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# Local Area Events



## JANUARY

Annual Kumquat Festival - Dade City  
Raising Cane & Moonshine Festival at Pioneer Village Museum – Dade City  
St. George Winterfest & Carnival - New Port Richey  
Pirate 5K, 10K & Half Marathon – Holiday

## FEBRUARY

Annual Pigz in Z'Hills BBQ & Blues Festival - Zephyrhills  
Zephyrhills Classic Car Auction & Auto Event  
Pasco County Fair & Parade - Dade City  
Chinese New Year Celebrations - Dade City  
Farm Festival & Quilt Show - Dade City  
Bay Area Renaissance Festival (Feb-Mar) - Dade City  
Annual Chili Cook-Off / Suncoast Brotherhood - New Port Richey  
Bazaar & Craft Fair - Port Richey  
Sea Blues Festival (Feb-Mar) - New Port Richey  
Pasco Pride Festival - Land O' Lakes

## MARCH

Mosquito Fest - Zephyrhills  
Small Business Expo & Trade Show – Zephyrhills  
Founders Day Festival - Zephyrhills  
Pasco Blues Festival - Land O' Lakes  
Annual Cancer Crawl - Port Richey

Prog on the Ranch (Feb-Mar) - New Port Richey  
Cracker Cowboy Day at Pioneer Village Museum – Dade City  
Jelly Bean Fling at Pioneer Village Museum – Dade City  
Dogs Day in Dade City  
Uncorked Garden Party - Dade City  
Chasco Fiesta - Flagship Bank Boat Parade - New Port Richey  
Annual Iron Home Brewer Challenge Charity Festival - New Port Richey  
Strawberry Festival - New Port Richey  
Brewers Ball - San Antonio  
Community Resource Fair – Holiday  
Annual SunWest Crab & Shrimp Festival - Hudson  
Arts & Crafts in Horticulture - Land O' Lakes  
Land O' Lakes Music Fest

## APRIL

Annual Pasco County Beer & Burger Festival - Land O' Lakes  
Annual Clay Shoot - Land O' Lakes  
Main Street Egg Hunt - Zephyrhills  
Sunshine Get Down at Florida Sand Festival - Dade City  
Annual Loquat Festival - New Port Richey  
Dudinel Highland Games - New Port Richey

## MAY - JUNE

Downtown Dade City Derby Days (1st Saturday in May)  
Juneteenth - Zephyrhills  
Juneteenth Community Unity 3x3 B-Ball Tournament - Zephyrhills  
Summerfest Fireworks Show – Zephyrhills  
Main Street Farmers Market (Saturdays, June-Sept) – Zephyrhills  
Pioneer Village Museum Flag Retirement Ceremony – Dade City

## JULY - AUGUST

4th of July Celebrations - Area Wide



Night at the Pioneer Museum - Dade City  
Food Truck Rally & Car Show - Zephyrhills  
Christmas in July Vendor Market - Zephyrhills

## SEPTEMBER

Dade City Cruise In & Car Show – (Sept-May, 1st Saturday)  
Chapel Chop Music Fest - Wesley Chapel  
Remembrance Day Ceremony – Zephyrhills  
Taste of New Port Richey

## OCTOBER

Holes for Hope Golf Tournament - Zephyrhills  
Trunk or Treat - Zephyrhills  
Nightmare at Terrace Park – Zephyrhills  
Lions Club Fall Festival – Zephyrhills  
Scarecrow Festival at Pioneer Village

Museum – Dade City  
Pioneer and Beers at Pioneer Village Museum – Dade City  
Monarch Butterfly Festival - Dade City  
Downtown Dade City Farmer's Market (1st Saturdays, Oct-Cont')  
Halloween in Wesley Chapel  
Wesley Chapel Fall Carnival

## NOVEMBER

Gobbler 5K & 1 Mile Run - New Port Richey  
Living History - FL Seminole Wars - Dade City  
Civil War Living History Event at Pioneer Village Museum – Dade City  
Dade City Unwraps for The Holidays  
Small Business Saturday Dade City (Saturday after Thanksgiving)  
Sabor Latino (Latin Music Festival) - Zephyrhills  
Christmas Tree Lighting - Zephyrhills

## DECEMBER

Pioneer Christmas Vintage Market - Zephyrhills  
Festival of Lights - Zephyrhills  
Reindeer Games - Old Fashioned Family Christmas Event - Zephyrhills  
Annual Gingerbread House Contest & Exhibit – Zephyrhills  
Annual Christmas Stroll & Tree Lighting | Dade City  
Church Street Christmas | Dade City  
Pioneer Christmas & Vintage Market- Dade City  
Christmas Parade - Dade City  
Gingerbread House Decorating Contest (during Church Street Christmas) – Dade City  
Holiday Street Parade - New Port Richey

*\*Events are subject to change\**

# Residential Services

Administration.....	727-847-8115
Animal Services.....	813-929-1212
Clerk & Comptroller Departments/ Divisions:	
Dade City	
Budget/Purchasing.....	352-521-4566 #6
Child Support.....	352-521-4542 #5
Civil.....	352-521-4542 #3
Court Records.....	352-521-4489
Felony.....	352-521-4542 #1
IT Services.....	352-521-4529
Juvenile.....	352-523-2411 ext 4924
Mental Health.....	352-521-4542 #4
Probate.....	352-521-4542 #4
Public Record Requests.....	352-523-2411
Traffic.....	352-521-4542 #2
Treasury Management.....	352-521-4566 #3
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Emergency Management.....	727-847-8137
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GIS.....	727-815-7154
Human Resources.....	727-847-8103
Human Services.....	727-834-3297

Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources.....	813-929-2760
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Public Works.....	727-834-3611
Senior Services.....	727-834-3340
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# Pasco County History

# Pasco County Communities



Pasco County was established on June 2, 1887, from the southern third of Hernando County. Samuel Pasco, who had recently won a seat in the US Senate, is honored by the county's name. Dade City served as the temporary county seat until 1889, when voters designated Dade City as the county seat permanently in a popular vote. Dade City was not in the center of the county, so residents in the western part of the county proposed either creating their own county or joining forces with Pinellas County as early as 1917. The late 1970s saw the resolution of the issue. Zephyrhills is the largest city and Dade City serves as the county seat. As per the 2020 census, there were 561,691 people living there.

## DADE CITY (COUNTY SEAT)

Dade City is the county seat in Pasco County, Florida. The city bears the name of Maj. Francis L. Dade, a Second Seminole War veteran who was killed in action. In the 1870s and 1880s, a nearby European-American settlement known as Fort Dade was established. Business owners decided to move a few miles east to be close to the railroad, which was being built a few miles away. Dade City was the new name given to the town. The name became official when the Hatton post office was changed to Dade City on December 18, 1884. Dade City was initially incorporated in 1884 or 1885. In the 2020 census, there were 7,275 people living there.

## HOLIDAY

In Pasco County, Holiday is a census-designated place (CDP). In the early 1960s, First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Tarpon Springs president William W. Boyd requested his board of directors to rename the new branch Holiday, after noticing the name "Holiday Drive" on a map close to the location of the planned branch to be constructed in southwest Pasco County. Boyd then started organizing people to name the community Holiday. In the 2020 census, there were 24,939 people living there.

## LAND O' LAKES

Nestled in Pasco County, is Land O' Lakes, a census-designated place (CDP). By the 1840s, a stage coach line ran through the center of where the CDP is now located. A railroad line eventually passed through the CDP, and a station was constructed, sometime in the early 1900s. Land O' Lakes grew and incorporated neighboring towns like Ehren, Gowers Corner, and Denham during the course of the 20th century. Land O' Lakes was once home to Dupree Gardens, one of Florida's first roadside tourist destinations. In 1949, during a community meeting, the name Land O' Lakes was proposed. The post office located in Ehren was renamed Land O' Lakes on September 1, 1950. 35,929 people were living in the CDP as of the 2020 US census.

### CITIES

- Dade City (County Seat) - 7,275
- New Port Richey - 16,728
- Port Richey - 3,052
- San Antonio - 1,297
- Zephyrhills - 17,194

### Town

- St. Leo - 2,362

### CDP - (Census Designated Places)

- Aripeka - 320
- Moon Lake - Unlisted
- Bayonet Point - 23,467
- New Port Richey East - 9,916
- Beacon Square - 7,263
- Odessa - 7,267
- Connerton - 5,282
- Pasadena Hills - 7,570
- Crystal Springs - 1,175

### Unincorporated Communities

- Quail Ridge - 1,040
- Dade City North - 3,319
- River Ridge - 4,702
- Elfers - 13,161
- Shady Hills - 7,798
- Heritage Pines - 2,136
- Trilby - 433
- Holiday - 24,939
- Trinity - 10,907
- Jasmine Estates - 18,989
- Wesley Chapel - 64,866
- Key Vista - 1,757
- Zephyrhills North - 2,663
- Lacoochee - 1,345
- Zephyrhills South - 4,985
- Land O' Lakes - 35,929
- Zephyrhills West - 5,533
- Meadow Oaks - 2,842

### Unincorporated Communities

- Blanton
- Richland
- Branchborough
- Seven Springs
- Darby
- St. Joseph
- Gulf Harbors
- Starkey Ranch
- Hudson Beach
- Trilacoochee
- Jessamine
- Vitis
- Lumberton

\*Populations are approximate.

## NEW PORT RICHEY

New Port Richey is a city in Pasco County, Florida. The older portion of Port Richey was known as "Old Port Richey" by 1914, while the area surrounding Orange Lake was

referred to as "New Port Richey." A distinct post office was opened in 1915 for the people living in Port Richey's southern section. Postmaster Gerben DeVries was the first. Following George Sims' acquisition of the Port Richey Land Company, the city began to expand. In 1916, he constructed a house in New Port Richey. To support the neighborhood library, the first Chasco Fiesta was organized in 1922. Resurrected in 1947, the event has been held yearly ever since. New Port Richey was incorporated in 1924. Dr. Elroy M. Avery, a historian, educator, and well-known author who moved to New Port Richey from Cleveland after retiring in 1919, served as the city's first mayor. The population was counted at 16,728 in the 2020 census.

## PORT RICHEY

Pasco County is home to the city of Port Richey. Aaron M. Richey moved to the area around the Pithlachascotee River's mouth in 1883 after traveling from St. Joseph, Missouri. On July 9, 1884, he opened a post office in his house. In response to the incorporation of New Port Richey the year before, Port Richey became a municipality in 1925. 3,052 people called the city home as of 2020.

## SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio, also known as San Ann to the locals, is a city in Pasco County. Judge Edmund F. Dunne established it as a Catholic colony. The Saint Anthony of Padua is the source of the city's name. Judge Dunne chose the western shore of Lake Jovita as the city's location and got to work settling it. In Florida, which was then a predominantly Protestant state, he intended for the city to serve as the center of a Roman Catholic colony. Only the rural community of St. Joseph remains today, though Dunne planned several other villages for the surrounding area, including St. Thomas, Villa Maria, Carmel, and San Felipe. Per the most recent census, there were 1,297 people living there.

## ST. LEO

The town of St. Leo is located in Florida's Pasco County. It is most well-known for being the location of Holy Name Monastery, St. Leo Abbey, and St. Leo University. On Judge Edmund F. Dunne's former homestead and farm land east of San Antonio, Florida, on the shores of Lake Jovita, the Benedictines founded the monastery of St. Leo and St. Leo College in 1889. Later, the area was incorporated as part of a new town named St. Leo. Although Dunne had originally laid out the area as another village, the Benedictine monks' arrival was when the area that is now the Town of St. Leo got its name. In 2020, there were 2,362 people living there.

## WESLEY CHAPEL

Wesley Chapel is a census-designated place in Florida's Pasco County. It began as a cohesive settlement of settlers in the middle of the 1800s. There is evidence of Native American habitation in the region dating back to 10,000 BC. While cash-crop farming, citrus production, and livestock ranching supplied sustenance for the pioneer settlement, lumber harvesting and turpentine production emerged as significant industries. Legends were born out of moonshine stills, gator hunting, and charcoal kilns, which augmented earnings. The town is also known by the names Godwin, Gatorville, and Double Branch. Wesley Chapel had a general store, two sawmills, and its own post office between 1897 and 1902. Due to inadequate roads, residents had to rely on neighboring towns for services until the late 20th century, when postal service and incorporation became available. The population was 64,866 at the 2020 census.

## ZEPHYRHILLS

Pasco County is home to the city of Zephyrhills. On April 18, 1888, Zephyrhills was founded as the town of Abbott. In 1893, a voting district was created; a post office followed in 1896. With the intention of establishing a community for Civil War veterans, Captain Howard B. Jeffries, a Pennsylvanian veteran of the Union army, bought 35,000 acres and established the Zephyrhills Colony Company in 1909. Zephyrhills was the new name adopted by the town in 1910; it was incorporated in 1914. In the 2020 census, 17,194 people were counted.



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- 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.

## Boat Ramps & Fishing Piers

### Public Boat Ramps

#### **Anclote River Park Boat Ramp**

1119 Baillies Bluff Rd | Holiday

#### **Brascher Park Hand Launch**

4951 Koons Rd | Port Richey

#### **Nicks Park Boat Ramp**

7929 Bayview St | Port Richey

#### **R.J. Strickland Boat Ramp - Hudson Beach**

6345 Clark St | Hudson

#### **Robert Rees Memorial Park - Small Boat Ramp/Hand Launch**

4835 Green Key Rd | New Port Richey

#### **Sims Park /City Boat Ramp**

5443 Main St | New Port Richey

### Public Fishing Piers

#### **Anclote Gulf Park Fishing Pier**

Baillies Bluff Rd, 1.2 miles from park

#### **Clark Mallett Memorial Fishing Pier**

5245 Limestone Dr | Port Richey

#### **Eagle Point Park Fishing Pier**

Trouble Creek Rd & Rustic Dr | Beacon Square

#### **James Grey Nature Preserve Fishing Pier**

6938 Plathe Rd | New Port Richey

#### **Port Richey Waterfront Park Fishing Pier**

8119 Old Post Rd | Port Richey



## PARKS, RECREATION & NATURE PRESERVES

### Aloha Gardens Park

3120 Darlington Rd | Holiday

### Anclote Gulf Park

2305 Baillies Bluff Rd | Holiday

### Anclote River Park

1119 Baillies Bluff Rd | Holiday

### Aripeka Sandhills Preserve

1800 Aripeka Rd | Hudson | 727-847-8140

### Arthur F. Engle Memorial Park

11601 Denton Ave | Hudson

### Beacon Square Park

3350 Moog Rd | Holiday

### Boy Scout Preserve

4835 Green Key Rd | New Port Richey  
727-847-2411

### Crews Lake Wilderness Park

16739 Crews Lake Dr | Spring Hill

### Cotee River Park

Grand Boulevard | New Port Richey

### Eagle Point Park

4499 Straub Memorial Dr | New Port Richey  
727-938-2598

### Elsie Logan Memorial Park

15830 Greenglen Ln | Shady Hills  
727-861-3033

### Frances Avenue Park

5580 Frances Ave | New Port Richey

### Grand Boulevard Park

5708 Riverview Dr | New Port Richey

### J. Ben Harrill Recreation Complex

2830 Gulf Trace Blvd | Holiday

### James Irvin Civic Center

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Martin

Luther King

Bldv | Dade

City

352-521-4166

### Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park

10500 Wilderness Park Blvd  
New Port Richey | 813-929-2760

### John S. Burks Memorial Park

13220 Gene Nelson Blvd | Dade City  
352-521-4252

### Key Vista Nature Park

2700 Baillies Bluff Rd | Holiday  
727-938-2598

### Lake Lisa Park

7021 Maplehurst Dr | Port Richey

### Land O' Lakes Heritage Park

5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd | Land O' Lakes

### Land O' Lakes Recreational Complex

3032 Collier Pkwy | Land O' Lakes

### Middle Lake Park

18620 Townsend House Rd | Dade City

### Moon Lake Park

8985 Lake Dr | New Port Richey

727-856-1793

### Nicks Park

7929 Bayview St | Port Richey



### Oakridge Park

2141 Seven Springs Blvd | New Port Richey

### Odessa Community Park

1627 Chesapeake Dr | Odessa

### Oelsner Park

5218 Miller Bayou Dr | Port Richey

### Historic Oelsner Indian Mound

4930 Sunset Blvd | Port Richey

### Pasco Palms Preserve

4466 Trouble Creek Rd | New Port Richey

727-847-8140

### Pine Hill Park

6220 Pine Hill Rd

| Port Richey |

727-834-3242

### Port Richey

### Waterfront Park

8119 Old Post Rd | Port Richey

### Robert J. Strickland

### Memorial Park

6345 Clark St | Hudson | 727-861-3010

### Robert K. Rees Memorial Park

3503 Green Key Rd | New Port Richey  
727-834-3252

### Samuel Pasco Athletic Park

39835 Chancey Rd | Zephyrhills  
813-788-6900

### San Antonio Athletic Complex & Community Garden

12750 Oak St | San Antonio | 352-521-1255

### Sims Park

Grand Boulevard & Bank St | New Port Richey



### Stanley Park

38724 Mudcat Grant Blvd | Lacombee

352-583-2507

### Starkey Ranch District Park

Lake Blanche Ave | Odessa | 813-929-1229

### Sunwest Park

17362 Old Dixie Hwy | Hudson | 727-569-6472

### Turtle Lake Park

37045 Polite Ave | Trilby

### Veterans Memorial Park

14333 Hicks Rd | Hudson

### W.H. Jack Mitchell Jr. Park

4825 Little Road | New Port Richey  
727-376-5654

### Wesley Chapel District Park

7727 Boyette Rd | Wesley Chapel

### Withlacoochee River Park

12449 Withlacoochee Blvd | Dade City

## BEACHES

*\*please be advised, some beaches charge fees for usage\**

### Anclote River Beach Park

1119 Baillies Bluff Rd | Holiday

### Hudson Beach

6325

Clark St |

Hudson

### Robert

### K. Rees

### Memo-

### rial Park

4835 Green

Key Rd | New

Port Richey



# AREA ATTRACTIONS

## Arts in Motion

13921 7th St | Dade City | 352-834-1246

## Barrington Hill Farm

16117 Lake lola Rd | Dade City | 727-643-6128

## Creekside Events of Florida

16316 Bellamy Brothers Blvd | Dade City | 352-247-7260

## Dade City Garden Club

13630 5th St | Dade City

## Dade City Heritage & Cultural Museum

37800 Church Ave | Dade City | 352-424-5778

## Dade City Raceway

36722 State Rd 52 | Dade City | 813-781-9569

## Dade City Symphony

13925 14th St | Dade City

## Dade City Women's Club

37922 Palm Ave | Dade City | 352-521-0766

## Giraffe Ranch

38650 Mickler Rd | Dade City

## Hardy Trail

37856 Church A | Dade City

## Joy-Lan Drive Inn & Swap Shop

16414 US-301 | Dade City | 352-567-5085

## Kumquat Growers

31647 Gude Rd | Dade City | 352-588-0544

## Out of Our Hands Gallery

14245 7th St | Dade City | 352-437-3204



## Pioneer Florida Museum & Village

15602 Pioneer Museum Rd | Dade City | 352-567-0262

## Scream-A-Geddon Horror Park

27839 St. Joe Rd | Dade City

## Smokehouse Creek Ranch

30232 Darby Rd | Dade City | 813-727-2358

## Snowcat Ridge Alpine Snow Park

27839 St. Joe Rd | Dade City | 813-576-1450

## SunMill Farms

35230 Abbot Charles Rd | Dade City | 352-206-0292

## Sweet Blossom Alpacas

37543 Pappy Rd | Dade City | 813-335-7387

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# Keep Your Pets Safe

## HERE ARE A FEW KEY POINTS TO BE AWARE OF:

- 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.



# FISHING LICENSING

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# 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.

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# 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.**

# ISLAND HOPPING IN PASCO COUNTY



**DURNEY KEY**

Rent a boat & explore some of the nearby islands. Durney Key is uninhabited by humans, and has a beautiful sandy beach. Chillin' out on Durney is a must-do!

You can also charter a boat to the 403-acre Anclote Key Preserve State Park. Hey...

"This place is awesome!"

Although swimming and relaxin' on the beach are the main draws, you also



**ANCLOTE KEY**

don't want to miss the boardwalk and the 1887 lighthouse located on the southern end of the island. It has been (sadly) vandalized over the years, and weathered by Florida's extreme conditions. So, the **FLORIDA PARK SERVICE** and the **GULF ISLAND ALLIANCE** have worked together to (happily) restore this popular landmark. These days: it stands proudly in its original state.



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# Health Benefits of Physical Activity

## Major Research Findings

from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention



- Regular moderate-to-vigorous physical activity reduces the risk of many adverse health outcomes.
- Some physical activity is better than none.
- For most health outcomes, additional benefits occur as the amount of physical activity increases through higher intensity, greater frequency, and/or longer duration.
- Substantial health benefits for adults occur with 150 to 300 minutes a week of moderate-intensity physical activity. Additional benefits occur with more physical activity.
- Both aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity are beneficial.
- Health benefits occur for children and adolescents, young and middle-aged adults, older adults, and those in every studied racial and ethnic group.
- The health benefits of physical activity occur for people with chronic conditions or disabilities.
- The benefits of physical activity generally outweigh the risk of adverse outcomes or injury.

### Guidelines for Adults

- For substantial health benefits, you should do at least 2.5hrs a week of moderate-intensity, or 1.25hrs a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, or a combination of the two activities. Aerobic activity should be performed in episodes of at least 10 minutes, and should be done throughout the week.
- For even better health benefits, adults should increase their aerobic physical activity to 5hrs a week of moderate-intensity, or 2.5hrs a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity, or a combination of the two activities.

### Guidelines for Children and Adolescents

- Children and adolescents should do an hour or more of physical activity daily.
- Aerobic: Most of the hour or more a day should be either moderate- or vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity.
- Muscle-strengthening: As part of their hour or more of daily physical activity, children and adolescents should include muscle-strengthening physical activity on at least 3 days of the week.
- Bone-strengthening: As part of their hour or more of daily physical activity, children and adolescents should include bone-strengthening physical activity on at least 3 days of the week.
- It is important to encourage young people to participate in physical activities that are appropriate for their age, that are enjoyable, and that offer variety.

*Start slowly. Cardiac events, such as a heart attack, are rare during physical activity. But the risk does go up when you suddenly become much more active than usual. For example, you can put yourself at risk if you don't usually get much physical activity and then all of a sudden do vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, like shoveling snow. That's why it's important to start slowly and gradually increase your level of activity.*

## Intensity Examples

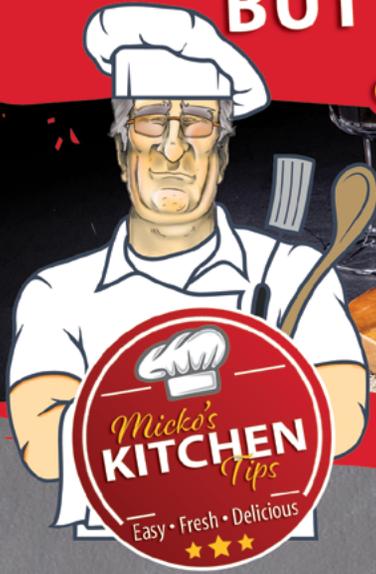
### Moderate Intensity

- Walking briskly (3 mph or faster, but not race-walking)
- Water aerobics
- Bicycling slower than 10mph
- Tennis (doubles)
- Ballroom dancing
- General gardening

### Vigorous Intensity

- Race walking, jogging, running
- Swimming laps
- Tennis (singles)
- Aerobic dancing
- Bicycling 10mph or faster
  - Jumping rope
  - Heavy gardening (continuous digging or hoeing)
- Hiking uphill or with a heavy backpack

# BUTTERED-UP Steak



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

## INGREDIENTS

2 steaks (ribeye or sirloin are good choices)

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 cloves garlic, minced

Fresh herbs (optional)

## INSTRUCTIONS

**1** Take the steaks out of the refrigerator and let them come to room temperature for about 30 minutes. This helps the steak cook more evenly.

**2** Preheat your oven to 400°F.

**3** Season the steaks generously with salt and pepper on both sides.

**4** Heat a large skillet over high heat until very hot. Add the steaks and cook for about 2-3 minutes per side, until nicely browned.

**5** Remove the steaks from the skillet and place them on a baking sheet.

**6** In the same skillet, add the butter and garlic. Cook for about 30 seconds, stirring constantly, until the garlic is fragrant.

**7** Pour the garlic butter over the steaks on the baking sheet.

**8** Place the baking sheet in the oven and cook for about 5-7 minutes for medium-rare doneness, or longer if you prefer your steak more well-done.

**9** Remove the steaks from the oven and let them rest for a few minutes before slicing.

**10** Serve the steak with any remaining butter from the baking sheet and fresh herbs if desired.



## BARBECUE DO'S:

- use proper barbecue equipment and tools, such as a grill, tongs, and spatulas.
- preheat your grill before placing any food on it.
- marinate your meat before cooking to enhance the flavor.
- keep a close eye on your food while grilling to prevent overcooking or burning.
- use a meat thermometer to ensure that your meat is cooked to the correct internal temperature.
- let your meat rest for a few minutes before slicing or serving to allow the juices to redistribute.
- keep your grill and utensils clean to prevent any foodborne illness.

## BARBECUE DON'TS:

- use lighter fluid to start your grill. Instead, use a chimney starter or electric starter.
- overcrowd your grill. Leave enough space between the pieces of meat to ensure even cooking.
- use a fork to flip your meat. Piercing the meat can cause it to lose its juices and become dry.
- baste your meat with sugary sauces too early in the cooking process, as it can burn and create a bitter taste.
- leave cooked meat out in the sun for too long, as it can spoil quickly.
- assume that meat is fully cooked by its color. Always use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature.
- leave your grill unattended while it's still hot. Always make sure to properly cool it down before leaving it.

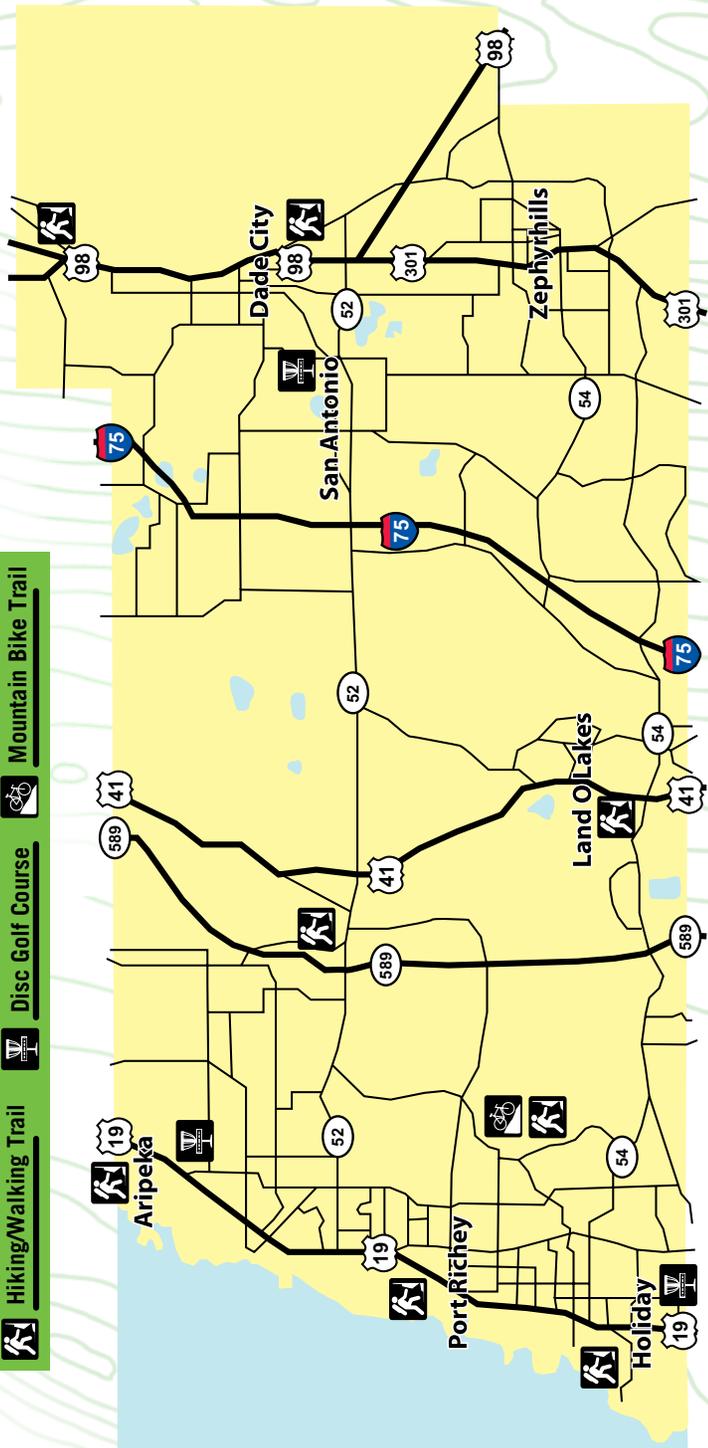


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# HURRICANE SAFETY

## Top Five Tips



### 1. STAY INFORMED

### 2. SECURE YOUR HOME

### 3. FOLLOW EVACUATION ORDERS & GUIDELINES

### 4. EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

### 5. EVACUATION PLANNING

If authorities issue evacuation orders, follow them promptly. Delaying evacuation can put your life and the lives of emergency responders at risk. They have the most up-to-date information on the storm and can provide guidance on the safest course of action. Remember that each hurricane is unique, so it's essential to stay informed and adapt your plans accordingly. Preparedness and early action are key to minimizing risks and ensuring the safety of yourself and your loved ones during a hurricane.

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# Beach Flag WARNING COLORS

**Beach flags are commonly used to communicate important information to beachgoers. The color-coded flag system may vary slightly from one location to another, but the following are commonly recognized color meanings:**

**Blue Flag:** This flag is used to signify that lifeguards are on duty and that the area is being actively monitored for safety.

**Green Flag:** Indicates that it is safe to swim. The water conditions are generally calm, & there is a low risk of hazards such as strong currents or high waves.

**Yellow Flag:** Caution is advised. This flag suggests that there may be some hazards present, such as moderate surf or currents.

**Red Flag:** A red flag indicates high hazards & potentially dangerous water conditions. It is a warning that strong currents, high surf, or other dangers are present. It is advised to stay out of the water.

**Double Red Flags:** This is a more severe warning, & it typically means that the beach is closed to the public. Dangerous conditions, such as strong rip currents or severe weather, pose a significant threat.

**Purple Flag:** This flag is used to indicate the presence of dangerous marine life, such as sharks or jellyfish. It is advised to exercise caution.



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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

### Dade City Dog Park

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**Composting:** Decreases the amount of trash in landfills and reduces carbon emissions.

**Plant Trees:** Planting trees is a classic Earth Day activity.

**Local Food:** Buy local sustainable food.

**Clean-Up Events:** Organize or participate in local clean-up efforts.

**Upcycle Crafts:** Get creative by turning old items into new useful objects.



...and support the community you live in!