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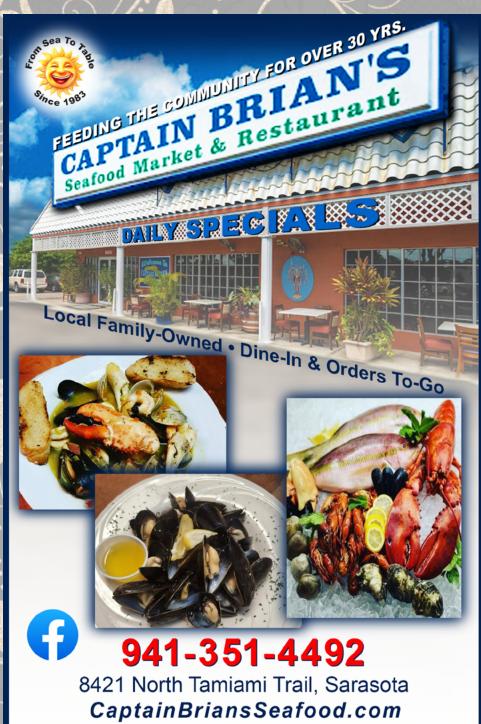




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### Local Area Events

#### MANATEE

#### JANUARY

- Martin Luther King Jr Celebration Banquet -Bradenton
- New Year Holiday Break Concert Bradenton
- Seafood Festival Bradenton
- Anna Maria Winter Arts & Craft Show -Holmes Beach
- Farmers Market Lakewood Ranch (Year Round)
- Music on Main Lakewood Ranch
- (1st Friday, Monthly)
- Manatee County Fair Palmetto

#### FEBRUARY - MARCH

- Fiddler Crab Festival Bradenton
- Fine Arts Festival Bradenton
- River Regatta Bradenton
- Coquina Beach Market Bradenton Beach (Mar-Dec)
- Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival
- Longboat Key Festival of the Arts
- I Heart My Community Palmetto
- Realize Bradenton Artisan
- Pirates Spring Training Bradenton
- North Manatee Kiwanis Beast Feast- Palmetto
- Service Club of Manatee County/For the Love
  of Children Gala "Boots & Bling"

#### <u> APRIL - MAY</u>

- Desoto Seafood Festival Bradenton
- Gulf Coast Rhythm & Ribs Fest Bradenton
- Beach N' Food Truck & Music Festival -Holmes Beach
- Memorial Day Parade 7 Celebration -Lakewood Ranch

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Manatees Annual Taco Festival - Palmetto

#### <u>JUNE - JULY</u>

- Live Music at Farmers Market Anna Maria
- Annual Hoop It Up- Palmetto
- Classic Rock rewind Camp Bradenton
- Fireworks Display Downtown Bradenton
- 4th of July Fireworks Manatee River; LECOM
- Park & Anna Maria Island
- Century Rock Camp Bradenton
- Live Music on the Patio Bradenton Beach
- Ellentons Back to School Bash
- 4thFest Palmetto

#### <u>AUGUST - SEPTEMBER</u>

Annual Women's Event - Bayshore Gardens
 Walk For A Cure - Bradenton

#### **OCTOBER - NOVEMBER**

- BayFest Anna Maria Island
- The Hunsader Pumpkin Festival Bradenton
- BooFest Lakewood Ranch
- Ranch Nite Wednesdays -
- Lakewood Ranch (Oct-May)
- Longboat Key Triathlon & Duathlon
- Cortez Annual Stone Crab & Music Festival
- Festival of Skeletons Bradenton
- Joyful Expressions Open Juried Show & Holiday Extravaganza - Bradenton
- Mixon Fruit Farms Harvest Festival Bradenton
- Symphony on the Sand Anna Maria Island

#### DECEMBER

- Annual Holiday Party Bayshore Gardens
- NYE Celebration Bayshore Gardens
- K.O.P.S. (Kids & Officers Promoting Solidarity) Winter Night Out - Bayshore Gradens
- Pancake Breakfast Bayshore Gardens
   Annual Nutcracker Ballet Bradenton
- Blues Festival Bradneton

#### DECEMBER (Contd)

- Bradenton Gulf Island Concert Series
   (Dec-Apr)
- Bradenton Riverwalk Holiday of the Arts Festival
- North Pole Express Bradenton
- Old Manatee Candlelight Holiday Block
  Party Bradenton
- Singing Christmas Tree Bradenton
- Breakfast With Santa Lakewood Ranch
- Deck the Halls Lakewood Ranch
- Santa on Main Lakewood Ranch
- Palmetto Gun Show
- Palmetto Winter Concert

#### SARASOTA JANUARY

- Englewood Beerfest
- Movies on the Green & Nature Walks -North Port (Jan-Mar)
- Community Garage Sales North Port
- North Port Night Out
- 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
- Annual Cocktails on the Diamond Venice
- Annual Downtown Venice Craft Festival
- Non-Profit Rally Venice

#### **FEBRUARY**

- Mardi Gras County Wide
- Market at Longboat Key (Feb-Apl)
- Chocolate Walk Venice
- ItalianFeast & Carnival Venice
- Annual Career Expo North Port
- Annual Sweetheart Dance North Port
- Gulf Coast Games North Port
- Kids Night Out North Port
- New Comer Day North Port
- Serbian Festival North Port
- WoofStock North Port

Motorcycle Fest - Sarasota

Reggae Block Party - Sarasota

Sarasota Circus Heritage Days

SHS Jazz Festival - Sarasota

• Flashlight Egg Hunt - North Port

Business & Community Expo - North Port

Annual Downtown Sarasota Fine Art

Annual Florida Creativity Conference -

Life in the SON 5k/10K - Sarasota

Annual AACA Car Show - Venice

Writers Festival & Book Fair - Venice

A-Vette Together / Corvette Show - Venice

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Sarasota EggFest

Binglo - North Port

Art in the Park - Sarasota

Eggstravaganza - Venice

MARCH

& Craft Fair

Sarasota

Annual Superhero 5K & Fun Run - Sarasota

Downtown Sarasota Festival of the Arts

• Annual Thunder By the Bay Music &

### Local Area Events

#### APRIL

- Sarasota Chalk Festival
- Siesta Fiesta Sarasota
- Sharks Tooth Festival Sarasota
- Doggone Egg Hunt North Port
- Eggnormous Egg Hunt North Port
- Park RX Days North Port
- Wine Walk Venice

#### **MAY-JUNE**

- New Comer Day North Port
- Night at the Races 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
- North Port Bowling Tournament
- Business to Business Expo North Port

#### SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

- Annual Golf Tournament North Port
- Annual Installation Banguet North Port
- Job & Career Fair North Port
- Mother & Son Night North Port
- NPYP Spooktacular North Port
- Labor Day Weekend Craft Festival Venice
- Venice Beach Party
- Sun Fiesta Venice
- Halloween Downtown Venice
- Halloween Tea Time North Port
- Trick or Treating at City Center North Port
- Trick or Treat Area Wide

#### **NOVEMBER-DECEMBER**

- Sarasota Medieval Fair
- Siesta Key Crystal Classic International Sand
- **Sculpting Festival**
- Gingerbread Workshop North Port
- Poinsettia Parade North Port
- Annual Holiday Social North Port
- Annual Awards Luncheon North Port
- Downtown Venice Art Festival
- WineFeast Venice
- Mayors Hometown Christmas Venice
- Small Business Saturday Area Wide
- Venice Holiday Parade
- Venice Christmas Walk
- Venice Christmas Boat Parade
- Venice Chanukah Klezmer Fest

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*M*anatee County Communities

#### BRADENTON

Manatee County is home to the City of Bradenton, which also serves as its County Seat. In the present-day Bradenton, there was a settlement called Angola that was founded by Maroons or runaway slaves and lasted from the late 1700s until 1821. It is thought to have stretched from Sarasota Bay to the Manatee River, which was formerly known as the Oyster River. It is estimated that there were 600–750 people living in the community. Because the Manatee River was too shallow for US Navy vessels to navigate at the time, Angola was a fairly large maroon settlement. Following Andrew Jackson's allies (the Creeks') attack on Angola, the settlement was abandoned. The natural beauty of the area drew Josiah Gates, who moved to the present-day Bradenton area in January 1842 with his family and eight slaves. Because it was close to Fort Brooke, Gates assumed that the area would be popular with new settlers, and that they would require a temporary place to stay while they built their homes. He constructed Gates House, an Inn, at one location and his house near today's 15th Street East. In addition, Gates is recognized as the first American settlers in modern-day Manatee County. The population of the city was 55,698 according to the 2020 census.

#### PALMETTO

In Manatee County, sits the city of Palmetto. Since 1868, there has been a post office in Palmetto. After moving to the region close to the Manatee River in 1868, Samuel Sparks Lamb, a native of Clarke County, Mississippi, founded Palmetto. Recognized as the "Fa-ther of Palmetto," Samuel Sparks Lamb donated multiple land plots and mapped the city at its inception. The palmetto trees that were close to the original town site gave rise to the city's name. P.S. Harlee served as Palmetto's first mayor when the village was first incorporated in May 1893. He also ran the town's general merchandise store. After being reincorporated as a city in 1897, Palmetto expanded during the ensuing years. According to the 2020 census, 13,323 people were living there.

( Florida is home to Manatee County. Bradenton is the largest city as well as the county seat. The Florida manatee, the state's official marine mammal, inspired the county's name when it was established in 1855.

For thousands of years, Native Americans had lived in what is now Manatee County. Archaeological digs at Perico Island and Terra Ceia, among other locations in the county, have revealed shell middens. The materials found during these digs belonged to Woodland period peoples. The Armed Occupation Act, which was passed in 1842, allowed people to settle in the region. One of the first colonies was the thirty-one-person Manatee Colony, which was commanded by Colonel Samuel Reid and comprised both Black and White residents. Joseph and Hector Braden were two other well-known early settlers who settled in a region close to the Manatee River in 1842. During the Panic of 1837, the two had lost the land for their plantations in northern Florida. The population as of the US Census 2020 was 55,698.

#### CITIES

Anna Maria - 968 Holmes Beach - 3,010 Bradenton - 55,698 (County Seat) Palmetto - 13,323 Bradenton Beach - 908 **TOWN** Longboat Key - 7,505

#### **CENSUS DESIGNATED** Bayshore Gardens - 19,904

South Bradenton - 26,858

West Bradenton - 4,247

Lakewood Ranch - 34,877

Samoset - 4,146

Ellenton - 4,129

Cortez - 4,121

West Samoset - 6,482 Memphis - 9,024 Whitfield - 2,989

\*Populations are approximate.

### *M*anatee County Communities

#### LONGBOAT KEY

Situated between Sarasota Bay and the Gulf of Mexico, Longboat Key is situated south of Anna Maria Island. The counties of Sarasota and Manatee split it almost equally. Native Americans were the original inhabitants of Longboat Key. Hernando De Soto served as Juan de Añasco's scout and was the first to explore the area that is now Longboat Key. In addition to being probably the first European man to see and explore Sarasota Bay, Boca Ciega Bay, and the Manatee River, he spent roughly two months trying to locate a landing site. Colin and Rowlin W. Witt claimed 7.15 acres on the island's north end as their first land claim in 1882, making them the first people of European descent to do so. In the late 1800s, a few more people made land claims on the island, but none of them are known to have settled there permanently. At Byron Corey's pier at the southern tip of the island, the first post office operated until 1921, when a hurricane destroyed it. Longboat Key was incorporated in 1955. 7,505 people were living in the town as of the 2020 census.

#### **BAYSHORE GARDENS**

In Manatee County, Bayshore Gardens is a planned community and census-designated place. Developer Sydney R. Newman bought the present-day neighborhood in 1955 and laid out a section between U.S. 41 and 26th Street West, which was named Bayshore Gardens Parkway. At nearly two million dollars, the property was acquired, making it the most costly land purchase in the region since the 1920s. The 3,200 acres, which were formerly fields used to grow tomatoes, would now contain a marina, parks, schools, churches, retail establishments, and healthcare facilities in addition to houses built in the then-popular mid-century modern style. In 2020, there were 19,904 people living there.

#### LAKEWOOD RANCH

Situated in southeast Manatee County and northeastern Sarasota County, Lakewood Ranch is a planned community and census-designated place (CDP) encompassing roughly 31,000 acres. John Schroeder first put the region together as Schroeder-Manatee Ranch (SMR) in 1905. Members of the Uihlein family of Milwaukee bought the land in 1922 for use as a ranch, raising cattle and timber. 34,877 people were living in the CDP as of the 2020 census.

#### MEMPHIS

Memphis is a census-designated place (CDP) and unincorporated community located in Manatee County, Florida. The town's origins can be found in the planning of an 80-acre subdivision that was situated next to Palmetto in the 1880s. Originally owned by Tennessee-born Robert Willis (1855–1933), the land was later sold to I.E. Barwick (1854– 1924), who divided it. By the 2020 census, the population had increased from 7,848 in 2010 to 9,024.



### Sarasota County History

Sarasota County Communities

#### **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.

#### LAKEWOOD 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.

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 20th 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	Gulf Gate Estates - 10,911
North Port - <i>74,793</i>	Kensington Park - 3,697
Sarasota - County Seat - 54,842	Lake Sarasota - 4,679
Venice - 25,463	Lakewood Ranch (partial)-
TOWN	Laurel - <i>12,186</i>
Longboat Key - 7,505	Nokomis - <i>3,217</i>
CENSUS DESIGNATED	North Sarasota - <i>6,982</i>
Bee Ridge - <i>9,955</i>	Osprey - <i>6,100</i>
Desoto Lakes - 3,646	Palmer Ranch - <i>14,966</i>
Englewood - <i>20,800</i>	Plantation - 5,034
Fruitville - 15,484	Ridgewood Heights - 5,064

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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.

### 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 nonreturnable 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 longterm 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 juiceln 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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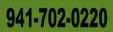
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Adrenaline Row 1 mile long strip from Bradenton across Palma Sola Bay to Anna Maria Island.

Altitude Trampoline Park 201 Cortez Rd. W | Bradenton | 941-584-4700

Anderson Race Track 10101 US Hwy. 41 N Bldg. 5 | Palmetto | 941-723-3900

Art Center Manatee 209 9th St. W | Bradenton | 941-746-2862

Art Center Sarasota 707 N Tamiami Trail | Sarasota | 941-365-2032

Artec Coyoacán 1023 12th St. W | Bradenton | 941-536-1411

**Big Cat Habitat** 7101 Palmer Blvd. | Sarasota | (941) 371-6377

Bowlero Bradenton 4208 Cortez Rd. | Bradenton | 941-758-8838

Bradenton Motorsports Park 21000 S.R. 64 E | Bradenton | 941-748-1320

Bayshore Gardens Park & Recreational District 6919 26th St. W | Bradenton | 941-755-1912 **Bishop Museum of Science & Nature** 201 10th St. W | Bradenton | 941-746-4131

Ca'd'Zan Historical Museum 5401 Bay Shore Rd. | Sarasota | 941-359-5700

Captain Bams' Jungle Float 9000 Manatee Ave. W | Bradenton | 941-720-3609

The Circus Arts Conservatory 2075 Bahia Vista | Sarasota | 941-355-9335

Cortez Cultural Center 11655 Cortez Rd. | Bradenton | 941-840-0590

**DEFY Bradenton** 7385 52nd PI. E Set# 29 | Bradenton | 941-900-4484

Desoto National Memorial 8300 Desoto Memorial Hwy. | Bradenton | 941-792-0458

Ellenton Ice & Sports Complex 5309 29th St. E | Ellenton | 941-723-3663

Ellenton Premium Outlets 5461 Factory Shops Blvd. | Ellenton | 941-723-1150

Family Heritage House Museum 5840 26th St. W Bldg. #3 | Bradenton | 941-752-5319

**Florida Maritime Museum** 4415 119th St. W | Cortez | 941-708-6120 Freedom Factory Race Track 21050 FL-64 | Bradenton

**Fun Girl Art** 1001 12th Ave. W | Bradenton | 941-448-7485

The Fish Hole Miniature Golf 115 Bridge St. | Bradenton Beach | 941-778-3388

Harding Circle Historic District 339 John Ringling Blvd. | Sarasota

Intense Escape 5708 Manatee Ave. | Bradenton | 941-251-9385

Island Gallery & Studios 456 Old Main St. | Bradenton

The John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art 5401 Bay Shore Rd. | Sarasota | 941-359-5700

Jungle Gardens 3701 Bay Shore Rd. | Sarasota | 941-355-5305

Kayak Tours 9700 Manatee Ave. W | Bradenton | 941-527-6355 / 941-527-6144

Longboat Key Turtle Watch 5380 Gulf of Mexico Dr. Ste. # 105 | Sarasota | 941-988-0212 Main Street at Lakewood Ranch 8131 Lakewood Main St. | Lakewood Ranch | 941-907-9243

Manatee County Agricultural Museum 1015 6th St. W | Palmetto | 941-721-2034

Manatee Performing Arts Center 502 3rd Ave. W | Bradenton | 941-748-5875

Manatee Village Historical Park 1404 Manatee Ave. E | Bradenton | 941-749-7165

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens 811 S Palm Ave. | Sarasota | 941-366-5731

Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy 2121 N Tamiami Trl. | Sarasota | 941-364-3399

Mixon Fruit Farms 2525 27th St. E | Bradenton | 941-748-5829

Mote Marine Laboratory & Museum 1600 Ken Thompson Pkwy. | Sarasota | 941-388-4441

Motorworks Brewery 1014 9th St. W | Bradenton | 941-567-6218

Myakka Elephant Ranch 4450 Verna Bethany Rd. | Myakka City | (941) 702-0220 (*by appointment only*)

### Area Attractions

Palma Sola Botanical Park 9800 17th Ave. NW | Bradenton | 941-761-2866

**Pier 22** 1200 1st Ave. W | Bradenton | 941-748-8087

**RED BARN Flea Market** 1707 1st St. | Bradenton | 941-747-3794

**Reflections of Manatee** 1302 4th Ave. E | Bradenton

The Resort at Longboat Key Club 220 Sands Point Rd. | Longboat Key | 941-383-8821

**Ringling Museum of Art** 5401 Bay Shore Rd. | Sarasota | 941-359-5700

**Riverwalk Splash Park** 452 3rd Ave. W | Bradenton

Sarasota Art Museum 1001 S Tamiami Trl. | Sarasota | 941-309-4300

Sarasota Classic Car Museum 5500 N Tamiami Trl. | Sarasota | 941-355-6228

Sarasota Jungle Gardens 3701 Bay Shore Rd. | Sarasota | 941-355-5305 Save Our Seabirds 1708 Ken Thompson Pkwy. | Sarasota | 941-388-3010

SCF NEEL Performing Arts Center 5840 26th St. W | Bradenton | 941-926-7677

Smugglers Cove Adventure Golf 2000 Cortez Rd. W | Bradenton | 941-756-0043

St. Armands Circle 300 Madison Dr. | Sarasota | 941-388-1554

To New Beginnings Sculpture Museum 4 Marina Plaza | Sarasota

TreeUmph! Adventure Course 21805 State Rd. 70 E | Bradenton | 941-322-2130

Venice Area Audubon Society 4002 S Tamiami Trl. | Venice | 941-496-8984

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### **7**ishing Licensing

For specific zone areas, dates & details check online: https://myfwc.com, Telephone: (850) 488-4676, or scan the QR code.



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### **7**WC License Centers

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

### BRADENTON

**Dicks Sporting Goods** 4108 14th St. W | Bradenton | 941-751-6900

Manatee TC - Drivers License Office 904 301 Blvd. W | Bradenton | 941-741-4800

WalMart (#528) 2911 53rd Ave. E | Bradenton | 941-753-6751

WalMart (#1004) 5315 Cortez Rd. W | Bradenton | 941-798-9341

WalMart (#3474) 6225 E State Rd. 64 | Bradenton | 941-708-2800

WalMart (#5727) 5810 Ranch Lake Blvd. | Bradenton | 941-799-5538

Sunshine Ace Hardware - Bradenton 5409 Manatee Ave. | Bradenton | 941-795-9442

NORTH PORT Dicks Sporting Goods #1349 18219 Tamiami Trl. | North Port | 941-240-0305

Sarastoa 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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**WalMart (#3370)** 508 10th St. E | Palmetto | 941-723-2199

#### **SARASOTA**

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 4150 S Tamiami Tr. | Venice | 941-497-2523

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### Parks and Recreation

\*Be advised, some locations may have day use fees. Call ahead

#### **PARKS A.B. Smith Park** 2110 Adams Ln. | Sarasota | (941) 263-6386

Arlington Park & Aquatic Complex 2650 Waldemere St. | Sarasota | (941) 263-6732

Bennett Park 400 Cypress Creek Blvd. | Bradenton

Bird Key Park 200 John Ringling Causeway | Sarasota | (941) 263-6386

Bishop Point 2020 72nd St. NW | Bradenton

Black Stone Park 2112 14th Ave. W | Palmetto

Braden River Park 5201 51st St. E | Bradenton

Buffalo Creek Park 7550 69th St. E | Palmetto

Bunker Hill Community Park 35600 State Rd. 62 | Duette

Chaplain J.D. Hamel Park/War Memorial 199 Bayfront Dr. | Sarasota | (941) 263-6386 Charles Ringling Park 1650 Ringling Blvd. | Sarasota | (941) 263-6386

**Coach Eddie Shannon Park** 501 17th St. E | Palmetto

Conservatory Park 8027 Conservatory Dr. | Sarasota

Country Club East Park 15015 Masters Ave. | Bradenton

Crane Park 37655 East State Rd. 70 | Myakka City

Creekwood Park 7025 44th Ave. E | Bradenton

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park 2523 Cocoanut Ave. | Sarasota | (941) 263-6386

East Bradenton Park 1119 13th St. E | Bradenton

Eastwood Park 422 W Cornelius Cir. | Sarasota | (941) 263-6386

Firehouse Park 1232 36th St. | Sarasota | (941) 263-6386

Fort Hamer Park 1605 Ft. Hamer Rd. | Parrish

Gillespie Park 710 N Osprey Ave. | Sarasota | (941) 263-6386 Governor Ron DeSantis Park 7510 Prospect Rd. | Sarasota

Greenbrook Park 6655 Greenbrook Blvd. | Lakewood Ranch

**G.T. Bray Park** 5502 33rd Ave. Dr. W | Bradenton

Holmes Beach Tennis Courts 6200 Flotilla Dr. | Holmes Beach

Indian Beach Park 2703 Bay Shore Rd. | Sarasota | (941) 263-6386

John H. Marble Park 3675 53rd Ave. E | Bradenton

Lakewood Ranch Park 5350 Lakewood Ranch Blvd. | Bradenton

Lemon Avenue Mall 23 N Lemon Ave. | Sarasota | (941) 263-6386

Little Five Points 600 S Orange Ave. | Sarasota | (941) 263-6386

Manatee Palms Park 6510 1st Ave. E | Bradenton

McArthur Park 455 McArthur Ave. | Sarasota

Myakka Community Park 10060 Wauchula Rd. | Myakka City Myakka River State Park 13208 State Rd. 72 | Sarasota | (941) 361-6511

Nora Patterson Bay Island Park North 946 Siesta Dr. | Sarasota | (941) 263-6386

**Ola Mae Sims Park** 11800 Erie Rd. | Parrish

Palma Sola Park 7915 40th Ave. W | Bradenton

Palma Sola Scenic Highway 501 Montezuma Dr. | Bradenton

Payne Skate Park 2110 Adams Lane | Sarasota | (941) 263-6386

Portosueno Park 1206 Alcazar Dr. | Bradenton

Pride Park 815 63rd Ave. E | Bradenton

Rose Park 714 Palma Sola Boulevard | Bradenton

Sarasota Municipal Auditorium 801 N Tamiami Trail | Sarasota | (941) 263-6283

Senrab Park 7817 Senrab Dr. | Bradenton

Seville Park 7823 Seville Cir. | Bradenton

### $\mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{arks}}$ and Recreation

**Steigerwaldt-Jockey Children's Fountain** 5 Bayfront Drive | Sarasota | (941) 263-6386

Sunny Shores Park 36th Ave. & 117th St. W | Cortez

Sylvan Oaks Park 715th 17th St. E | Palmetto

The Nature Park at Bobby Jones 1000 Circus Blvd. | Sarasota

University Place Park 7850 Cooper Creek Pkwy. | Sarasota

Waterfront Park 1101 10th St. | Sarasota | (941) 263-6386

Whitfield Park 7100 12th St. E | Sarasota

BEACHES Anna Maria Bayfront Park 310 North Bay Boulevard | Anna Maria

Blind Pass Beach Park 6725 Manasota Key Rd. | Englewood

Caspersen Beach Park 4100 Harbor Dr. S | Venice

Chauncy Howard Park (Pedestrian access only- no parking) 601 The Esplanade N | Venice

**Coquina Beach** 2650 Gulf Drive | Bradenton Beach **Lido Beach** 400 Benjamin Franklin Dr. | Sarasota

Longboat Key Beach Access Points: 2825 Gulf of Mexico Dr. | Longboat Key 3175 Gulf of Mexico Dr. | Longboat Key 3355 Gulf of Mexico Dr. | Longboat Key 4001 Gulf of Mexico Dr. | Longboat Key 4701 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 8570 Manasota Key Rd. | Englewood

Manatee Beach Park 4000 State Rd. 64 & Gulf Dr. | Holmes Beach

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 Palma Sola Causeway Park 9500 Manatee Ave. W | Bradenton

Palmer Point Beach Park (No parking, pedestrian/watercraft access only) 9399 Blind Pass Rd. | Sarasota

Service Club Park 1190 Harbor Dr. | Venice

Siesta Beach 948 Beach Rd. | Sarasota

Siesta Key Access 200 Givens St. | Sarasota

Siesta Key - Beach Access #1 3940 N Shell Rd. | Sarasota

Siesta Key - Beach access #2 ( 1 ADA parking space available only) 41 Beach Rd. | Sarasota

Siesta Key - Beach access #3 ( No parking - pedestrian access only) 100 Beach Rd. | Sarasota

Siesta Key - Beach access #3B ( No parking - pedestrian access only) 136 Beach Rd. | Sarasota

Siesta Key - Beach access #4 180 Beach Rd. | Sarasota

Siesta Key - Beach access #5 200 Beach Rd. | Sarasota Siesta Key - Beach access #7 402 Beach Rd. | Sarasota

Siesta Key - Beach access #8 458 Beach Rd. | Sarasota

Siesta Key - Beach access #9 514 Beach Rd. | Sarasota

Siesta Key - Beach access #10 ( No parking - pedestrian access only) 598 Beach Rd. | Sarasota

Siesta Key - Beach access #11 ( No parking - pedestrian access only) 690 Beach Rd. | Sarasota

Siesta Key - Beach access #12 6490 Midnight Pass Rd. | Sarasota

Siesta Key - Beach access #13 (No parking - pedestrian access only) 6900 Point of Rocks Rd. | Sarasota

South Brohard Park 1900 S. Harbor Dr. | Venice

South Lido Beach (Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach) 2201 Benjamin Franklin Dr. | Sarasota

Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach (Ted Sperling Nature Park) 190 Taft Dr. | Sarasota/Lido Key

### Parks and Recreation

Turtle Beach Campground 8862 Midnight Pass Rd. | Sarasota

Turtle Beach Park 8918 Midnight Pass Rd. | Sarasota

Venice Beach 101 The Esplanade | Venice

DOG PARKS 17th Street Park 4570 & 4730 17th St. | Sarasota

Bay Street Park 300 Bay St. | Osprey

Blackstone Dog Park 2112 14th Ave. W | Palmetto

Brohard Paw Park 1850 S Harbor Dr. | Venice **Dog Leg Canine Park** 7550 69th St. E | Palmetto

Happy Paws Dog Park 11800 Erie Rd. | Parrish

Lakeview Park 7255 Hand Rd. | Sarasota

Laurie Crawford Dog Park \*Formerly known as "Happy Tails Canine Park" 51st St. | Bradenton

Paw Patch Dog Park 7025 44th Ave. E | Bradenton

Woodmere Park 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. | Venice

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Disc golf or frisbee golf is played a lot like traditional ball golf but instead of hitting a ball with a club into a hole the player throws a frisbee into a basket. Disc golf can be played by just about anyone at any age. It's also an inexpensive

sport to get into. Specialized frisbees for disc golf cost around \$10-\$15 and a lot

of courses are free. Playing disc golf is a great way to get out for some exercise,

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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.

PANY

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. hether 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.



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Sports & Leisure Services	941-742-5923
GIS	941-748-4501

#### SARASOTA

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Today, **Service Club of Manatee County** supports over 30 local nonprofits and gives out over \$130,000 in grants. Our current fundraiser, **BOOTS AND BLING**, brings the community together for an exciting night of *live music, food, and live and silent auctions* to raise money to meet the needs of the most deserving children.

Please help us to continue this legacy of service and dedication!







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Choosing the *perfect* destination

What is your dream vacation? Do you want to lay on the beach, hike a mountain or explore a city? Questions like these are a good starting point to decide on where to go. Do research on some different areas and activities that may interest you and any others that you are traveling with to identify the most suitable vacation area.

How long do you plan on being gone? Don't try to go too far or jam in to many activities if you don't have the time. Leave some free time in your schedule to accommodate any unforeseen changes during the trip.

> Depending on what type of climate you are wanting to vacation in, plan your trip for an appropriate time of the year in that area. Also watch out for peak seasons at some popular vacation destinations. At these times prices may be higher with larger crowds.

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