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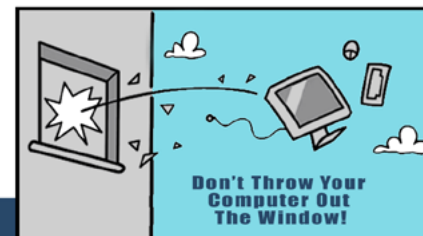
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Local Area Events

JANUARY

- Englewood Beerfest
- Movies on the Green & Nature Walks - North Port (Jan-Mar)
- Angels for Artists Auction - Sarasota
- Annual Car Show & Swap Meet & Chili Cook Off - Sarasota
- American Vintage Market - Sarasota
- New Years Market - Sarasota
- Sarasota Antique Snow
- Sarasota Seafood & Music Festival
- Annual Dimitri Cup - Lakewood Ranch
- Sun Fiesta - Venice
- Non-Profit Rally - Venice

FEBRUARY

- Mardi Gras - County Wide
- Chocolate Walk - Venice
- Italian Feast & Carnival - Venice
- Annual Cocktails on the Diamond - Venice
- Gulf Coast Games - North Port
- Kids Night Out - North Port
- North Port Night Out
- Serbian Festival - North Port
- WoofStock - North Port
- Annual Superhero 5K & Fun Run - Sarasota
- Annual Thunder By the Bay Music & Motorcycle Fest - Sarasota
- Downtown Sarasota Festival of the Arts
- Sarasota Circus Heritage Days

MARCH

- Binglo - North Port
- Business & Community Expo - North Port
- Annual Downtown Sarasota Fine Art & Craft Fair
- Annual Florida Creativity Conference - Sarasota
- Art in the Park - Sarasota
- A-Vette Together / Corvette Show - Venice
- Annual AACA Car Show - Venice
- Writers Festival & Book Fair - Venice
- Wine Walk - Venice

APRIL

- Siesta Fiesta - Sarasota
- Sharks Tooth Festival - Sarasota
- Job & Career Fair - North Port
- Doggone Egg Hunt - North Port
- Flashlight Egg Hunt - North Port
- Eggnormous Egg Hunt - North Port
- Park RX Days - North Port
- Eggstravaganza - Venice

MAY-JUNE

- New Comer Day - North Port
- Night at the Races - North Port
- Annual Golf Tournament - North Port
- North Ports Got Talent
- Downtown Venice Craft Festival
- Sidewalk Sale - Venice

JULY-AUGUST

- Wine Walk - Venice
- Christmas in July - Venice
- 4th of July Fireworks - Venice, Sarasota & Area Wide
- NPYP Back to School Bash

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

- Mother & Son Night - North Port
- Labor Day Weekend Craft Festival - Venice
- Halloween Downtown - Venice
- NPYP Spooktacular - North Port
- Trick or Treating at City Center - North Port
- Trick or Treat - Area Wide

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

- Sarasota Medieval Fair
- Sarasota Chalk Festival
- Siesta Key Crystal Classic International Sand Sculpting Festival
- Gingerbread Workshop - North Port
- Poinsettia Parade - North Port
- Annual Holiday Social - North Port
- Downtown Venice Art Festival
- Annual Sweetheart Dance - North Port
- Mayors Hometown Christmas - Venice
- Small Business Saturday - Area Wide
- Venice Holiday Parade
- Venice Christmas Walk
- Venice Christmas Boat Parade
- Venice Chanukah Klezmer Fest
- Market at Longboat Key - (Dec-Apr)

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Sarasota County Communities



The origin of the name “Sarasota” is unknown, despite the fact that it has been linked to the region since the earliest European contacts. An imaginative story was created in the early century to coincide with a Sarasota pageant. According to legend, Sara, the daughter of renowned explorer Hernando de Soto, inspired the town’s name. After exploration, the region was home to ranchos, or fishing camps. The Armed Occupation Act, enacted in 1842, granted land deeds to settlers who agreed to cultivate land in Florida. The Second Seminole War was sparked by the act, which also attracted settlers to Sarasota. The U.S. army occupied the region during the conflict, and Fort Armistead was constructed. At the 2020 US census, the population was 434,006.

CITIES

North Port - 74,793
 Sarasota - County Seat - 54,842
 Venice - 25,463

TOWN

Longboat Key - 7,505

CENSUS DESIGNATED

Bee Ridge - 9,955
 Desoto Lakes - 3,646
 Englewood - 20,800
 Fruitville - 15,484

Gulf Gate Estates - 10,911

Kensington Park - 3,697

Lake Sarasota - 4,679

Lakewood Ranch (partial)- 34,877

Laurel - 12,186

Nokomis - 3,217

North Sarasota - 6,982

Osprey - 6,100

Palmer Ranch - 14,966

Plantation - 5,034

Ridgewood Heights - 5,064

Sarasota Springs - 14,395

Siesta Key - 5,454

South Gate Ridge - 6,024

South Sarasota - 4,950

Southgate - 7,175

The Meadows - 5,037

Vamo - 2,822

Venice Gardens - 7,104

Warm Mineral Springs - 5,442

*Populations are approximate.

ENGLEWOOD

Weeden Island and Safety Harbor culture ceramics were found during archaeological excavations in what is now Englewood. William Goff was one of the first white settlers in the region, having come by schooner from Tampa in 1878. A few miles south of the planned Englewood plat, he settled a parcel of land. Additionally, a post office was established in the area on July 3, 1895. Many orange trees in the area were destroyed by the Great Freeze of 1894 and 1895 and a severe freeze in 1896. For this reason, fish was Englewood’s main product by 1897, according to a Manatee County General Directory. In Sarasota & Charlotte counties, Englewood is a census-designated place (CDP). At the time of the 2020 census, 20,800 people lived there.

FRUITVILLE

Fruitville is a Florida census-designated place (CDP) located in Sarasota County. When European settlers first started to arrive, the region was primarily a sawgrass swamp. Wild cattle once roamed this marshland, but one source claims that their poor health was caused by a deficiency of minerals in the leaves they ate. Eventually, the swamp was drained to improve the area’s farming potential. Due to the expanding orange industry, a wave of pioneers started to settle in Florida in the late 1870s. What is now known as Fruitville was settled in 1876 by a man by the name of Charles Reaves. Some claim that he gave the area the name Fruitville in honor of the plentiful fruit in the area. Reaves was to take over as postmaster. In 2020, there were 15,484 people living there.

LAKWOOD RANCH

First established as Schroeder-Manatee Ranch in 1905, the area was owned by John Schroeder. Members of the Uihlein family of Milwaukee bought the land in 1922 for use as a ranch, raising cattle and timber. Lakewood Ranch was mostly uninhabited until the 1990s, despite its vast size. For a brief while, there existed a small settlement called Lorraine, which was situated close to the junction of State Road 70 and Lorraine Road, which is currently a part of Lakewood Ranch. The small town, which included a post office, a few houses, and a store, was founded in 1915 at an East & West Coast Railroad stop. Workers for the Schroeder Saw Mill and Lorraine Turpentine Company who worked in the timber and turpentine industries called it home. But after those businesses closed, the community disintegrated by the middle of the 1920s. 34,877 people were living in the CDP as of the 2020 census.

LONGBOAT KEY

Native Americans were the original inhabitants of Longboat Key. Hernando De Soto served as Juan de Añasco’s scout and was the first known European to explore the area that is now Longboat Key. He felt the Indians were hostile, so the local legend goes. The Indians left their Longboat in a bayou and fled when the party landed on the island. It was reported that pirate Jean Lafitte was shipwrecked close to or on Longboat Key. After 1848, until the 1880s, little is known about the island because Longboat Key was mostly destroyed by a hurricane that swept through the region. 7,505 people were living in the town as of the 2020 census.

Sarasota County Communities

NORTH PORT

Native Americans lived in what is now North Port before the arrival of the Spanish, according to archaeological excavations at Little Salt Spring. Projectile points, a carved oak mortar, and a fragment of a non-returnable wooden boomerang are proof of their existence.

North Port was incorporated in 1959 by a special act of the Florida Legislature. The citizens of the city voted in a referendum in 1974 to rename the city North Port and omit the word Charlotte in order to establish the city as a distinct entity. This city is home to 74,793 as of 2020.

SARASOTA

Native Americans first settled in Sarasota, as they did in many other parts of the state, some 10,000 years ago. The Spanish, who landed at Charlotte Harbor to the south in 1513, were the first Europeans to discover the region. In the years before Florida became a United States territory in 1821, the bay became a seasonal hub for American and Cuban traders and fishers. By the 1840s, a significant influx of white settlers had arrived in the region. Old Spanish maps of the area at the time called it Zara Zote, and the newcomers started referring to it as Sara Sota. According to reports, William Whitaker was the first long-term resident of what would eventually become Sarasota, Florida. He raised cattle and sold fish. He wed Manatee resident Mary Jane Wyatt, with whom he had eleven children. This family weathered numerous trials of pioneer life, including Seminole Indian raids. This family still has a large number of descendants in Sarasota. The year 1900 saw the incorporation of Sarasota. Owen Burns was one of the first developers, having constructed numerous structures, homes, roads, and bridges. Sarasota is the Seat for Sarasota County, and has a population of approximately 54,842.

VENICE

Paleo-Indians lived in what is now Venice; researchers have discovered evidence of their presence as far back as 8200 BCE. The region's population and culture evolved over several millennia. When the Spanish arrived in the 1500s, they were met by people who built mounds. Evidence of the Tocobaga and Calusa cultures coexisted in the region around Venice, which served as their border. The first wave of "European" settlers arrived in the region in the 1800s. Due to a tree formation that resembled a carriage and served as a landmark for fishermen, Venice was originally known as Horse and Chaise. Robert Rickford Roberts settled on a homestead close to the bay that now carries his name, Roberts Bay, in the 1870s. French-born Francis H. "Frank" Higel and his wife and six sons arrived in Venice in 1883. For \$2,500, he established his own homestead by purchasing land in the Roberts' homestead. Higel started a citrus company that produced several lines of canned citrus products, including orange wine, jams, pickled orange peel, and lemon juice in order to serve the thirty residents of the community, Higel opened a post office in 1885 under the name Eyry. He was named postmaster in February, but services returned to Osprey when the office closed several months later, in November 1885. Another post office was opened in 1888, this one under the name Venice. 25,463 people called the city home as of the 2020 Census.





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- 1. STAY INFORMED**
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- 1. Leashing:** Always keep pets on a leash, especially near water bodies, to prevent them from wandering too close to potential alligator habitats.
- 2. Supervision:** Supervise your pets when they're outside. This is crucial during dawn and dusk, as alligators are more active during these times.
- 3. Avoid Water:** Keep pets away from lakes, ponds, and marshy areas where alligators might be lurking. Even small bodies of water can pose risks.
- 4. Training:** Ensure your pets have good recall and respond well to commands. This can help you quickly call them back if they venture too close to danger.
- 5. Feeding and Food Storage:** Do not feed alligators or leave pet food outside, as this can attract wildlife and increase the likelihood of encounters with alligators.



Health Benefits of the Outdoors



Spending time in nature offers numerous benefits for physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

Stress Reduction: Nature has a calming effect on the mind and body, helping to reduce stress levels. The peaceful surroundings, fresh air, and natural beauty can lower cortisol levels, decrease heart rate, and promote relaxation.

Improved Mental Health: Being in nature is associated with improved mood and mental health. Studies have shown that spending time outdoors can reduce symptoms of anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders. Nature provides a sense of tranquility and perspective, which can help alleviate negative thoughts and emotions.

Increased Physical Activity: Nature encourages physical activity, whether it's hiking, biking, walking, or simply exploring outdoor spaces. Engaging in outdoor activities promotes exercise, which is essential for maintaining physical health and fitness. Additionally, being in nature often involves exposure to sunlight, which helps the body produce vitamin D and supports overall well-being.

Enhanced Creativity & Cognitive Function: Nature stimulates creativity and cognitive function. Research suggests that spending time in natural environments can improve problem-solving skills, boost creativity, and enhance concentration and focus. Nature provides a rich sensory experience that activates different parts of the brain, fostering cognitive development and innovation.

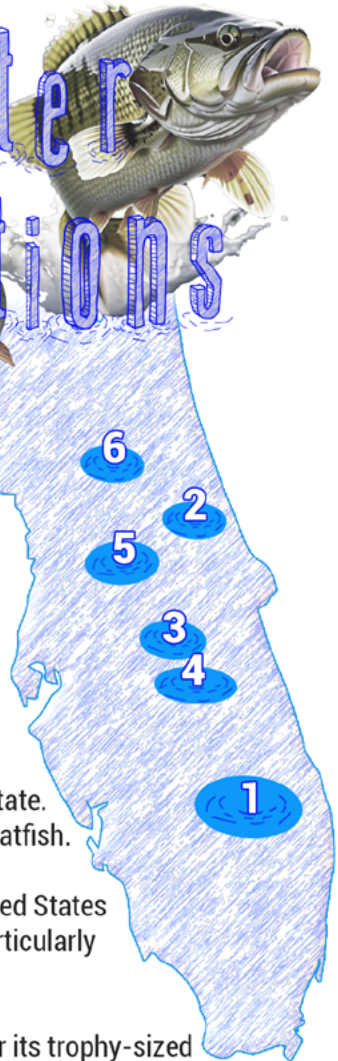
Connection with the Environment: Spending time in nature fosters a deeper connection with the environment and promotes environmental stewardship. When people experience the beauty and wonder of nature firsthand, they are more likely to develop a sense of appreciation and respect for the natural world. This connection can lead to greater awareness of environmental issues and a desire to protect and preserve natural habitats for future generations.

Overall, being in nature offers a multitude of benefits for both physical and mental well-being, making it essential for maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

Top Freshwater Fishing Locations



Florida is renowned for its abundance of freshwater fishing opportunities, with numerous lakes, rivers, and streams teeming with a wide variety of fish species. Here are some of the top freshwater fishing locations in Florida.



- 1. Lake Okeechobee:** The largest freshwater lake in the state. Anglers can target largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, & catfish.
- 2. St. Johns River:** One of the few major rivers in the United States that flows north. It's a prime location for bass fishing, particularly in the upper stretches.
- 3. Lake Tohopekaliga (Lake Toho):** The lake is famous for its trophy-sized largemouth bass. It's a popular destination for bass anglers seeking the thrill of catching big fish.
- 4. The Kissimmee Chain of Lakes:** Comprising several interconnected lakes, the Kissimmee Chain offers diverse fishing experiences. Anglers can target bass, crappie, bluegill, and more in these interconnected waters.
- 5. The Harris Chain of Lakes:** Consists of several lakes interconnected by canals. It's known for its bass fishing, with Lake Harris being one of the most popular spots for anglers.
- 6. Rodman Reservoir:** Created by the damming of the Ocklawaha River, Rodman Reservoir is known for its trophy bass fishing. Anglers come here seeking the chance to catch monster-sized bass in a picturesque setting.

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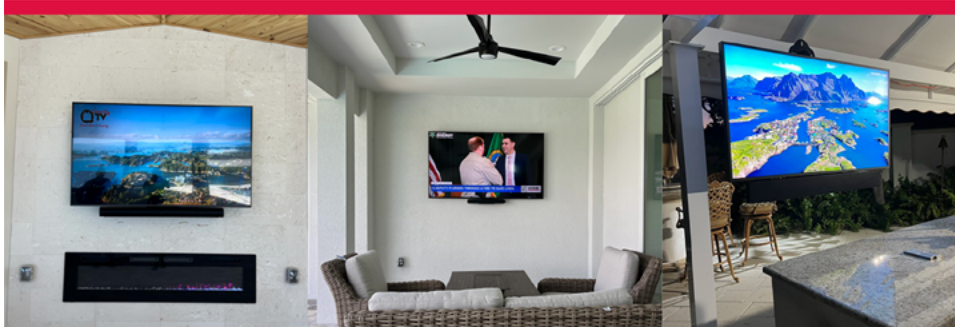
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First consecutive Saturday & Sunday in April
Second consecutive Saturday & Sun. in June
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FWC License Centers

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses online <https://myfwc.com>, call (850) 488-4676 or visit one of the FWC agents available throughout the area:

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Dicks Sporting Goods #1349

18219 Tamiami Trl. | North Port |
941-240-0305

Sarasota TC - North Port

4970 City Hall Blvd. | North Port |
941-861-8340

OSPREY

WalMart #5264

13140 S Tamiami Tr. | Osprey |
941-918-1247

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Dicks Sporting Goods #1348

181 N Cattlemen Rd. | Sarasota |
941-296-7042

Economy Tackle

6018 S Tamiami Tr. | Sarasota |
941-922-9671

Sarasota TC - Sawyer Loop Rd

6100 Sawyer Loop Rd. | Sarasota |
941-861-8380

Sarasota TC - Washington Blvd

101 S Washington Blvd. | Sarasota |
941-861-8380

WalMart #2459

4381 Cattlemen Rd. | Sarasota |
941-379-3550

VENICE

Sarasota TC - Venice

4000 S Tamiami Trail Rm. 134 | Venice |
941-861-8380

WalMart #769

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941-497-2523



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So, You have decided to get a pet... NOW WHAT??

Commitment and Time: Owning a pet is a long-term commitment. Before bringing a pet home, consider your lifestyle and ensure you have enough time to spend with your pet. Dogs, cats, and many other animals require attention, exercise, and mental stimulation.

Choose the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle: Different pets have varying needs, temperaments, and activity levels. Research and select a pet that fits well with your lifestyle, living situation, and family dynamics. Whether you choose a dog, cat, bird, fish, or any other animal, make sure you can provide for its specific needs.

Proper Nutrition: Feed your pet a balanced and nutritious diet suitable for their species and age. Consult with a veterinarian to determine the best food options for your pet's health and well-being.

Regular Exercise: Most pets need regular physical activity to stay healthy and happy. Engage in playtime and exercise with your pet daily, as it helps prevent obesity and provides mental stimulation.

Routine Veterinary Care: Schedule regular check-ups with a veterinarian to monitor your pet's health, get necessary vaccinations, and address any concerns. Early detection of health issues can often lead to better outcomes.

Spaying/Neutering: Consider spaying or neutering your pet if you don't plan on breeding. This helps control the pet population and can have health benefits for your pet.

Training and Socialization: Properly train your pet to follow basic commands and have good manners. Socialize them with other animals and people from a young age to prevent behavioral issues later on.

Provide a Safe Environment: Ensure that your home and yard are safe for your pet. Remove hazards, keep toxic substances out of reach, and provide appropriate shelter from extreme weather conditions.

Grooming: Regular grooming is essential for most pets. Brush their fur, trim nails, and clean their ears as needed to keep them comfortable and healthy.

Identification and Microchipping: Keep identification tags with your current contact information on your pet's collar. Consider microchipping your pet as an extra measure to ensure they can be identified if lost.

Love and Attention: Pets thrive on love and attention from their owners. Spend quality time with your pet, provide affection, and build a strong bond.

Respect and Understanding: Learn to understand your pet's body language and behavior. Respect their boundaries and feelings, and avoid forcing them into uncomfortable situations.

Patience and Forgiveness: Pets, especially young ones, can be mischievous or have accidents. Be patient with them during the training process and forgive any mistakes they make along the way.

Emergency Preparedness: Have a plan in place for emergencies, including natural disasters. Know how to evacuate with your pet safely if needed.

If you have just rescued/adopted a new fur baby, please it is important to remember the 3-3-3 RULE:

3 Days:

In the first 3 days being in its new home, they will be feeling overwhelmed, scared & unsure of what is going on. They may also be uncomfortable being "themselves", and may not want to eat or drink. They may want to "shut down" or hide under a bed or in a crate, and they will test boundaries.

3 Weeks:

At this point, they may be a lot more comfortable & settling in. Learning a new routine can be overwhelming, so please be patient. By now they may have figured out the new environment & accepted that this may be their FURever home. Their personality traits will start to show, as well as any behavior issue that may be present.

3 Months:

For most fur babies, 3 months is enough time to finally be comfortable and begin to build trust and a true bond. A sense of security may be present & a set routine will help this process.

Please know that this is not the rule with every rescued or adopted pet, as some may need 6 months to a year to adjust & adapt, depending on MANY factors. Age of animal, what type of an environment did they come from?

DOG PARKS

17th Street Park

4570 & 4730 17th St. | Sarasota

Woodmere Park

3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. | Venice

Bay Street Park

300 Bay St. | Osprey

Brohard Paw Park

1850 S Harbor Dr. | Venice

Lakeview Park

7255 Hand Rd. | Sarasota



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- **CASPERSEN BEACH PARK**

4100 Harbor Dr. S | Venice

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- **LONGBOAT KEY BEACH**

- **ACCESS POINTS:**

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3355 Gulf of Mexico Dr. | Longboat Key
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4711 Gulf of Mexico Dr. | Longboat Key
4795 Gulf of Mexico Dr. | Longboat Key
6399 Gulfside Rd. | Longboat Key
6847 Gulf of Mexico Dr. | Longboat Key
100 Broadway St. | Longboat Key

- **MANASOTA BEACH PARK**

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- **MAXINE BARRITT PARK**

1800 Harbor Dr. S | Venice

- **NOKOMIS BEACH PARK**

100 Casey Key Rd. | Nokomis

- **NORTH BROHARD PARK**

1400 S. Harbor Dr. | Venice

- **NORTH JETTY PARK**

1000 S. Casey Key Rd. | Nokomis

- **NORTH LIDO BEACH**

50 Benjamin Franklin Dr. | Sarasota

- **PALMER POINT BEACH PARK**

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- **SERVICE CLUB PARK**

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- **SIESTA BEACH**

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- **SIESTA KEY ACCESS**

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- **SIESTA KEY - BEACH ACCESS #2**

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41 Beach Rd. | Sarasota

- **SIESTA KEY - BEACH ACCESS #3**

(No parking - pedestrian access only)
100 Beach Rd. | Sarasota

- **SIESTA KEY - BEACH ACCESS #3B**

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- **SIESTA KEY - BEACH ACCESS #4**

180 Beach Rd. | Sarasota

- **SIESTA KEY - BEACH ACCESS #5**

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- **SIESTA KEY - BEACH ACCESS #7**

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- **SIESTA KEY - BEACH ACCESS #8**

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- **SIESTA KEY - BEACH ACCESS #9**

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- **SIESTA KEY - BEACH ACCESS #10**

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690 Beach Rd. | Sarasota

- **SIESTA KEY - BEACH ACCESS #12**

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- **SIESTA KEY - BEACH ACCESS #13**

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Rip currents are powerful, narrow channels of fast-moving water that can pose a danger to swimmers and surfers. Getting caught in a rip current can be frightening, but knowing how to recognize and handle them can help you stay safe. Here's how to avoid or get out of a rip current in the ocean:

1. Stay Calm & Don't Fight the Current:

If you find yourself caught in a rip current, stay calm and try not to panic. Remember that rip currents do not pull swimmers underwater; instead, they pull them away from the shore. Avoid fighting against the current by swimming directly back to shore, as this can lead to exhaustion.

2. Float & Conserve Energy:

If you're unable to swim out of the rip current, conserve your energy by floating or treading water. Signal for help by waving your arms and calling for assistance if you see lifeguards or other beachgoers nearby. Most rip currents are narrow, and you will eventually be carried out of the current and into calmer waters.

3. Swim Parallel to the Shore:

If you feel confident in your swimming abilities, swim parallel to the shoreline instead of trying to swim directly back to shore. Rip currents are typically narrow, so swimming parallel to the shore can help you escape the pull of the current. Once you're out of the rip current, you can then swim back to the shore at an angle.

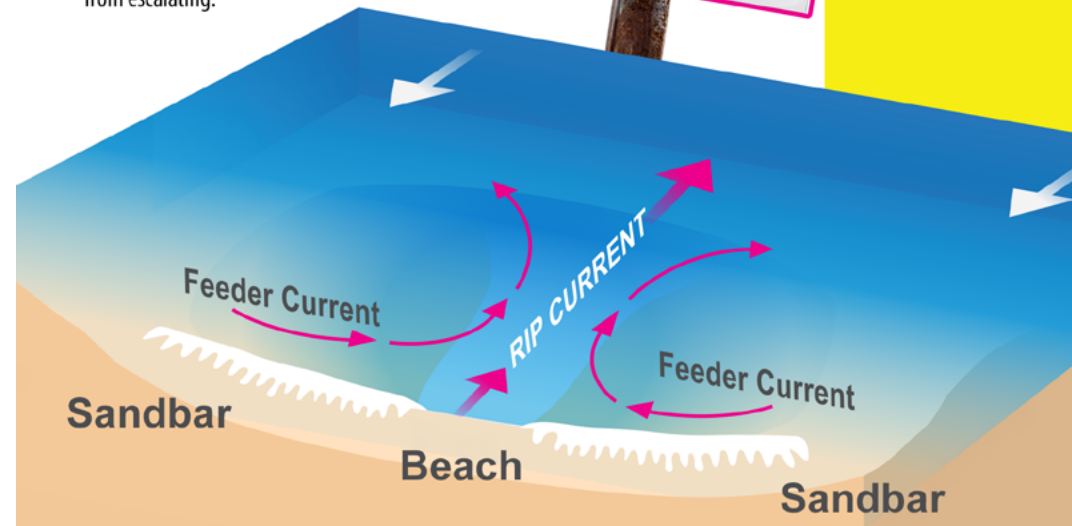
4. Use Waves to Help You Escape:

Wait for waves to push you towards shore and use them to assist your escape from the rip current. Time your movements with the breaking waves, and use the momentum to swim towards the shore. Be patient and persistent, and don't exhaust yourself by attempting to fight against the current.

5. Seek Assistance if Needed:

If you're unable to escape the rip current on your own or if you're feeling exhausted, continue to signal for help and wait for assistance from lifeguards or other beachgoers. Don't hesitate to call for help if you need it, as prompt action can prevent a dangerous situation from escalating.

Always swim at beaches with lifeguards present, heed warning signs, and follow any instructions or advice given by local authorities.



Rip Currents

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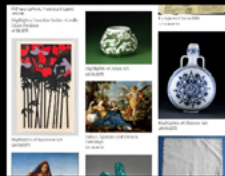


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St. Armands Circle in Sarasota, Florida, is a charming and vibrant destination that offers a unique shopping and dining experience. This iconic area is renowned for its European-inspired architecture, cobblestone streets, and lush landscaping, creating a picturesque setting for visitors to explore. With over 130 boutiques, galleries, cafes, and restaurants, St. Armands Circle is a shopper's paradise. You can find everything from high-end fashion and jewelry to local artwork and souvenirs.

After browsing the shops, you can indulge in delicious cuisine at one of the many eateries offering a diverse range of culinary delights, from fresh seafood to gourmet desserts. Strolling around the circle, you'll also encounter street performers, live music, and special events that add to the lively and festive atmosphere of this bustling hub. Whether you're looking to shop, dine, or simply soak in the ambiance, St. Armands Circle is a must-visit destination that captures the essence of Sarasota's charm and allure.



Mosquitoes

Prevention & Health Risks



A MOSQUITO FREE YARD

Create an environment in your yard that invites animals that like to eat mosquitoes. Some things that enjoy eating mosquitoes are:

- Bats • Frogs • Fish • Turtles • Birds
- Dragonflies

To help repel mosquitoes, plant some of the different vegetation listed:

- Citronella • Geranium • Eucalyptus
- Rosemary • Basil • Anise • Mint • Marigolds • Catnip • Wormwood • Tansy
- Lavender • Cedar • Cloves

Don't have stagnant water sitting around in things like buckets or tires.

BE SAFE WHILE OUTDOORS

When a mosquito bites you it can leave saliva in your body. If the mosquito is infected it can transfer diseases to you. A few of the more common diseases transmitted to people are:

- Dengue • Encephalitis • Malaria • Yellow Fever.

Mosquitoes can also transmit diseases to animals. A couple of these diseases are:

- Heartworm (mostly to dogs & cats) • Encephalitis.

To reduce your chance of getting a disease from mosquitoes you can, apply mosquito repellent to your skin and clothing.

RANDOM MOSQUITO FACTS

- More than 3,000 different mosquito species can be found around the world.
- Female mosquitoes feed on blood. Male mosquitoes feed on plant nectar.
- Some mosquito species prefer to feed on animals or reptiles over humans.
- All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.
- One female mosquito can lay over 200 eggs at one time.
- Mosquito larvae only need a week in water to hatch.
- Mosquito eggs can survive for more than five years.
- Mosquitoes can fly around 1 to 2 mph.
- Mosquitoes find food by sight, infrared radiation and chemicals in the air.
- Around 1,000 Americans get ill or die from mosquito bites each year.
- Mosquitoes are a huge food source for birds, bats and some reptiles.



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