Bridge on I-275 (US 19).

1 Sunshine Skyway Fishing Pier State Park: Among the longest piers in the world. Offering spectacular views, piers are on both ends on the bridge, there is a bait and tackle shop, canoe/kayak launch restaurants and restrooms. The piers are open 24 hours a

• 2 Frog Creek Campground: An 18-acre campground Electricity, fishing, laundry facilities, restrooms and shower houses are available. 8515 Bayshore Rd., Palmetto____800.771.3764 or 722.6154

day year-round. Located north and south ends of the Skyway

■ 3 Emerson Point Preserve: A 365-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. Picnic areas and a pavilion is available by reservation. 5801 17th St. W., Palmetto__

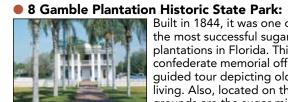
4 Palmetto Historical **Park:** The site of Palmetto's first settlement which now includes restored buildings, parks, businesses, shops, community clubs, a library and 🛚 Heritage Park. Palmetto's first post office built here in 1880. 515 10th Ave. W. and 6th St. W., Palmetto_____723.4570

• 5 Olympia Children's Theatre: Built in 1916, it originally served as a theatre and the Palmetto Bakery which remained in operation until the 1950s. Today it is under novation for use as a performing arts and community center. 512 10th Ave. W., Palmetto_

6 Lamb House: Built by Julius A. Lamb in 1899, and purchased in the 1920s by J. Pope Harllee (son of Palmetto's first settlers). The beautiful home has been restored and is now a private residence. Viewing only, no tours available. 1112 Riverside Dr., Palmetto

● 7 Green Bridge Fishing Pier: Built for \$1,000,000 in 1927; named for E.P. Green who first petitioned for the new bridge that spanned the Manatee River. Open 24 hours. Great fishing and scenic views and a waterfront restaurant. 101 Eighth Ave. W., Palmetto_ __723.4570

Built in 1844, it 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. 3708 Patten Ave., Ellenton_ __723.4536

9 Ray's Canoe Hideaway: Near Rve Wilderness Park. Offers facilities for canoe/kayaks rentals, primitive camping, fishing, bait and tackle shop

www.ravscanoehideawav.com ■ 10 Rve Preserve: Located along the Manatee River this 145-acre park offers picnic areas, pavilion, playground, camping, nature trails, bike trails, horseback riding trails, wildlife observation, fishing and canoe/kayak launch. _776.0900 905 Rye Wilderness Trail, Parrish_

1247 Hagel Park Rd., Bradenton__1.888.57CANOE or 747.3909

● 11 Headwaters at Duette Preserve: Possessing the unique distinction of comprising the headwaters of the Manatee River. A primitive preserve that offers 2,200-acres of trails, parking available for horse trailers. 745.3723 SR 37 and SR 62, Duette_ www.mymanatee.org click on: Conservation Lands Management

 12 Duette Preserve: Offers miles of nature trails, horseback riding trails, non-motorized bicycle trails, camping, managed hunting and fishing. Picnic areas and a pavilion is available by reservation or on a first-come-first-serve basis. 2649 Rawls Rd., Duette__ 776.2295 www.mymanatee.org click on: Conservation Lands Management

■ 13 Lake Manatee State Park: Offers camping area, boat ramp, swimming, fishing and wildlife viewing. This park extends along three miles of the south shore of Lake Manatee, which serves as a water reservoir for Manatee and Sarasota Counties. 20007 SR 64, Bradenton _741.3028 www.floridastateparks.org

• 14 Jiggs Landing: Offers bait, tackle, canoe/kayak launch. You can paddle from Jiggs Landing to the Linger Lodge (restaurant) and enjoy a eclectic "Old Florida" experience. 6106 63rd St. E., Braden River Rd., Bradenton___745.3723 www.mymanatee.org click on: Conservation Lands Management ● 15 Pine Island Preserve: Boat access only.

www.mymanatee.org click on: Conservation Lands Management ● 16 Braden Castle Ruins: Once the site of Dr. Joseph A. Braden's Sugar Plantation is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Contains 209 frame bungalows, built from 1924 to 1929 for winter tourists. SR 64 and 27th St. E., Bradenton

South of Braden River Bridge, SR 64, Bradenton__745.3723

17 Manatee Village Historical Park: A 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

1404 Manatee Ave. E., Bradenton 741.4075 www.manateeclerk.com click on: Clerk Services/Historical ● 18 Family Heritage House Museum: A gallery and resource center for the study of African American achievements, this museum is also a facility on the Natural Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program. 1707 15th St. E. & 5840 26th St. W., Bradenton___752.5319

www.familyheritagehouse.com ■ 19 De Soto National Memorial: A 27-acre National Memorial offering nature trails, canoe/kayak launch, a living history camp and visitors center, and a museum with educational films and artifacts focusing on Native American and Spanish history in Florida. Biking along scenic Riverview Blvd. 3000 75th St. N., Bradenton_ _792.0458

www.nps.gov/deso ■ 20 Riverview Pointe Preserve: An 11-acre preserve located adjacent to De Soto National Memorial. The preserve is part of a large prehistoric coastal village site that was inhabited by Florida Indians from about 356 B.C. to A.D. 110. Manatee Ave to the end of 75th St. N., Bradenton_745.3723 www.mymanatee.org click on: Conservation Lands Management Photos credits: We would like to thank all appropriate sites for supplying photos. Other images courtesy of: Sarasota Bay Estuary Program, Manatee County, Sarasota County, Sarasota Convention & Visitors Bureau, Bradenton Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Atura Photography, Elka Photography, Reed Photography, Tom Cross Inc., Sarasota County Dept. of Historical Resources, Florida State Archives, and SWWMD.

Bradenton River front Cultural Center

21 South Florida Museum, Bishop Planetarium, Parker Manatee Aquarium: Explore Florida from "Astronomy to Zoology" with xhibits on the area's cultural and natural history, stronomy and laser shows and the aquarium's manatee, Snooty, the oldest manatee "born and raised" in captivity. Great for kids! 201 10th Street W., Bradenton_

idamuseum.org 22 Manatee Players Riverfront Theatre: An awardinning community theater company that presents six main stage productions, including live musicals, theatrical plays, and children's programs during their season. 02 12th St.W., Bradenton

24 Carnegie Library: Built in 1918 and houses Manatee County's early records. The first county archival library of its kind in the state 1405 4th Ave. W., Bradenton_ www.manateeclerk.com click on: Clerk Services/Historical Records

25 Bean Point Beach: The first homesteader landed here 100 years ago. A walkover provides a spectacular view of the Gulf of Mexico and Tampa Bay. N. Shore Dr. & N. Bay Blvd., Anna Maria Island_____ ww.mymanatee.org click on: Parks and Recreation • 26 Rod and Reel Pier: Built in 1947, the old style Florida pier

offers fishing, casual dining and spectacular sunsets. 875 North Shore Dr., Anna Maria Island • 27 Bayfront Park: Offering picnicking, walking and biking to nearby Bean Point Beach and the local fishing piers. 310 N. Bay Blyd., Anna Maria Island w.mymanatee.org click on: Parks and Recreation

28 Anna Maria City Pier: Originally built in 1911 as a dock for excursion boats from Tampa, the 736-foot pier attracts many sightseers and anglers. 00 Bav Blvd., Anna Maria Island

29 Anna Maria Island Historical Society Museum: Built n 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 402 Pine Ave. Anna Maria Island_

www.islandhistory.us • 30 Island Players: Founded in 1948, it offers community stage productions 10009 Gulf Dr. N., Anna Maria Island

■ 31 Robinson Preserve: A 187-acre preserve including 40acres of peaceful waterways for canoeing and kayaking. Paved and primitive walking trails, a visitors center, a canoe/kayak launch. At the terminus of 99th St. N.W.

and 9th Ave. N.W., Bradenton_ ww.mymanatee.org click on: Conservation Lands Management ■ 32 Geraldson Community Farm: An educational non-profit every week from Nov.-Mav.

working farm that grows organic produce available to members 1401 99th St. NW, Bradenton ■ 33 Manatee County Public Beach: 10-acres of white sand

with concessions, lifeguards, a playground, fishing, volleyball, picnic tables, and restrooms SR 64 and 4200 Gulf Dr., Holmes Beach ww.mymanatee.org click on: Parks and Recreation

● 34 Neal Preserve: 116-acres to explore. Located at the southwest tip of the Perico parcel known locally as Spoonbill Bay. 776.0900 South of SR 64 on Perico Island manatee.org click on: Conservation Lands Management

35 Historic Bridge Street: Quaint shopping, restaurants and commercial district and location of the Bridge St. Fishing Pier, the center of the Historic Old Town District. The first bridge to Anna Maria Island, built in 1920. At the end of Bridge Street is the newly renovated Bradenton Beach City Pier

overlooking Sarasota Bay.

778.1005

Bridge St., Bradenton_ 36 Cortez Commercial Fishing Village: Built in the 1880s, this quaint community has preserved the local heritage and offers walking tours and restaurants. The annual Fishing Festival is held every 3rd weekend of February. 123rd St. and 124th St. off Cortez Rd., Bradenton_____794.1249

www.fishnews.org **or** www.cortezvillage.org www.fishnews.org **37 Florida Maritime Museum at Cortez:** Located at this site is a historic brick schoolhouse built in 1912, it is defined by classically inspired wooden piers; the building retains in its original floor plan, architectural detailing, and character. __708.6120 4415 119th St. W., Cortez__

ww.clerkofcourts.com/ClerkServices/HisVill/cortez maritimemuseum ■ 38 Coquina BayWalk at Leffis Key: Popular with the locals as a place to take a scenic walk while enjoying the company of Florida's most beautiful wading birds, this 30-acre preserve includes tidal lagoons, a foot bridge, and boardwalks for public access. Gulf Dr., Bradenton Beach_ _745.3723 ww.mymanatee.org click on: Conservation Lands Management

■ 39 Coquina Beach and Bayside Park: 96-acres of white sand accommodating more than two million visitors a year; picnic shelters, grills, playground, concessions, nature trails, fishing, strooms and nearby boat ramps. Gulf Dr. south of Bradenton Beach_ v.mymanatee.org click on: Parks and Recreation

• 40 Greer Island Beach: Also known as Beer Can Island, perfect or secluded beach walks, brilliant sunsets and wildlife viewing opportunities. (Over 200 species of birds have been spotted here.) W. side of Gulf Dr. just past Longboat Key Bridge, Longboat Key_742.5923 vw.mymanatee.org click on: Parks and Recreation

• 41 North Shore Rd. Beach Access: A pristine beach providing access to Greer Island Beach/Beer Can Island. 100 N. Shore Rd., Longboat Key_ www.mymanatee.org click on: Parks and Recreation

42 Longboat Key Center for the Arts: Established in 952, offering exhibits and art classes in sculpture, pottery, copper enameling, jewelry, photography and more. 6860 Longboat Dr. S., Longboat Key__

43 Joan M. Durante Park: this 32-acre site is located on Sarasota Bav two miles south from the north end of Longboat Key. This park offers nature trails and boardwalks through a wetland and mangrove system, also includes gazebos, botanical

garden, restrooms, playgrounds and picnic areas. Available for special events Call for reservations. 5550 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Longboat Key • 44 Bicentennial Park: A 1/2-acre park offering picnicking and a Florida Yard Demonstration Landscape.

2730 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Longboat Key_ • 45 Crosley Museum: The 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,

46 Asolo Repertory Theatre: Two theaters featuring ofessional artists and Florida State University students. The Sarasota Ballet of Florida attains the highest international standards by performing mixed repertoires of treasured classics, ntemporary and modern ballet.

● 47 John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art: The 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. 5401 Bayshore Rd., Sarasota_

www.ringling.org ● 48 Ca'd'Zan: The home of John and Mable Ringling, it's the "crown jewel" of the Ringling complex with stained glass windows, whimsical carvings, marble terraces, gardens, and historical

5555 N. Tamiami Tr., Sarasota___

5401 Bayshore Rd., Sarasota_ vww.ringling.org • 49 North Water Tower Park: 20-acres that offer picnicking, playground, and a 5,463' course for disc golf.

4700 Rilma Avenue, Sarasota 50 Sarasota Classic Car Museum: The third oldest car museum in the US featuring 100 years of world-class automotive art and history, including John Ringling's motorcar collection. 5500 N. Tamiami Tr., Sarasota_

• 51 Sarasota Jungle Gardens: Sarasota's oldest attraction 1936) Features 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. 3701 Bay Shore Rd._

• 52 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park: A quiet park offering picnicking near the historic Newtown community. 2523 Coconut Ave., Sarasota

• 53 Quick Point Nature Preserve: A 34-acre nature park offering trails, boardwalks, tidal pools, scenic vistas and wildlife viewing. Biking along beautiful Gulf of Mexico Drive, City Island and nearby Lido Key 100 Gulf of Mexico Dr.

www.longboatkey.org • 54 Overlook Park/New Pass Fishing Pier: provides access to Quick Point Nature Preserve. Canoe/kayak launch; limited parking.

101 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Longboat Key_ City Island Environmental Park

55 Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium: 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 Bav

Explorers at Mote takes visitors on a wonderful tranquil cruise around Sarasota and Roberts Bay, experience the local rildlife and marine life as your adventure is narrated by an on-board naturalist. Also offered is the Explorer Kayak Adventures vhich takes you on a serene guided tour ot area bavs.

600 Ken Thompson Pkwy., Sarsaota_ ■ **56 Sarasota BayWalk:** A 4.5-acre wetland restoration site offering wildlife viewing and nature trails. 1550 Ken Thompson Pkwy., Sarasota_

■ **57 Ken Thompson Park:** An 84-acre park offering picnicking, fishing, canoeing or kayaking. There are indoor/ outdoor restaurants in the area 1700 Ken Thompson Pkwy., Sarasota_

58 City Island/ Ken Thompson Boat Ramp and Bird **Rookery:** Provides ideal access to Sarasota Bay; offers unique 1700 Ken Thompson Pkwy., Sarasota_

• 59 St. Armand's Circle: Where John Ringling started his real estate dreams in 1917, it now offers world renowned dining and shopping pleasures St. Armand's Cir., Sarasota

• 60 Causeway Park: Offers the Tony Saprito Fishing Pier, a bait shop (Hart's Landing) and a boat ramp. 420 John Ringling Cswy., Sarasota_ • 61 Bird Key Park: Offers scenic vistas and recreational pursuits such as wind surfing and fishing (pets welcome).

200 John Ringling Cswy, Bird Key___ 62 North Lido Beach: A beautiful beach offering a nature trail, fishing and guarantees outstanding sunsets. 400 Ben Franklin Dr., Lido Key__

• 63 Lido Beach: Popular and active 15-acrea beach providing lifeguards year round, concessions, a gift shop, beach wheelchairs, picnicking, playground equipment, swimming pool and restrooms. 400 Ben Franklin Dr., Lido Key_ www.scgov.net

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, playgound equipment, ollevball court, horseshoe court and restrooms 190 Taft Dr. and 2201 Ben Franklin Dr., Lido Key_

www.scgov.net City of Parasota Cultural District • 65 Whitaker-Gateway Park: Provides picnicking, a playground

838 N. Tamiami Tr., Sarasota__

68 Art Center Sarasota: Offers a variety of programs; workshops, exhibitions, education, and outreach, providing a lestination for all visual artists in Sarasota. 707 N. Tamiami Tr., Sarasota

 69 Sarasota County History Center: Provides an understanding of Sarasota County's heritage and protects its 88 Florida House Learning Center: A model home and historic resources. Research the past through its varied collections of andscape featuring readily available environmentally friendly photographs and historical documents. Collections consist of late 19th materials and methods for new and existing Florida homes and yards. The house features an energy-saving passive cooling design and many cost-effective and affordable building methods and materials available through off-the-shelf technology. 4455 Beneva Rd., Sarasota_ www.sarasota.extension.ufl.edu/FHI

• 70 Bayfront BayWalk: In the heart of downtown, take a stroll along the Sarasota bayfront while enjoying wildlife viewing. ocated next to Van Wezel. 71 Florida West Coast Symphony:
The oldest continuing orchestra in the state of Florida; founded in 1949. Featuring classical music, pops, children's concerts

e season includes approximately 75 concerts each year. 709 N. Tamiami Tr., Sarasota_____953.4252 box office: 953.3434 w.twcs.org

72 Van Wezel erforming Arts Hall: Designed by the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, this andmark has featured worldclass music, dance and theater since 1970 and hosted such artists as Luciano Pavarotti,

Willie Nelson and Julio Iglesias. 777 N. Tamiami Tr., Sarasota_

exhibits (great for

Landscape and Butterfly Garden offers a showplace of native Florida plants, a cistern, and a turtle and fish pond. 1001 Blvd. of the Arts, Sarasota

garden, a 1/2-acre pond with turtles and ducks, and other wildlife viewing opportunities including wild parrots and herons. 1131 Blvd. of the Arts, Sarasota_

75 Sarasota Opera: Listed on the National Registry of Historic Buildings and the League of Historic Theaters. Public tours are available of the newly renovated historic 1926 opera house. and racquetball courts. There is a lot of open space available for 61 N. Pineapple St., Sarasota 366.8450 or 888.OPERA-12

rofessional Broadway show. 25 N. Pineapple Ave., Sarasota_ 77 Florida Studio Theatre: Mainstage is located in a historic

theaters in the area. 1241 Palm Ave., Sarasota_ **78 Burns Court:** Unique shopping. A cluster of 1925

Burns Čt, Sarasota 79 Palm Avenue: In the roaring 20's Palm Avenue was Sarasota's most prestigious address. Today this avenue is a delightful blend of historic Sarasota, fabulous shopping, dining, and artistic highlights showcasing several top art galleries.

artisans living in a renovated, picturesque downtown setting. Open studios and classes.

nearby Selby Gardens. Bayshore Rd., Sarasota 82 Marie Selby Botanical Gardens: On Sarasota Bay, it

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.

2000 Adams Ln., Sarasota

811 S. Palm Ave., Sarasota__ ■ 83 Payne Park: The newest and largest park within the City of

Sarasota. 29-acres featuring a skate park open daily 2pm-7pm, there is an admission fee and a signed waiver from parent or guardian and a helmet is required. Also there are nine green clay tennis courts with lights that are open to the public in the evenings and on ● 101 T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Memorial Reserve: Offers picnic areas, a pavilion, nature trails, restrooms, and a historic log cabin located at this site. There are more than 80 miles of primitive hiking trails that run through large expanses of pine flatwoods, dry prairie, oak-palm hammocks and wetlands.

● 102 Myakkahatchee Creek Environmental Park: A 206acres of mostly shady oak hammock on both sides of the creek. This park offers a rare opportunity to enjoy an "Old Florida" experience of a blackwater creek. It features birding, hiking, picnicking, camping, and bicycling. There is a nature trail, canoe/ marshlands, ponds and canals, edged by oaks, willows and pines. This kayak launch, and restroom facilities. 6968 Reisterstown Rd., North Port_ www.scaov.net

1800 Carlton Pkwy., Venice_

• 103 Nokomis Beach: Sarasota County's oldest public beach with a pavilion, canoe/kayak launch, picnic shelters, a boardwalk 901 Casey Key Rd., Nokomis

• 104 North Jetty Park: One of the best surfing beaches kavak launch, and restrooms 100 Casey Key Rd., Nokomis_

entrance. This is a 82-acre primitive preserve that has one of the few remaining coastal creeks in southwest Florida. A wonderful wildlife and birding location. 861.5000 Pinebrook Rd., Venice

Denice Cultural and Heritage Park

106 Heritage Park: Runs down the center median of West Venice Avenue from Harbor Drive to The Esplanade. It has historical displays, isherman who lived in the area.

Spanish moss. Red signposts mark the paths. Park benches look ■ 107 Venice Archives and Area **Historical Collection:** Located in the historic Triangle Inn, built in 1927. Permanent displays include exhibits ● 90 Crowley Museum and Nature Center: A 190-acre park regarding the life of Dr. Fred Albee and

with nature center, wildlife sanctuary, education facility, nature trails and pioneer museum. Bird watch from the observation is changed periodically. tower. Learn the history of the Florida pioneer spirit in five historic 351 S. Nassau St., Venice_ **108 Venice Art Center:** Offers free year-round exhibits of

> 390 Nokomis Ave., Venice **109 Venice Little Theatre:** In the charming downtown

• 110 Venice Beach: 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.

● 111 Snook Haven: An "Old Florida", bayou-style restaurant and pleasantly primitive entertainment venue. Snook Haven Restaurant & Fish Camp has been a fixture in Venice for more than 50 years. River boat tours, canoe/kayak launch on site. 5000 E. Venice Ave., Venice

primitive 615-acres natural area that showcases the area's vast ecological wealth along the Myakka River. North and south of the preserve are campgrounds and on the other side of the river is Deer Prairie Creek Preserve. Pet-friendly. 2300 N. River Rd., Sarsaota_

• 113 Service Club Park: Includes boardwalks, native scrub nabitat, a secluded beach, volleyball courts, picnicking and restrooms. Look for the endangered Florida Scrub-Jay.

two sand volleyball courts and a restaurant. 1600 S. Harbor Dr., Venice__ _Park Office: 361.6511 Concession/Camping supplies: 923.1120; Wildlife Tours: 365.0100

> Venice Fishing Pier is close by. 1190 S. Harbor Dr. www.scgov.net

Recognized as one of the most trails, canoe/kayak launch, wildlife viewing, and restrooms. 4100 Harbor Dr. S., Venice_

● 117 Shamrock Park and Nature Center: Offers nature trails. A great spot to picnic on this 82-acre park. Learn about a former homeland of Native American Indians at the popular environmental center. Explore nature trails, picnic or attend instructional classes at this former homeland of Native American Indians. 3900 Shamrock Dr., Venice_

118 Venice Area Audubon Center & Rookery: a highly used nesting spot by egrets, herons and anhingas. The best time of vear is Dec.-Mar. A great vantage point late in the afternoon is the path to the left of the pavilion. To locate the Rookery continue on Annex Rd past the Welcome Center the Rookery is on the right. P.O. Box 1381, Venice

Welcome Center 4002 S. US 41, Venice www.veniceaudubon.org

• 120 Manasota Beach: This bays to beaches park is a wonderful place to take a quiet stroll, collect shells, or fly a kite; providing picnic shelters, showers and restrooms. A boat ramp is on

the bay side.



8570 Manasota Beach Rd., Manasota Kev 861.5000 570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood

www.scgov.net • 121 Blind Pass Beach/Hermitage: The Hermitage, one of the oldest structures in Englewood, is located at this bays to beaches park offering a playground, a nature trail, a canoe/kayak launch, a picnic shelter, and restrooms 6725 Manasota Key Rd., Manasota Key_ 861.5000 www.scgov.net

■ 105 Curry Creek Preserve: A foot path serves as the site

commemorative plaques, benches and a pedestrian path. Offering history of orehistoric times, native Americans and 📗 Venice Ave., Venice_____486.2626

local fossils collected by Roy and Helen Burgess. A special exhibit

local artists' work and classes for all ages.

district, offering stage presentations from comedies to musicals. 140 W. Tampa Ave., Venice

100 The Esplanade, Venice___

• 112 Jelk Preserve: A

1190 S. Harbor Dr., Venice 114 Venice Fishing Pier at Brohard Park: Sunsets, fishing adventures. Individuals fishing from the 700-foot long pier are not required to have their own fishing license. Nearby picnic shelters,

● 115 South Brohard Beach: Located south of Service Club Park. There are showers, picnic tables, restrooms, and boardwalks. The

116 Caspersen Beach: enjoyable shelling beaches and a great 🎉 place to find pre-historic sharks teeth; this bays to beaches park offers nature

www.scgov.net

496.8984

• 119 Warm Mineral Springs: a natural watering hole and world renowned spa (temperature of the lake holds a year round

■ 123 Lemon Bay Park Environmental Center At this 200-acre site you can enjoy nature trails, canoe/kayak launch, pavilion, environmental classes, a butterfly garden, environmental center, and restrooms

the first church in the Englewood area.

416 W. Green St., Englewood_

www.scgov.net

www.scgov.net

• 124 Green St. Church and Museum: Built in 1926, it was

• 125 Indian Mound Park: A 5-acre park featuring a short

■ 126 Englewood Beach/Chadwick Park: in Charlotte County, it offers a wide expanse of beachfront, a boardwalk, picnic shelters, volleyball courts, restrooms, a concession area and paved parking. This beach is close to several restaurants and shopping opportunities. 2100 N. Beach Rd., Englewood_ 127 Cedar Point

861.5000

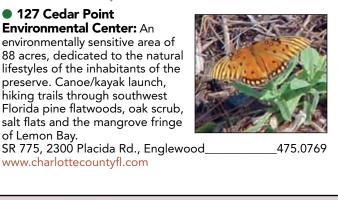
Environmental Center: An environmentally sensitive area of 88 acres, dedicated to the natural

www.charlottecountyfl.com

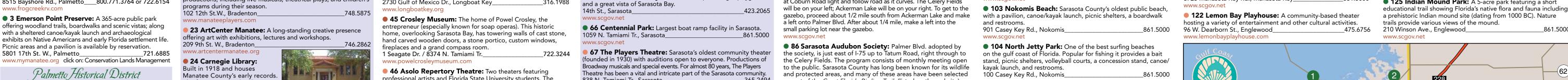
lifestyles of the inhabitants of the preserve. Canoe/kayak launch, hiking trails through southwest Florida pine flatwoods, oak scrub, salt flats and the mangrove fringe of Lemon Bav











_365.2494 as part of the Great Florida Birding Trail. (listed on the website). P.O. Box 15423. Sarasota ● 87 Arlington Park and Aquatic Complex: Features an

ut over the lake

200 Beneva Road

peautiful beaches

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having the whitest

sand in the world (99%

shelters, tennis courts,

olleyball courts, fitness

948 Beach Rd.. Siesta Kev

trail, a safety building

way to Twin Lakes Park.

6700 Clark Road, Sarasota 34241_

94 Myakka River State Park:

diverse natural areas, 28,876-acres.

xperience "Old Florida" offering

rentals, hiking, nature trails, camping,

horseback riding, boat and tram tours

One of Florida's largest and most

fishing, canoe/kayak and bicycle

and exceptional wildlife viewing.

13207 SR 72, Sarasota_

www.mvakkariver.orc

and basketball courts

• 96 Turtle Beach: A

bay to beach park with a

a large picnic shelter,

courts, and restrooms.

8918 Midnight Pass Rd.,

Siesta Key__

www.scgov.net

tidal lagoon connecting to

Little Sarasota Bay; offering

volleyball court, horseshoe

337 N. Tamiami Tr., Osprey _

with view of Little Sarasota Bay.

800 Blackburn Point Rd.

8587 Potter Park Dr., Sarasota_

pure Quartz); offering

concessions, picnic

pavilion, ball field,

and restrooms

/ww.scgov.net

uildings on this native land.

16405 Myakka Rd., Sarasota

84 Sarasota's Sailor Circus: The oldest continuously running

Circus Sarasota: A Sarasota based circus. Circus Sarasota is

committed to broadening the artistic contribution of circus, while

raising the level and perception of the American Circus to that of a

fine art. Performance locations subject to change please contact for

regional stormwater flood control site is also a prime bird-watching

location, Located east of I-75 Exit 210, Fruitville Rd, east, Make right

at Coburn Road light and follow road as it curves. The Celery Fields

■ 89 Red Bug Slough Preserve: Occupies 72-acres with

iking and biking trails that lead away from the road. They're

• 91 Siesta Public Beach: Recognized as one of the most

• 92 Phillippi Estates Park/Edson Keith House: A 60-acre

park with Indian middens dating back 2000 years. The Edson Keith

Mansion was built in 1916 in the classic Italian renaissance style,

and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Enjoy a

picnics, walking, and playing as well as lakes for those who enjoy

ishing. Many special events are held on the grounds including,

seminars, dog shows, musical events, and even a circus made its

but not limited to: weddings, trade shows, corporate picnics,

• 95 Potter Park: Offers picnicking, nature trails and tennis

97 Palmer Point Park/Neville Marine Preserve:

ecluded bays to beaches areas; popular spots for boaters,

• 98 Historic Spanish Point: Features pioneer homestead

uildings (from the late 1800s), beautiful gardens, prehistoric

99 Blackburn Point Park and Bridge: A historic one lane

swing bridge with an adjacent park offering picnicking and fishing

Indian Middens (dating from 1250 BC) and nature trails.

stroll on the nature trail. This park has a picnic areas, canoe/kayak

shaded by pines and palmettos that give way to oaks draped with

• 85 Celery Fields: 300-acres that mainly consist of open

outh circus in America. Founded in 1949.

2075 Bahia Vista St., Sarasota

current information.

www.circussarasota.oro

outdoor pool offering swimming instruction, walking trails, fishing, picnic areas, playground and restrooms. vw.artsarasota.oro 2650 Waldemere St., Sarasota_

and 20th century photographs, architectural drawings, maps, business and personal papers, newspapers and other archaeological artifacts. 701 N. Tamiami Tr., Sarasota___

and resident chamber ensembles.

73 Gulf Coast Wonder & Imagination Zone (GWIZ): Offers more than 60 hands-on natural and physical science

kids). The Florida Yard Demonstratio

5500 S. Tamiami Tr., Sarasota_ www.scgov.net • 93 Twin Lakes Park Facility: A 123-acres Professional paseball games are open to the public for no charge February o October. Also popular for youth activities such as little league baseball, soccer, and football. Adults make use of the tennis

76 Golden Apple Dinner Theatre: A Sarasota landmark, founded in 1971 offers cocktails, candlelight dining and a

Sarasota building which presents one of the leading avant garde

Mediterranean Revival bungalows, offering antique stores, jewelry, clothing, restaurants and the Burns Court Cinema.

Palm Ave., Sarasota_ 80 Towles Court Artist Colony: Includes working artists and

Adams Lane and Morrill St., Sarasota ■ 81 Island Park: 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

offers 20 distinct garden areas

100 Oscar Scherer State **Park:** Offers nature and hiking trails, camping, swimming, picnicking, fishing, canoe/kayak | and bicycle rentals. Look for the 📗 endangered Florida Scrub-Jay.

canoeists and excellent for bird viewing

2 mile south of Turtle Beach, Siesta Key

87°F) It forms a lake flowing with million gallons of water per day. The springs are listed on the National Register of Historical Places. 12200 San Servando Ave., North Port__ www.warmmineralsprings.com

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