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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

YEAR ROUND

- Fort Pierce Farmers Market -Saturdays
- Fort Pierce Friday Fest (1st Friday)
- St. Lucie County Neighborhood
 Farmers Market Sundays

<u>JANUARY</u>

- Annual Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival
- Annual Vero Beach Home & Remodel Show - Winter Edition
- ► Bark in the Park Dog & Family Festival - Vero Beach
- Beers & Gears Car Show Fort Pierce
- ► Cirque Italia Water Circus in Port St. Lucie
- Frozen for Kids Vero Beach
- New Year New Me 5K Port St. Lucie
- Port St. Lucie Women's Day
- Sebastian Riverfront Fine Art & Music Festival
- Spirit Fest Metaphysical & Crystal Expo - Port St. Lucie
- Treasure Coast Food Fest & Craft Fair
 Port St. Lucie
- Treasure Coast Marine Flea Market, Boat Sale & Seafood Fest - Vero Beach
 A New Beginning Golf Tournament -
- Fort Pierce

FEBRUARY

- Annual Motor Car Exhibition Vero Beach
- Cracker Trail Rider Parade Fort
 Pierce
- Cupids Dash 5K Port St. Lucie
- Highwaymen Heritage Trail Festival -Fort Pierce
- ► Taste of Little Italy Festival Port St. Lucie

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MARCH - APRIL

- FireFighters Fair Vero Beach
- River Days Craft Brew Hullabaloo
 Festival Sebastian
- ► St. Patrick's Day Festival Port St. Lucie
- Vero Beach Antique Auto Show
- Adult Pinewood Derby Vero Beach
- ► BBQ, Jazz & Blues Festival Fort Pierce
- Children's Art Festival Vero Beach
- Fort Pierce Oyster Fest
- IRSC Jazz & Blues Festival Fort Pierce
- ► Island Daze Party for a Cause Vero Beach
- Vero Beach Art & Craft Expo
- Vero Beach Film Festival
- Vero Beach Spring Home & Remodel Show

MAY - JUNE

- Friday Fest Fort Pierce
- Port St. Lucie Job Fair
- Annual Water Lily Celebration Vero Beach
- Burgers & Brews Vero Beach
- Mel Fisher's Treasure Museum Free Admission Sebastian
- Vero Beach Film Festival

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- Boom on the Lagoon Vero Beach
 Freedom Fest 4th of July Port St. Lucie
- Rock & Rose Beach Party Vero Beach
- Sebastians Freedom Festival
- Stars Over St. Lucie 4th of July Fort Pierce

<u>AUGUST</u>

No Events at the time of publication

SEPTEMBER

No Events at the time of publication

ØCTØBER

- Indian River Bird & Nature Art Show -Vero Beach
- ► LaPorte Farms Fall Festival Vero Beach
- Oktoberfest Port St. Lucie
- ► Treasure Coast Ribs, Wings and Rock Festival Vero Beach
- ► Treasure Coast Wine, Ale & Spirits Trail Festival - Fort Pierce
- Festival Fort Pierc
- Vero Oktoberfest

NØVEMBER

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- 4-H Fall Farm Festival Fort Pierce
- Annual Causeway Cove Boat Show & Marine Flea Market - Fort Pierce
- Annual Garden of the Lights Fort Pierce
- Annual Pointe West Fine Arts Festival -Vero Beach
- Annual Trot Against Poverty 5K Vero Beach
- Beachside Bonfire Vero Beach
- ► Bluegrass Jam Fort Pierce (Thru December)
- Downtown Tree Lighting Festival Vero Beach
- ► Fairgrounds Festival of Lights Fort Pierce
- Festival of Lights Fort Pierce (Thru December)
- Hutchinson Island Car Show & swap Meet - Fort Pierce
- Holiday Art & Craft Expo Vero Beach
- Holiday Vendor Market Fort Pierce
- Navy SEAL Museum Muster & Music Festival - Fort Pierce

NØVEMBER CØNTD

- ► PalmCon Treasure Coast Port St. Lucie
- Port St. Lucie International Fest
- PSL in Lights Port St. Lucie
- ► Treasure Coast Seafood Festival Fort Pierce
- Turkey Trot at Tradition Port St. Lucie

DECEMBER

- All Aboard Tradition Tree Lighting Port St. Lucie
- Art After Dark Vero BeachDigg Gardens Annual Holiday Market- Vero Beach
- ► Annual St. Lucie Firefighter Autism Awareness Chili Cook Off
- Christmas Bazaar at Tradition Square -Port St. Lucie
- Christmas Trunk or Treat Fort Pierce
- Festival of Lights Port St. Lucie
- Fort Pierce Punk Rock Flea Market
- Jungle Lights Vero Beach
- LaPorte Farms Cowboys Christmas -Vero Beach
- McKee Jungle Lights Vero Beach
- New Years Eve Party Vero Beach
- Port St. Lucie Festival of Lights
- Port St. Lucie Sports Cards & Collectors Show

Vero Beach Christmas Parade

Winterfest - Vero Beach

* Events are subject to change

Parade

- Rotary Kids Triathlon Vero Beach
- Sights & Sounds on Second Christmas
 Parade Port St. Lucie
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Located in the southeastern region of Florida, St. Lucie County is a county that was initially settled by the Ais tribe. This hunter-gatherer society occupied lands stretching from the southern part of the St. Johns River to the St. Lucie Inlet. Spanish explorers often met the formidable tribe while navigating their treasure routes, which ran parallel to take advantage of the powerful Gulf Stream current. The Spanish bestowed several names upon the area, including Rio de Ays, which eventually evolved into Indian River, as well as Santa Lucia, named for a briefly existing Spanish fort from the late 16th century positioned farther south. The area became known as the Treasure Coast after the legendary 1715 sinking of a Spanish treasure fleet off its shores. Before 1905, this region was part of Brevard County, which, interestingly, had been named St. Lucie County from 1844 until its renaming in 1855. In the summer of 1905, St. Lucie County was established from the southern section of Brevard County, with Fort Pierce designated as the county seat.

The 1920s brought a surge in land speculation and ambitious developments like Indrio and San Lucie, which ultimately did not materialize due to the economic downturn in 1929. During World War II, Fort Pierce became home to the United States Naval Amphibious Training Base, situated on North and South Hutchinson Island. Throughout its operation, the base processed over 140,000 troops. According to the 2020 census, the county's population stood at 329,226.

St. Lucie County Communities

Cities Fort Pierce - County Seat - 47,297 Port St. Lucie - 204,851 Census Designated Places Fort Pierce North - 6,904 Fort Pierce South - 5,062 Hutchinson Island South - 4,988 Indian River Estates - 6,220 Lakewood Park - 11,323 River Park - 5,222 White City - 3,719 **Towns** St. Lucie Village - 613

Unincorporated Communities Viking

*Populations are approximate.

Fort Pierce

Located in St. Lucie County, Florida, Fort Pierce serves as the county seat and is recognized as part of Atlantic Coast Florida's Treasure Coast region. Often referred to as the Sunrise City, it derives its name from the nearby Fort Pierce Army post, established in 1838 amidst the Second Seminole War and operational until 1842. The military installation was named in honor of Benjamin Kendrick Pierce, a United States Army officer and the sibling of President Franklin Pierce.

The establishment of the city's first permanent settlement occurred in the 1860s. Official municipal incorporation took place in 1901. For many years, from its incorporation until 1970, Fort Pierce held the title of the largest city along Florida's Atlantic Coast between Daytona Beach and West Palm Beach, until it was overtaken by Melbourne. According to the 2020 census, Fort Pierce's population stood at 47,297.

Port St. Lucie

Located in St. Lucie County, Florida, Port St. Lucie is the county's most populated municipality. The city's name, "St. Lucie," is traced back to a settlement near Jupiter Inlet, established on St. Lucia's day in 1566. Over time, due to various mistakes, this name became linked to the current town of St. Lucie Village, which lies north of present-day Port St. Lucie. Following "La Florida" and "St. Augustine," it holds the distinction of being one of the oldest European place names still in use in the United States. In the early 1890s, an initial pioneer community known as Spruce Bluff emerged along the St. Lucie River, featuring several families, a school, a post office, a pineapple plantation, and a saw-mill. The area where this settlement once existed is now included in the Spruce Bluff Preserve. The preserve, which also houses an old cemetery from the former settlement, offers hiking trails, canoe access, observation spots, and a prehistoric Ais Indian mound located at its southern end. Through the 1950s, the area that would later develop into Port St. Lucie was primarily an uninhabited region south of White City, characterized by a fishing camp along the St. Lucie River. Port St. Lucie officially incorporated as a city on April 27, 1961, following the enactment of House Bill No. 953, introduced by State Representative Rupert Smith and sanctioned by Florida Governor C. Farris Bryant. According to the 2020 census, Port St. Lucie had a population of 204,851.



Indian River County is situated in the southeast and east-central regions of Florida. Before 1821, this territory was included in the Spanish colony of East Florida. In 1822, it was incorporated into St. Johns County, and later, in 1824, it became part of Mosquito County, which is the former name of Orange County.

The Second Seminole War occurred in 1835 and then again from 1838 to 1839, during which Fort Vinton was constructed near where Florida State Road 60 intersects with 122nd Avenue. By 1844, the section of Mosquito County that belonged to the county transitioned into the newly established St. Lucie County. In 1855, St. Lucia County was renamed Brevard County. Then, in 1905, St. Lucie County was created from the southern segment of Brevard County, and in 1925, Indian River County was established, taking shape from the northern area of St. Lucie County. The county was named after the Indian River, which flows through its eastern side. According to the 2020 census, the population of Indian River County stood at 159,788.

Indian River County Communities

Cities Fellsmere- 4,834 Sebastian - 25,054 Vero Beach - County Seat - 16,354

Towns Indian River Shores - 4,241 Orchid - 516

Fellsmere

Census Designated Places Florida Ridge - 18, 164 Gifford - 5,511 Roseland - 1,775 South Beach - 3,501 Vero Beach South - 23,092 Wabasso - 609 Wabasso Beach - 1,853 West Vero Corridor - 10,039 Windsor (formerly North Beach) - 256

Winter Beach - 2.067

Other Unincorporated Communities Blue Cypress Village Citrus Ridge Cummings Nevins Oslo Riomar Royal Poinciana Park Vero Lakes Estates

*Populations are approximate.

Fellsmere, located in Indian River County, Florida, is noteworthy for becoming the first municipality in both Florida and anywhere south of the Mason-Dixon line to allow women the right to vote in 1915. Simultaneously, it was also the site of the inaugural election in which corporations were permitted to participate in voting. Mrs. Zena M. Dreier made history as the first woman to vote in the city, while E. Nelson Fell represented his company, Fellsmere Farms, in casting a vote. In February 1915, the city adopted a charter that instituted these rights, which was subsequently ratified by the state legislature, albeit without any acknowledgment of this specific provision. This occurred even though various statewide measures for suffrage had failed to pass in the legislature that year. It wasn't until five years later, in August 1920, that women's suffrage was recognized nationally in the United States with the ratification of the 19th Amendment. According to the 2020 census, the population of Fellsmere was 4,834.

Sebastian

Sebastian, located in Indian River County, Florida, was historically a fishing village dating back to the 1870s. In 1715, a tempest struck the Treasure Coast, leading to the sinking of several Spanish vessels from the renowned 1715 Treasure Fleet, which were laden with riches. It is believed that only a fraction of the treasure has been recovered, with estimates valuing the lost cargo at over \$500 million.

In the early 1880s, settlers David Peter Gibson and Thomas New arrived in the region. New attempted to establish a post office called New Haven but faced legal issues due to inappropriate conduct as postmaster, resulting in his removal. Officially, the town was founded in 1882 and named St. Sebastian in honor of Saint Sebastian. Although the prefix "St." was later dropped from the town's name, it remained part of the river's name. Sebastian achieved city status in 1923, and according to the U.S. Census Bureau, its population in 2020 was recorded at 25,054.

Indian River County Communities

Vero Beach

Vero Beach serves as both a city and the county seat for Indian River County in Florida. In 1915, remains of a human skeleton were discovered north of Vero alongside Pleistocene animal fossils. This discovery sparked considerable debate, leading to the belief that the human bones were from a later period than the Pleistocene, a notion that held sway for many years. However, in 2006, a carved image of either a mastodon or a mammoth was found near the original Vero Man discovery, and forensic analysis suggested that the carving was likely made during the Pleistocene era.

In 1715, a fleet of Spanish treasure ships met their demise off Vero's coast, with eleven out of twelve vessels laden with silver succumbing to a hurricane. This sunken treasure attracted pirates, and a band of 300 unemployed English privateers, led by Henry Jennings, managed to seize approximately £87,500 in gold and silver during their early acts of piracy. To this day, coins from that event continue to wash ashore.

In 1872, Captain Allen W. Estes formalized the first land patent between the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian River Lagoon after arriving in the area in 1870. The Florida East Coast Railway, owned by Henry Flagler, commenced operations through Vero in 1893. On June 10, 1919, the town of Vero was officially chartered with a population of just 71 residents.

The town was subsequently renamed "Vero Beach" and transitioned from being part of St. Lucie County to the county seat of Indian River County on May 19, 1925, during its establishment. While there are numerous theories regarding the origins of the city's name, none has gained universal agreement. According to the 2020 census, Vero Beach had a population of 16,354.

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INDIAN **RIVER COUNTY** BEACHES Amber Sands Beach Access 12566 North A1A, Vero Beach Golden Sands Beach Park 10350 North A1A, Wabasso Beach Humiston Park Ocean Drive and Easter Lily Lane, Vero Beach Jaycee Park 4200 Ocean Drive, Vero Beach Riomar Beach Access Ocean Drive & Riomar Drive, Vero Beach Round Island Beach Park Just south on A1A from the intersection of; Florida A1A & 23rd Street SE, South Beach Seagrape Trail Beach Access 8302 North Highway A1A, Wabasso Beach Sexton Plaza Beachland Boulevard & Ocean Drive, Vero Beach South Beach Park East Causeway Boulevard & Ocean Drive, Vero Beach Tracking Station Beach Park 800 46th Place, Vero Beach Treasure Shores Beach Park 11300 Highway A1A, Vero Beach Turtle Trail Beach Access Closest intersection is: Florida A1A & River Club, Indian River Shores Wabasso Beach Park 1820 County Road 510 & A1A, Wabasso Beach

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY/CITY PARKS, PRESERVES, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS & STATE PARKS Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge:

Northern Boundary: Golden Sands Beach Park 10350 North A1A | Wabasso Beach Southern Boundary: Coconut Point Park 3535 South A1A | Melbourne Beach **A.W. Young Park** Closest intersection is; Vero Isles Drive and Park Avenue | Vero Beach **Bethel Creek House**

4405 SR A1A | Vero Beach | 772-567-2144 Dale Wimbrow Park 11805 Roseland Road | Sebastian MacWilliam Park Indian River Drive East & Bridge Plaza Drive Vero Beach | 772-567-2144 Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge Sebastian Riverside Park 3001 Riverside Park Drive | Vero Beach Riverview Park Harrison Street & Indian River Drive | Sebastian Roseland Community Center and Park Bay Street and 129th Place | Roseland Sebastian Inlet State Recreation Area 9700 South A1A | Melbourne Beach | 321-984-4852 Wabasso Causeway Park 1820 Wabasso Beach Rd. | Vero Beach

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Recreational Freshwater or Saltwater Fishing License Prices: Resident Annual: \$17.00 Resident Five-Year: \$79.00 Non-Resident Annual: \$47.00 Non-Resident 3-Day: \$17.00 Non-Resident 7-Day: \$30.00 **Resident Annual Saltwater Shoreline License:** No-Cost Annual Resident Military Gold Sportsman's License: \$20.00 Annual Resident Gold Sportsman's License: \$100.00 Five-Year Resident Gold Sportsman's License: \$494.00 Annual Resident Silver Sportsman's 64+: \$13.50

Five-Year Resident Silver Sportsman's 64+: \$61.50

Resident Youth Fishing License: \$17.00 Resident Youth Gold Sportsman's License (available with completion of hunter education requirements): \$100.00

Shop. Dine. Play. Stay.

Saltwater: Annual Gold Sportsman - \$50.75, plus applicable fees 5-year Gold Sportsman - \$247.75, plus applicable fees Lifetime Sportsman: Age 0-4 - \$201.50, plus applicable fees Age 5-12 - \$351.50, plus applicable fees Ages 13-64 - \$501.50, plus applicable fees License-free Freshwater Davs First consecutive Saturday & Sunday in April Second consecutive Saturday & Sun. in June **License-Free Saltwater Days** First consecutive Saturday & Sunday in June First Saturday in September Saturday following Thanksgiving

and help support businesses through

out your area.

Promotional Prices, Freshwater or

Bag & Length Limits

ONE DAY BAG LIMITS FOR FRESHWATER **GAME FISH:**

5 Black Bass (including largemouth, suwannee, spotted, choctaw & shoal bass, individually or in total), only one of which may be 16 inches or longer in total length. There is no minimum length limit for largemouth bass.

* No person shall kill or possess any Suwannee, shoal, spotted, or Choctaw bass that is less than 12 inches in total length.

* Chipola River and its tributaries: No person shall kill or possess shoal bass on the Chipola River or its tributaries. Any shoal bass that are caught must be released immediately.

20 Striped Bass, white bass, & sunshine bass (individually or in total), of which only 6 may be 24 inches or longer in total length. * In the Suwannee River, areas north & west of the Suwannee River, & in any tributary, creek or stream of the Suwannee River: the bag limit for striped bass is 3, each of which must be at least 18 inches in total length (20 fish combined bag limit).

* In the lower Ochlockonee River (downstream of the Jackson Bluff dam to Ochlockonee Bay): the bag limit for striped bass is 3, only one of which may be 24 inches or longer in total length. There is no minimum length limit (20 fish combined bag limit).

50 Panfish including bluegill, redear sunfish (shellcracker), flier, longear sunfish, mud sunfish, shadow bass, spotted sunfish (stumpknocker), warmouth & redbreast sunfish, individually or in total.

25 Crappie (speckled perch).

2 Butterfly Peacock Bass, only one of which may be 17 inches or longer in total length.

10 Alabama Shad, american shad, hickory shad, & blueback herring (individually or in total), which may only be taken with hook & line gear.

25 American Eels, must be nine inches or greater in total length. The recreational bag limit for american eels is 25 per angler per day. Wholesale/retail purchase exemption. Recreational anglers purchasing american eel as bait may possess more than the legal bag limit provided that the eels were purchased from a licensed dealer.

For more information check online: https://myfwc.com, Telephone: (850) 488-4676, or scan the OR code.



Pishing Piers

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

► Bear Point Sanctuary Fishing Piers 2601 South Ocean Drive, Fort Pierce

- Black Pearl Boat Ramp Fishing Pier
- 414 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce
- ► D.J. Wilcox Riverside Preserve Fishing Pier

399 Wilcox Road, Fort Pierce

 Jetty on South Side Fort Pierce Inlet (Paved)

Seaway Drive & North Ocean Boulevard (A1A), Fort Pierce

► Little Jim Fishing Pier

601 North Causeway Drive, Fort Pierce

Pepper Park Riverside Fishing Piers
 3302 North A1A, Fort Pierce

 River Park Marina Fishing Piers / Docks

500 East Prima Vista Boulevard, Port St Lucie

 South Causeway Park Fishing Pier A1A / Seaway Drive / North Ocean Boulevard, Fort Pierce

Veterans Park Fishing Pier
 2200 Southeast Veterans Memorial
 Parkway, Port St. Lucie

Wildcat Cove Preserve Docks / Piers

3399 North SR A1A, Fort Pierce

Vitolo Family Preserve North Fishing Pior

Fishing Pier 4101 South Ocean Drive, Fort Pierce

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

45th Street Dock ~ AKA ~ Gifford Dock

Closest intersection is: Indian River Blvd. & 45th Street, Gifford

 Main Street Fishing Pier
 Main Street & Indian River Drive, Sebastian

Riverside Park & Fishing Pier
 3001 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach

Riverview Park & Fishing Pier
 Harrison Street & Indian River Drive,
 Sebastian

Round Island Fishing Pier ~ Dock Just south on A1A from the intersection of; Florida A1A & 23rd Street SE, South Beach

Royal Palm Pointe Fishing Pier

2 Royal Palm Boulevard, Vero Beach

Sebastian Yacht Club & Fishing Pier
 820 Indian River Drive, Sebastian,
 772-589-5330

- Sebastian Inlet State Recreation
- Area ~ Intracoastal side

9700 South A1A, Melbourne Beach

Boat Ramps

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

 Black Pearl ~ Museum Pointe Boat Ramp

- 414 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce
- Blind Creek Preserve Boat Ramp & Hand Launch

Blind creek preserve boat ramp fort pierceApprox 1.9 miles north of the power plant on A1A, Fort Pierce

► Fort Pierce City Boat Ramp / Seven Gables / Manatee Ramp

482 North Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce

Jaycee Park Boat Ramp

South Ocean Drive & Melaleuca Drive, Fort Pierce

 North Causeway Island Boat Ramp and Park

500 North Causeway Drive, Fort Pierce, 772-462-2100

River Park Marina / Boat Ramp
 500 East Prima Vista Boulevard, Port St
 Lucie

South Causeway Park and Boat Ramp

A1A / Seaway Drive / North Ocean Boulevard, Fort Pierce

Stan Blum Boat Ramp

613 North Causeway Drive, Fort Pierce

 Veterans Park at Rivergate Boat Ramp

2200 S.E. Veterans Memorial Parkway, Port St Lucie

White City Park Boat Ramp
 2081 W. Midway Road, Fort Pierce

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

► Dale Wimbrow Park and Boat Ramp 11805 Roseland Road, Sebastian

 Donald MacDonald Boat Ramp 12315 Roseland Road, Roseland

► MacWilliams Park Boat Ramp River Drive East & Bridge Plaza Drive, Vero Beach, 772-567-2144

Main Street Boat Ramp 1300 Indian River Drive, Sebastian

Oslo Boat Ramp

Closest intersection is: 9th Street SE & US1, Vero Beach

Riverside Park Boat Ramp

3001 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach

 Round Island Beach Park Boat Ramp

2390 Highway A1A South, Vero Beach

- Sebastian Yacht Club Boat Ramp
 820 Indian River Drive, Sebastian
- Sebastian Inlet State Recreation Area

9700 South A1A, Melbourne Beach, 321-984-4852

► Wabasso Causeway Park 3105 CR 510, Vero Beach



The Rich History of the Treasure Coast

The Treasure Coast is steeped in a rich tapestry of history that draws visitors not just for its stunning beaches and lush landscapes, but also for its fascinating past that echoes through its towns and landmarks. The name "Treasure Coast" itself is rooted in the lore of shipwrecks and lost treasures, dating back to the 1715 Spanish treasure fleet that met its fate just off the coast, leaving behind a legacy of gold and silver that continues to captivate treasure hunters and historians alike.

As you stroll through the charming streets of towns like Vero Beach, Fort Pierce, and Stuart, you'll encounter remnants of this storied past. Historic buildings, some dating back to the 19th century, stand as

testaments to the region's development and resilience. The Elliott Museum in Stuart, for instance, showcases not only vintage cars and memorabilia but also beautifully preserved artifacts that tell the story of the area's maritime history and the indigenous peoples who called this land home long before European explorers arrived.

In addition to its maritime lore, the Treasure Coast is home to a wealth of Native American history. The Ais and other tribes thrived along the coastal waters, and today, archaeological sites and cultural centers provide insight into their rich heritage. Visitors can explore the fascinating exhibits at the St. Lucie County Historical Museum, where artifacts and stories illustrate the region's indigenous roots, early settlers, and significant events that shaped the community.

Exploring the Treasure Coast means delving into the past—whether it's through guided historical tours, visiting local museums, or simply enjoying the architecture and stories that surround you. Each town has its unique flavor, combining coastal charm with a nod to its vibrant history, inviting you to uncover the hidden gems that make the Treasure Coast a truly enchanting destination.

The Natural Beauty of the Coastline

Florida's Treasure Coast is a breathtaking tapestry of natural beauty, where the azure waters of the Atlantic Ocean kiss the pristine sandy beaches, creating an idyllic playground for nature lovers and adventure seekers alike. Stretching along the southeastern coast, this hidden gem is characterized by its unspoiled shorelines, lush landscapes, and vibrant ecosystems that beckon visitors to explore their wonders.

As you stroll along the captivating beaches, you'll be greeted by soft, powdery sands that glisten in the sunlight, inviting you to sink your toes in and bask in the warmth of the Florida sun. The gentle sound of waves lapping against the shore provides a soothing backdrop, while the sight of seabirds gliding gracefully overhead adds to the serene

atmosphere. Whether you're lounging under a colorful umbrella or taking a leisurely walk to collect seashells, the coastline offers a sense of tranquility that is truly rejuvenating.

But the natural beauty of the Treasure Coast extends far beyond its stunning beaches. The region is home to an abundance of coastal parks and wildlife refuges, such as the renowned Jonathan Dickinson State Park and the St. Lucie Inlet Preserve State Park. Here, you can wander through lush mangroves, hike along scenic trails, and witness the vibrant flora and fauna that thrive in these protected habitats. Keep your eyes peeled for dolphins frolicking in the surf, manatees gliding gracefully through the waters, and a diverse array of bird species that call this paradise home.

Additionally, the Treasure Coast is dotted with picturesque estuaries and lagoons, offering the perfect backdrop for kayaking and paddleboarding. Glide through the calm waters, surrounded by the sights and sounds of nature, and discover hidden coves and secluded spots that are off the beaten path. As you navigate these tranquil waterways, you may encounter playful fish, curious turtles, and even the occasional glimpse of a majestic pelican diving for its next meal.

Overall, the natural beauty of Florida's Treasure Coast is a feast for the senses, where every sunrise paints the sky in hues of pink and orange, and every sunset offers a breathtaking display of colors reflected on the water. Whether you're seeking adventure, relaxation, or simply a moment to connect with nature, this enchanting coastline is sure to leave you in awe, reminding you that sometimes the most extraordinary treasures are found in the simplicity of the natural world.

Exploring the Unique Ecosys-

tems: From Beaches to Wetlands The Treasure Coast of Florida is a captivating blend of diverse ecosystems that beckon nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers alike. Stretching from the stunning Atlantic beaches to the tranguil wetlands, this region boasts a rich tapestry of natural habitats, each offering

unique experiences and opportunities for exploration.

Begin your journey along the pristine beaches, where soft, golden sands meet the gentle waves of the Atlantic Ocean. Here, you can bask in the sun, collect seashells, or witness the breathtaking spectacle of sea turtles nesting along the shore. These beaches are not only perfect for sunbathing and swimming, but they also serve as critical habitats for various wildlife, making them an essential part of the coastal ecosystem.

As you venture inland, the landscape transforms dramatically into lush wetlands, home to a vast array of flora and fauna. The Indian River Lagoon, one of the most biodiverse estuaries in North America, is a must-visit. Kayaking or paddleboarding through its serene waters allows you to observe manatees grazing on seagrass, dolphins playfully surfacing, and a variety of bird species, including herons and egrets, gracefully wading in the shallows. The sounds of nature envelop you, creating a tranquil backdrop that invites exploration.

Further inland, the region's unique ecosystems continue to unfold. The vibrant landscapes of the savannas and pine flatwoods are dotted with wildflowers and the occasional gopher tortoise burrow. These ecosystems are vital for maintaining the ecological balance, supporting various wildlife and plant species endemic to the region. Trails weave through these areas, perfect for hiking and immersing yourself in the natural beauty that surrounds you.



Each ecosystem on Florida's Treasure Coast tells a story of resilience and diversity, showcasing the importance of preservation and appreciation for the natural world. As you explore these unique landscapes, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the rich ecological tapestry that makes this region one of Florida's true hidden gems. Whether you're an avid birdwatcher, a beachcomber, or simply someone seeking a moment of tranquility in nature, the Treasure Coast offers a wealth of experiences that will leave you enchanted.

Outdoor Adventures: Kayaking, Fishing, and Hiking

The Treasure Coast is not just a destination for sunbathers and beachgoers; it's a playground for outdoor enthusiasts eager to explore its diverse natural landscapes. With its pristine waterways, lush coastal ecosystems, and scenic trails, the area offers an array of exhilarating activities that cater to adventurers of all skill levels.

Kayaking is one of the top ways to experience the stunning beauty of Florida's Treasure Coast. Paddle through the serene waters of the Indian River Lagoon, where you're likely to encounter dolphins playing in the surf and manatees gliding gracefully beneath your kayak. The lagoon is rich in biodiversity, making it a dream for nature lovers. As you navigate through mangroves and salt marshes, keep your eyes peeled for colorful bird species like herons and egrets, all while soaking in the tranquility of this coastal paradise.

For those drawn to the thrill of fishing, the Treasure Coast is a true angler's haven. Whether you prefer deep-sea fishing in the Atlantic Ocean or casting a line from one of the many local piers, the waters here are teeming with a variety of fish, including snook, tarpon, and grouper. Hire a local charter for a guided experience or simply grab your gear and head to one of the area's numerous fishing spots. The camaraderie of fellow fishermen and the anticipation of a big catch make for an unforgettable day on the water.

Hiking enthusiasts will find plenty of trails that showcase the region's captivating scenery. From the lush, shaded paths of the Savannas Preserve State Park to the breathtaking views along the coastal dunes of Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge, the Treasure Coast offers hiking trails that range from easy strolls to more challenging treks. Each step brings you closer to the unique flora and fauna of Florida, with opportunities to spot wildlife, discover hidden lagoons, and enjoy panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean.

Whether you're gliding through the calm waters in a kayak, casting a line into the surf, or exploring scenic trails on foot, outdoor adventures on Florida's Treasure Coast promise to create lasting memories. Embrace the natural beauty of this region, and let the great outdoors rejuvenate your spirit while you uncover the hidden gems that make this destination truly special.

Unique Wildlife Encounters and Birdwatching Opportunities

Florida's Treasure Coast is not just a haven for sun-seekers and beach lovers; it also offers a rich tapestry of unique wildlife encounters and exceptional birdwatching opportunities that make it a must-visit destination for nature enthusiasts. This region is home to a diverse array of ecosystems—from lush mangroves and serene estuaries to expansive wetlands and pristine beaches—each providing a sanctuary for both native and migratory species.

As you explore the winding trails of the Indian River Lagoon, you'll find yourself surrounded by a vibrant cast of wildlife. Keep your eyes peeled for playful dolphins dancing in the water, manatees gliding gracefully through the shallows, and the occasional loggerhead sea turtle making its way to shore. The lagoon is a biodiversity hotspot, boasting over 4,300 species of plants and animals, making every visit a potential discovery.

For birdwatchers, the Treasure Coast is nothing short of paradise. The region is designated as an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society, and for good reason. With habitats that attract a plethora of birds, you're likely to spot everything from majestic ospreys soaring above the water to colorful roseate spoonbills wading in the wetlands. The seasonal migration brings an even greater variety, including herons, egrets, and the elusive black-crowned night heron. One of the best ways to experience

this avian abundance is through guided eco-tours, which often provide expert insights into the local fauna while leading you to the best viewing spots. Additionally, several nature reserves and parks, such as the Savannas Preserve State Park and the St. Lucie Inlet Preserve State Park, offer well-maintained trails and observation platforms that maximize your chances of encountering these feathered friends.

Whether you're an avid birdwatcher armed with binoculars or simply a curious traveler eager to experience Florida's natural beauty, the Treasure Coast promises unforgettable wildlife encounters that will leave you in awe. So, grab your camera, embrace the tranquility of nature, and prepare to be captivated by the remarkable wildlife that calls this coastal gem home.

The Thrill of Treasure Hunting: Shipwrecks and Artifacts

The allure of Florida's Treasure Coast is not just in its sun-kissed beaches and vibrant coastal towns; it lies in the whispers of history that echo from the depths of the Atlantic Ocean. This region, famously known for its treasure-laden shipwrecks, invites adventure seekers and history buffs alike to embark on a thrilling hunt for lost artifacts and sunken treasures.

Imagine standing on the shoreline, the salty breeze tangling in your hair, as you scan the horizon for signs of the past. The Treasure Coast earned its name due to the numerous shipwrecks that took place here, particularly during the infamous Spanish treasure fleet disaster in 1715. As you stroll along the beach, you might just stumble upon a glimmering piece of gold or silver, remnants of a bygone era. Local treasure hunters often share tales of their discoveries—Spanish coins, jewelry, and even navigational instruments that have washed ashore over the centuries.

For the more adventurous, guided treasure hunting excursions are available, where expert marine archaeologists lead groups through the waters that conceal the remnants of history. Equipped with metal detectors and diving gear, these expeditions take you beneath the waves, where you can search for artifacts that have remained hidden for hundreds of years. The thrill of unearthing something that has lain untouched for generations is unmatched—a tangible connection to history that few experiences can rival.

Additionally, museums like the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum in nearby Sebastian showcase incredible finds and provide insight into the rich maritime history of the region. Here, you can learn about the techniques used to recover these treasures and the stories behind the ships that once sailed these waters, filled with priceless cargo.

Whether you're an experienced treasure hunter or a curious novice, the Treasure Coast offers an exhilarating journey into the depths of history. As you dig your toes in the sand and explore the waves, you'll find that the real treasure lies not just in the artifacts themselves, but in the adventures and stories waiting to be uncovered.



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?

Barkley Square Dog Park 1010 N. Ridgewood Ave. | DeLand | 386-736-5953 Beck Ranch Dog Park 751 S. State Rd. | Osteen | 386-736-5953 Gemini Springs Dog Park 37 Dirksen Drive | DeBary | 386-736-5953 Michael Crotty Bicentennial Dog Park 1800 N Oceanshore Blvd. | Ormond-by-the-Sea | 386-736-5953



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Area Attractions

ST. LUCIE COUNTY ATTRACTIONS 2nd Street Art 131 N 2nd St. | Fort Pierce | 772-519-3760 A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery 500 N Indian River Dr. | Fort Pierce | 772-465-0630 Adams Ranch, Inc 26001 Orange Ave. | Fort Pierce | 772-579-9962 **Beach Tours on Horseback** 3800 S Ocean Dr. | Fort Pierce | 772-468-0101 **BOWLERO** 1600 NW Courtyard Cir. | Port St. Lucie | 772-626-6655 Card House Port St. Lucie 6666 US-1 | Port St. Lucie | 772-348-0547 **Causeway Cove Marina** 601 Seaway Dr. | Fort Pierce | 772-242-3552 **Christopher Gunkel Art Studio** 223 N 2nd St #1 | Fort Pierce | 772-634-0383 **Dolphin Watch Boat Tours** 613 N Causeway | Fort Pierce | 772-464-6673 **Downtown Farmers Market of Ft.** Pierce, Inc 101 Melody Ln. | Fort Pierce | 772-940-1145 **Escape Room PSL** 1022 SE Port St. Lucie Blvd. | Port St. Lucie | 772-626-6655 FAU Harbor Branch Ocean Discovery **Visitors Center** 5600 US-1 | Fort Pierce | 772-242-2293 Florida Highwaymen Heritage Trail 482 N Indian River Dr. | Ft. Pierce **Florida Sports Hall of Fame** 9221 SE Event | Port St. Lucie | 772-871-5225 **Get Up and Go Kayaking Fort Pierce** 905 Shorewinds Dr. | Fort Pierce | 772-877-1958

Harmony Music Bar 116 Ave. A | Fort Pierce | 561-320-7894 **Heathcote Botanical Gardens** 210 Savannah Rd. | Ft. Pierce | 772-464-4672 **Indian River Lagoon Boat Tours** 1 Avenue A | Fort Pierce | 772-464-4445 **Invincibles Paintball Park** 2221 SW Del Rio Blvd. | Port St. Lucie | 772-812-0000 **IRSC Hallstrom Planetarium** 3209 Virginia Ave. | Fort Pierce | 772-462-4750 **IRSC Performing Arts Center** Virginia Ave. | Fort Pierce | 772-462-7810 Lawnwood Skatepark 2100 Virginia Ave. | Fort Pierce | 772-462-1523 Lawnwood Tennis Center 1302 Virginia Ave. | Fort Pierce Lisa Jill Allison Art Gallery 111 Orange Ave. | Fort Pierce | 772-361-9488 Manatee Observation & Education Center 480 N Indian River Dr. | Fort Pierce | 772-429-6266 **MID Florida Event Center 7 Art Gallery** 9221 SE Event Center Pl. | Port St. Lucie | 772-807-4488 **Motorized Kayak Adventures** 613 N Causeway | Fort Pierce | 772-380-6815 **Nelson Family Farms** 875 Midway Rd. | Fort Pierce | 772-464-2100 **Oxbow Eco Center** 5400 NE St. James Dr. | Port St. Lucie | 772-785-5833 **Pineapple Playhouse** 700 W Weatherbee Rd. | Fort Pierce |

772-465-0366

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11070 SW Village Pkwy. | Fort St. Lucie | 772-800-6001 Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens 2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd. | Port St. Lucie | 772-337-1959 Port St. Lucie History Museum & Education Center 2454 SE Westmoreland Blvd. | Port St. Lucie **River Lilly Cruises** 500 E Prima Vista Blvd. | Port St. Lucie | 772-489-8344 **Rivers Too Ocean Kayaking** 4743 N Hwy. A1A | Fort Pierce | 334-663-6624 Salty's Watersports - Causeway Cove 601 Seaway Dr. #1 | Fort Pierce | 772-448-4516 Salty's Watersports - Sandpiper Bay 4500 SE Pine Valley St. | Port St. Lucie | 772-448-4516 **Shell Bazaar** 10100 S Federal Hwy. | Port St. Lucie | 772-335-5616 **Shooter's Billiards** 8942 US Hwy. 1 | Port St. Lucie | 772-800-7777 **SkyZone Trampoline Park** 440 NW Peacock Blvd. | Port St. Lucie | 772-236-0970 **Southern Style Airboat Tours** 3117 W Pixie Blvd. | Fort Pierce | 772-205-1057 **Sunrise City Adventures** 905 Shorewinds Dr. | Fort Pierce | 772-202-8688 **Sunrise Theater** 117 2nd St. | Fort Pierce | 772-461-4775

St. Lucie Ballet Education in the Art of Dance 1725 SW Biltmore St. | Port St. Lucie | 772-708-0800 **St. Lucie County Aquarium** 420 Seaway Dr. | Fort Pierce | 772-462-3474 St. Lucie County Regional History Center 414 Seaway Dr. | Fort St. Pierce | 772-462-1795 St. Lucie Historical Society / Bud Adams-**Cobb Cultural Center** 100 Avenue A | Fort Pierce Historical Society | 772-461-8020 Bud Adams-Cobb Center | 772-462-1795 St. Lucie Lanes 6759 US-1 | Port St. Lucie | 772-241-9262 The Galleria of Pierce Harbor 100 S 2nd St. | Fort Pierce | 772-801-5729 **The Landing at Tradition** 10512-10914 SW Village Pkwy. | Port St. Lucie 724-772-1877 **The National Navy UDT- Seal Museum** 3300 N Hwy. A1A | Fort Pierce | 772-595-5845 The Vault in DT Fort Pierce 111 Orange Ave. | Fort Pierce | 772-776-2787 **Touchstar Cinemas - Sabal Palms** 2539 S US Hwy. 1 | Fort Pierce | 772-828-3663 Town Center at St. Lucie West 1789 St. Lucie W Blvd. | Port St. Lucie **Tradition Square** 10489 SW Meeting St. | Port St. Lucie **Treasure Coast Model Railroad** 273 SW Becker Rd. | Port St. Lucie | 772-621-9636 **Treasure Coast Park & Watch** 601 Seaway Dr. | Fort Pierce | 772-222-7570

Area Attractions

Treasure Coast Pottery 6911 Heritage Dr. | Port St. Lucie | 772-237-5638

Treasure Coast Theater 10175 S Federal Hwy. | Port St. Lucie | 772-418-2439 Urban Air Trampoline & Adventure Park 9020 S Us Hwy. 1 | Port St. Lucie | 772-408-9349 Zooey Alyssa Art 229 Avenue A | Fort Pierce

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

Admiralty Gallery 3315 Ocean Dr. | Vero Beach | 772-231-3178 **Airboat Wilderness Rides** CR512 | Sebastian | 772-589-3278 Art on 18th 1365 18th St. | Vero Beach | 772-538-5532 **Artists Guild Gallerv** 1974 14th Ave. | Vero Beach | 772-299-1234 **Ballet Vero Beach** 1707 16th St. | Vero Beach | 772-269-1065 **Bethel Creek House of Refuge** 4405 A1A Jimmy Buffett Memorial Hwy. Vero Beach **Big Shots Golf Vero Beach** 3456 US-1 | Vero Beach | 772-929-4653 **Birthplace for Equal Suffrage For** Women in FL Fellsmere **Blue Cypress Rec Area** CR 512 | Vero Beach | 772-584-0089 **Breconshire Marker** 3000 Ocean Dr. | Vero Beach **City of Fellsmere Historical Marker** Fellsmere

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