in the area.

● **97 Venice Archives and Area Historical Collection:** (351 S. Nassau St.) built in 1927, for winter visitors; serves as a city museum.

● **98 Venice Little Theatre:** (140 W. Tampa Ave.) in the charming downtown district, offering stage presentations from comedies to musicals.

● **99 Venice Art Center:** (390 Nokomis Ave.) offers free year-round exhibits of local artists' work and classes for all ages.

● **100 Venice Beach:** (100 The Esplanade) best known for collecting sharks teeth, enjoy diving on a reef containing fossilized material located a quarter mile offshore. Also offers a pavilion, picnic tables, volleyball court, dune walkovers and rest rooms. Bike nearby Harbor Drive to Caspersen Beach.

● **101 Venice Fishing Pier:** (1600 Harbor Dr. S.) local fishing pier with wildlife viewing.



Service Club Park

● **102 Service Club Park:** (1190 Harbor Dr. S.) includes boardwalks, native scrub habitat, a secluded beach, picnicking and rest rooms. Look for the endangered Florida Scrub-Jay.

● **103 South Brohard Park:** (South of Service Club Park) offers dune walkovers, boardwalks and quiet beach walks.

● **104 Caspersen Beach:** (4100 Harbor Dr. S.) recognized as one of the most enjoyable shelling beaches and a great place to find pre-historic sharks teeth; this bays to

beaches park offers nature trails, wildlife viewing, dune walkovers and rest rooms.



Caspersen Beach

● **105 Shamrock Park and Nature Center:** (3900 Shamrock Dr.) explore nature trails, picnic or attend instructional classes at this former homeland of Native American Indians.

● **106 Manasota Beach:** (8570 Manasota Beach Rd.) this bays to beaches park is a wonderful place to take a quiet stroll, collect shells, or fly a kite; providing picnic shelters, dune walkovers and rest rooms.

● **107 Blind Pass Beach/ Hermitage:** (6725 Manasota Key Rd.) the Hermitage, one of the oldest structures in Englewood, is located at this bays to beaches park offering a playground, a nature trail, a picnic shelter, dune walkovers and rest rooms.

● **108 Englewood Beach/Chadwick Park:** (Beach Rd.) offering picnicking, a playground and rest rooms.

● **109 Cedar Point Park:** (SR 775, Placida Rd.) 88-acres of hiking trails through southwest Florida pine flatwoods, oak scrub, salt flats and the mangrove fringe of Lemon Bay.

● **110 Lemon Bay Playhouse:** (96 W. Dearborn St.) community-based theater hosting a variety of entertainment.

● **111 Green St. Church and Museum:** (Green St.) built in 1926, was the first church in the Englewood area.

● **112 Indian Mound Park:** (210 Winson Ave.) five-acre park featuring a short educational trail showing Florida's native flora and fauna including a prehistoric Indian mound site (dating from 1000 BC).

● **113 Lemon Bay Park Environmental Center:** (570 Bay Park Blvd.) 195-acres including nature trails, a butterfly garden, an environmental center and a canoe trail.

● **114 Venice Area Audubon Rookery:** (Annex Rd.) highly used nesting spot by egrets, herons and anhingas.

● **115 T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Memorial Reserve:** (1800 Carlton Parkway) consisting of 24,565-acres featuring nature trails, wildlife viewing and environmental education about Florida's native habitat.

● **116 Warm Mineral Springs:** (12200 San Servando Ave.) natural watering hole and world renowned spa (temperature of the lake holds a year round 87°F) forms a lake flowing with million gallons of water per day.

● **117 Myakkahatchee Park** (6968 Reisterstown Rd.) consisting of 131-acres providing picnicking, wildlife viewing and fishing.