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Local Area Events

JANUARY

BCF'S Dogs & Donuts - Belleair Bluffs
Downtown Dunedin Art Festival - Dunedin
Dunedin Food Tour
East Lake Party Night
Concert Series in the Breezeway - Largo
Touch-a-Truck & STEM Fest - Largo
Annual John's Pass Seafood Festival - Madeira Beach
Movies in the Park (Year round)- Pinellas Park
Free Grocery Distribution Event (Year Round) - St. Petersburg
Festivals of Speed - St. Petersburg
St. Pete Black History Bike Tours (Jan-Mar)
Tarpon Springs Epiphany
Kite Festival - Treasure Island

FEBRUARY

Community Wide Garage Sale - Belleair Beach
Rumble 4 Car Show - Belleair Beach
City Wide Garage Sales - Belleair Bluffs
Clearwater Sea Blues Festival
Mardi-Gras Celebration - Dunedin
WinterFest - Indian Rocks Beach
Center Stage Concert Series (Feb- Mar) - Largo
Concert Series on the Breezeway - Largo
Glam Run 5K - Palm Harbor
Palm Harbor Greek Food Festival
DTP Music Festival - Pinellas Park
Pinellas Medieval Fair
Art & Seafood on the Waterfront - Safety Harbor
Food Truck Rally - Seminole
St. Petersburg Celebration of Fine Arts
St. Petersburg LOCALTOPIA
SOULJazzLIFE Music Festival - St. Pete Beach
Fire Rescue Chili Cook-Off - Treasure Island

MARCH

Annual Sunset 5K & Fun Run - Belleair Beach
BCF's Pocket Park Concert - Belleair Beach
Country in the Park - Pinellas Park
Reggae RiseUp - St. Petersburg
Firestone Grand Prix - St. Petersburg

MARCH (Contd)

GreenFest & Great American CleanUp - Indian Rocks Beach
St. Patrick's Day Festival - Indian Rocks Beach
Shamrock 'N Run- Largo
Annual VALSPAR Championship - Palm Harbor
Reggae RISE UP - St. Petersburg
Annual Sunset Beach Bonfire - Treasure Island
Isle Of Palms Yard Sale - Treasure Island

APRIL

Springfest & Arbor Day Celebration - Belleair Beach
Market in the Bluffs - Belleair Bluffs
Highland Games & Festival - Dunedin
Arbor Day Celebration - GulfPort
Operation Medicine Cabinet - Pinellas Park
Pier60 Sugar Sand Festival - Clearwater, Largo & Indian Rocks Beach
Playcon gaming & Comic Convention - Largo
Night Moves Charity Golf Classic - Palm Harbor
3rd Friday Street Celebration - Safety Harbor
Safety Harbor SongFest
Brighter Days 5K- Tarpon Springs
BeachFest in IRB - Indian Rocks Beach
Easter in IRB - Indian Rocks Beach
Mainsail Art Festival - Indian Rocks Beach
Searchlight Scavenger Hunt (Apr-Jul) - St. Petersburg
Corey Area Craft Festival - St. Pete Beach
Gulf Beaches Rotary Easter Egg Hunt - Treasure Island
Salute American Legion Car & Truck Show & Benefit - Treasure Island

MAY

Pickleball Tournament - Belleair Beach
Mayors Golf Tournament- Largo
Spring Showcase - Palm Harbor
Rock Around The Clock - Treasure Island

JUNE

Dunedin PRIDE Golf Tournament
Back to School Drive (Jun-Aug) - Belleair Bluffs
InkMania Expo - St. Petersburg
St. Petersburg PRIDE
Flag Day - Indian Rocks Beach

JULY

Orange Festival - Dunedin
East Lake Fire Rescue HOSE DOWN
Annual Sunrise Sale - St. Petersburg
Suncoast Ladies Classic Fishing Tournament - St. Petersburg
Independence Day Celebrations / Fireworks - St. Pete Pier & County Wide

AUGUST

BCF & The Rec's Sip-N-Slide - Belleair Beach
End of Summer PickleBall Tournament- Belleair Beach
Pinellas Farmers & Flea Market - Clearwater
Annual Orchid Auction - Seminole
National Night Out - Pinellas Park & Area Wide
Charity Bath Day (benefits Pet Pal Animal Shelter) - St. Petersburg

SEPTEMBER

Clearwater Off-Shore Nationals
Stargazers - Oldsmar
Annual Palm Harbor Museum Presents:
Annual Music in the Park Series (Sept-Oct) - Seminole
Doggy Derby - Seminole
I Like it Hot Festival - St. Petersburg

OCTOBER

Halloween Bash - Belleair Beach
Skeleton Trail - Belleair Beach
Autumn Craft Show - Clearwater
Greek Festival - Clearwater
Halloween Spooktacular at CMA - Clearwater
Jazz Holiday - Clearwater
Seafood Fest - Dunedin
A Night in Italy - Gulfport
FL Coastal Clean-up - Indian Rocks Beach
Hallowfest - Indian Rocks Beach
Oktoberfest- Indian Rocks Beach
Annual Pumpkinfest at the Botanical Gardens - Largo
Florida FlowFest - Largo
Halloween Costume Line Dance Party - Largo
Trick or Treat Trail - Largo
Trick or Treat in John's Pass Village- Madeira Beach
Haunted Happenings - Oldsmar

OCTOBER (Contd)

Oktoberfest - Oldsmar
Treat Trail - Pinellas Park
Jazz on the Waterfront - Safety Harbor
Field of Screams - Seminole
Boo Bash - St. Petersburg & Largo
Fall Festival - St. Petersburg
Pumpkin Patch at St. Pete Pier - St. Petersburg
Pups & Pumpkins - St. Petersburg
Roser Park Ghost Tours & Halloween Block Party - St. Petersburg
SerbFest - St. Petersburg
SHINE St. Pete Mural Festival - St. Petersburg
Annual Halloween Pet Parade - St. Pete Beach
Trunk or Treat - St. Pete Beach
Upham Beach Clean-Up - St. Pete Beach
Block Party - Tarpon Springs
Outdoor Music FEst - Tarpon Springs
Witches, Warlocks & Wine Halloween Party - Tarpon Springs
Barktoberfest - Treasure Island
Halloween Trick or Treat Trail - Treasure Island
Spring It On - Treasure Island
Halloween Hustle 5K - Treasure Island & Madeira Beach

NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving Adopt A Family - Belleair Beach
Annual Holiday Tree Lighting - Belleair Bluffs
City Wide Garage Sales - Belleair Bluffs
Freedom Fest - Clearwater
St. Pete Bike Fest - Clearwater
Celtic Fest - Dunedin
Craft Beer Fest - Dunedin
Downtown Dunedin Craft Fest
Dunedin Wines the Blues
Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair - Indian Rocks Beach
Taste of IRB - Indian Rocks Beach
Annual Artsventure / The Arts Party - Largo
Concert Series on the Breezeway - Largo
Christmas Craft Sale - Largo
Largo Historical Society Museum Open House
Holiday Lights, Ferris Wheel & Carousel in Largo Central Park

Local Area Events

NOVEMBER (Contd)

Movies In the Park - Largo
 Veterans Day Ceremony & Celebration - Largo
 Annual Fall King of the Beach Festival & Tournament - Madeira Beach
 Pinellas County Fair & Rodeo - Pinellas Park
 Wine Festival - Safety Harbor
 Holiday Craft Fair - Seminole
 Holiday Tree Lighting - South Pasadena
 Annual Fall Suncoast Kingfish Classic - St. Petersburg
 Annual Thanksgiving Arts & Crafts Fest - St. Petersburg
 Enchant Event (Nov-Dec) - St. Petersburg
 Rise Up Concert Series (Nov-Jan) - St. Petersburg
 Savor St. Pete Festival - St. Petersburg
 Shopapalooza Festival - St. Petersburg
 St. Pete Black History Bike Tours (Nov-Dec) - St. Petersburg
 St. Pete Run Fest - St. Petersburg
 Annual SeafoodFest - Tarpon Springs
 End of Season Party - Tarpon Springs
 Holiday Shopping Extravaganza - Tarpon Springs
 Illuminated Boat Parade - Tarpon Springs
 Thanksgiving Arts & Crafts Festival - Tarpon Springs
 Annual Sanding Ovations Masters Cup - Treasure Island

DECEMBER

BCF's Christmas in Doyle Park - Belleair Beach
 Holiday Parade & Party - Belleair Beach
 Clearwater Yacht Club Annual Holiday Boat Parade
 Christmas Tree Lighting - Indian Rocks Beach
 Christmas Street Parade - Indian Rocks Beach
 Lighted Boat Parade - Indian Rocks Beach,
 South Pasadena & Treasure Island
 Rotary Tennis & Golf Challenge - 2024 TBD
 Annual Very Merry Christmas Party - Largo
 Holiday Tree Lighting & Stroll - Largo
 NOON Year Celebration - Largo
 Merry Beach Market Holiday Festival - Madeira Beach
 Holiday Parade - Pinellas Park
 Pars4Paws Charity Golf Scramble - Tarpon Springs
 Holiday Parade - Safety Harbor
 Kiwanis Arts & Crafts Show - Safety Harbor
 Breakfast with Santa - Seminole
 Waterless Holiday Boat Parade - Seminole
 Winterfest - Seminole
 NUTCRACKER! Magical Christmas Ballet - St. Petersburg

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Board of County Commissioners.....	727-464-3377
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Community Development.....	727-464-8210
County Administrator.....	727-464-3485
County Attorney.....	727-464-3354
County Extension.....	727-582-2100
Economic Development.....	727-464-7332
Emergencies.....	911
Emergency Management.....	727-464-3800 TDD-727-464-4431
Health Department.....	Clearwater-727-469-5800 St. Petersburg-727-824-6900
Housing & Community Development.....	727-464-8200
Human Resources.....	727-464-3367 TDD-727-464-4063
Human Services.....	727-464-4200
Parks & conservation Resources.....	727-582-2100
Pinellas County Jail.....	727-464-6415
Pinellas County Justice Center.....	727-464-7000
Public Works-Road Issues & Maintenance.....	727-464-8900
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State Attorney.....	727-464-6221
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When Europeans first reached the Pinellas peninsula, the Tampa Bay area was inhabited by people of the Safety Harbor culture. There were various chiefdoms in the Safety Harbor cultural region. The Tocobaga, who resided at the Safety Harbor location overlooking the bay, built a village and a huge temple mound there, were one known chiefdom in what is now Pinellas County. The contemporary location is preserved and accessible as a part of Philippe Park in the County.

The Pinellas peninsula (formerly called West Hillsborough) and a large portion of west central Florida were formed as Hillsborough County in 1834. The very next year, Odet Philippe, a French Huguenot from Charleston, South Carolina, constructed a plantation close to the location of the Tocobaga town at Safety Harbor, making him the first permanent non-native resident of the peninsula. Philippe was the one who originally brought cigar-making and citrus farming to Florida.

The most current census has the population of Pinellas County at 959,107. Making it the most densely populated county in the state as well as the 7th most populous.

Cities

- Belleair Beach - 1,560
- Oldsmar - 13,591
- Belleair Bluffs - 2,031
- Pinellas Park - 53,093
- Clearwater - County Seat - 117,292
- Safety Harbor - 16,884
- Dunedin - 35,962
- Seminole - 17,233
- Gulfport - 12,029
- South Pasadena - 4,964
- Indian Rocks Beach - 4,113
- St. Petersburg - 244,769
- Largo - 82,500
- St. Pete Beach - 9,346
- Madeira Beach - 4,263
- Tarpon Springs - 23,848
- Treasure Island - 6,705

Towns

- Belleair - 3,869
- North Redington Beach - 1,417
- Belleair Shore - 109
- Redington Beach - 1,427
- Indian Shores - 1,420
- Redington Shores - 2,121
- Kenneth City - 4,980
- Census Designated Places**
- Bardmoor - 9,732
- Lealman - 19,879
- Bay Pines - 2,931
- Palm Harbor - 61,366
- Bear Creek - 1,948
- Ridgecrest - 2,558
- East Lake - 32,344
- South Highpoint - 5,195
- Feather Sound - 3,420
- Tierra Verde - 3,721

Greenbriar - 2,502 West Lealman - 15,651

Harbor Bluffs - 2,860

Other unincorporated communities

- Baskin*
- Clearwater Beach Ozona*
- Crystal Beach St. George*
- Curlew Seminole Park*
- Gandy Wall Springs*
- Highpoint Walsingham*
- Innisbrook*
- Oakhurst*

**Populations are approximate.*

CLEARWATER (COUNTY SEAT)

Clearwater is located in Pinellas County, Florida, United States, west of Tampa and north of St. Petersburg. 117,292 people called the city home as of the 2020 Census. The smallest of the three major cities in the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater metropolitan area, sometimes known as the Tampa Bay Area, Clearwater serves as the county seat of Pinellas County. The Tocobaga people originally lived in Clearwater. Fort Harrison, named for William Henry Harrison, was built by the American Army as an outpost during the Seminole Wars starting around 1835. The fort was situated on a bluff with a view of Clearwater Harbor. Following the Federal Armed Occupation Act of 1842, which provided 160 acres (0.65 km²) to anyone willing to farm the land and wield arms, the region's population increased. Early land claimants and farmers included the families of Stevens, Stevenson, Sever, and McMullen. The region was formerly known as Clear Water Harbor before 1906. It is believed that a fresh water spring that was close to where the current City Hall structure is now is whence the term "Clear Water" originated. On the bluff, there were numerous other freshwater springs, many of which were located in the harbor or bay. In 1962, the area was examined by archaeologists from the University of South Florida when Mark Wylie found an underground ammo bunker while he was planting a tree in his yard.

EAST LAKE

East Lake is a US census-designated place (CDP) located in Pinellas County, Florida. It was among the last parts of the heavily populated county to grow, and people frequently mistake it for East Lake in Hillsborough County. The area around East Lake includes natural preserves and conservation areas. There has been a focus on preserving the natural environment and promoting environmental awareness. Today, East Lake is known for its residential character, recreational opportunities, and proximity to the natural beauty of Florida's Gulf Coast. The community has evolved from its agricultural roots into a suburban area that attracts residents seeking a balance between nature and suburban amenities. In 2020, there were 32,344 people living there.

LARGO

Largo is the fourth-largest city in the Tampa Bay area and the third-largest in Pinellas County, Florida. The city had 82,500 residents as of the 2020 Census, an increase from 69,371 in 2000. 1905 saw the incorporation of Largo. It adopted a council-manager system of administration in 1913, making it the first municipality in Pinellas County to do so. It alternated between "town" and "city" a few occasions until reverting to that designation in 1974. Up until the 1960s, it exported agricultural goods before population growth started to turn it into a bedroom community. In 1905, the Town of Largo became a legal entity. To create room for expansion and development, Lake Largo was drained in 1916. Largo's population expanded by roughly 500% between 1910 and 1930. Largo's economy was built on agriculture at the time and for many years later, including citrus groves, cattle ranches, hog farms, turpentine stills, and sawmills. From its heyday as a citrus packing, canning, and shipping hub, Largo is best known as "Citrus City." Largo struggled during the Great Depression because it lacked the money to fulfill its responsibilities. Largo returned to its 1913 charter and limits.

PALM HARBOR

Palm Harbor was largely uninhabited until the 1860s, when settlers began to arrive. Due to the Curlew Methodist Church and the Curlew Pioneer Cemetery, which were built in 1869, the area came to be known as "Curlew". In 1878, "Bay St. Joseph" post office opened. Henry B. Plant first opened the San Marino Hotel in 1881; it would later change its name to Palm Harbor in 1885. After purchasing land in the Curlew/Bay St. Joseph region, the Sutherland Improvement Company developed it into the Sutherland settlement. The Sutherland Post Office first opened in 1888. In 1890, Sutherland was connected to the Orange Belt Railway. In 1925, Palm Harbor was adopted as the new name. Sutherland was home to two exquisite hotels; in 1902, the larger of them became Southern College. There were 61,366 people living in the CDP as of the 2020 census.

PINELLAS PARK

The Florida town of Pinellas Park is situated in the county's center. In 2020, there were 53,093 people living there. The city is Pinellas County's fourth-largest city. In 1914, the city was incorporated. Publisher F. A. Davis of Philadelphia built the city after buying 12,800 acres of Hamilton Disston's land in the early 1911s. With the help of promotional leaflets, Davies attempted to entice people from the north, particularly Pennsylvanians, to the town by highlighting the good winter weather and favorable agricultural prospects. The Florida Association, a business, offered a free city lot in exchange for the purchase of 10 acres of neighboring farmland and set up model farms. The Colony House, a two-story structure, was built to house potential buyers of the available farm plots. The founders planned to grow sugar cane as the main crop on the farms they built. In the city, lots were being auctioned independently by 1912. On October 14, 1914, the City of Pinellas Park was formally incorporated.

ST. PETERSBURG

St. Petersburg is a city in Florida's Pinellas County. With a population of 258,308, it was the fifth-most populated city in Florida and the second-largest in the Tampa Bay Area, behind Tampa. It is the state's biggest city that is not a county seat. Together with Clearwater, these cities make up the second-largest metropolitan statistical area in Florida, Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, which has a population of about 2.8 million. St. Petersburg is located on the Pinellas peninsula, which connects to the rest of Florida to the north, between Tampa Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. John C. Williams, previously of Detroit, who bought the site in 1875, and Peter Demens, who played a key role in bringing the Orange Belt Railway terminus there in 1888, are credited with co-founding the city. On February 29, 1892, St. Petersburg had 300 residents when it was founded as a town.

HONEY Glazed CHICKEN



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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2 In a small bowl, whisk together the honey, soy sauce, olive oil, apple cider vinegar, garlic, salt, and pepper.
- 3 Place the chicken breasts in a baking dish and pour the honey glaze over the chicken, making sure it's evenly coated.
- 4 Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the center.
- 5 After 15 minutes of baking, remove the chicken from the oven and brush the remaining honey glaze over the chicken. Return the chicken to the oven and continue baking.
- 6 Once done, remove from the oven and let rest for a few minutes before serving.
- 7 You can garnish with sesame seeds and chopped green onions if you like.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- Salt and pepper to taste

Enjoy your delicious
honey glazed chicken!

PREP: 10 MIN • TOTAL: 40 MIN

10 Tips for Green Thumb GARDENING

Don't like all the dirt in your fingernails while you work in the garden? Before you go out, run your fingernails across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the undersides of your nails so dirt cannot accumulate. Then, after you are all done gardening, use a toothpick or nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparkling clean.



Spray vegetable oil on your string trimmer to help prevent jamming or breaking (Treat before installing string in trimmer).

2.



Make a convenient measuring tool out of a long handled garden tool by laying it on the ground next to a tape measure. Use a permanent marker to copy the inches and feet. Next time you are spacing plants you already have a dual-purpose measuring tool in your hand!

Write the names of your plants (With a permanent marker) on the flat parts of stones of any size and lay them in front of your plants for natural looking markers.



The next time you boil or steam vegetables, use the leftover water to water potted patio plants, and you'll be surprised at how the plants grow with "vege-soup."

You can use leftover tea and coffee grounds to help acidify the soil of acid-loving plants like azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and blueberries. A light sprinkle of about 1/4 of an inch applied once a month will help keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side.



You can use chamomile tea to control damping-off fungus, which often attacks young seedlings quite suddenly. Just add some tea to the soil around the soil of seedlings once a week for healthy plant.

Here is a really quick way to dry out your herbs: Just lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange the herbs in a single layer, then roll up the windows and shut the car doors. Your herbs will be dry in no time!



Use your blender to grind up egg shells. Just like a mother bird chews up worms for the baby birds making the food easier to digest, grinding eggshells makes it easy for your garden to absorb the calcium egg shells retain.

Animals (cats especially) seem to think all of the hard work you've put into your garden looks like a huge litter box. To keep them from pooping on your basil and other plants, strategically place a few plastic forks around your plants to deter them from destroying your fresh herbs, fruits, and vegetables.



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Parks & Recreation

A.L. ANDERSON PARK

39699 U.S. 19 | Tarpon Springs
135 acres make up Tarpon Springs' A.L. Anderson Park, which is tucked away off U.S. 19. This park offers scenic views of Salmon Bay and Lake Tarpon, woodland places for exploring, and cypress trees along the trail's edge.

BOCA CIEGA MILLENNIUM PARK

12410 74th Ave. North | Seminole
The Pinellas Trail leads to the 186-acre Boca Ciega Millennium Park in Seminole. An observation tower in this park offers sweeping views of Boca Ciega Bay. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation has designated the park as a stop along the "Great Florida Birding Trail." Pine flatwoods, coastal oaks, hammocks, mangrove swamps, salt marshes, bay heads, and wetlands are some of the park's further highlights.

BROOKER CREEK PRESERVE

3940 Keystone Rd. | Tarpon Springs
At around 8,700 acres, Brooker Creek Preserve is a sizable conservation area in Pinellas County's northeast, where it manages the area's natural resources-including safeguarding its supply of potable water.

EAGLE LAKE PARK

1800 Keene Rd. | Largo
In the center of Largo, on 162 acres, sits Eagle Lake Park. A wetlands area has been restored in this park using local plants. Numerous amenities have a citrus grove theme in keeping with the area's history of citrus farming.

FLORIDA BOTANICAL GARDENS

12520 Ulmerton Rd. | Largo
The Florida Botanical Gardens' 150 acres of formal gardens, picturesque landscapes, and native habitats allow visitors to fully appreciate Florida's natural beauty while strolling through them.

FORT DE SOTO PARK

3500 Pinellas Bayway South | Tierra Verde
With 1,136 acres made up of five interconnecting islands (keys), Fort De Soto Park is the largest park in the Pinellas County Park System. Numerous native flora, including beach plants, mangroves, wetlands, palm hammocks, and hardwoods, can be found on these keys. Each of these species is essential to maintaining and safeguarding the natural world.

FRED HOWARD PARK

1700 Sunset Dr. | Tarpon Springs
Off the coast of the Gulf of Mexico near Tarpon Springs is 155 acres of park and beach known as Fred Howard Park. The park is connected by a 1-mile causeway to a white-sand beach where you may swim and watch the sun set. Wildlife including eagles, gopher tortoises, and fox squirrels have homes in this park.

HERITAGE VILLAGE

11909 125th St. | Largo

JOHN CHESNUT SR. PARK

2200 East Lake Rd. South | Palm Harbor
The 255-acre John Chesnut Sr. Park in Palm Harbor is home to a number of nature paths and is situated next to Lake Tarpon. Combustion engine boats can fit in Lake Tarpon. The wildlife in this park is diverse. The canoe trail connects an internal lake to a landlocked body of water, however it is only accessible to non-combustion motors.

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JOHN S. TAYLOR PARK

1100 8th Avenue Southwest | Largo

The 53-acre freshwater lake is located near to the 156.5-acre John S. Taylor Park in Largo, which also links to the Pinellas Trail. The park has a whole disc golf course, a shell route lined with trees, and a lake where boats can be rented for fishing.

LAKE SEMINOLE PARK

10015 Park Boulevard North | Seminole

The 258 acres of Lake Seminole Park in Seminole are designated as a wildlife sanctuary and habitat. Raccoons, alligators, hawks, eagles, turtles, and other animals live in the park. The park offers swings and benches that are positioned to overlook the lake.

MOBBLY BAYOU PRESERVE

423 Lafayette Boulevard | Oldsmar

The preserve, which is located at the northern tip of Upper Tampa Bay, protects a wide variety of highland and coastal plant habitats. Together with the city of Oldsmar, which is in charge of two recreational areas, the 396-acre preserve is managed.

PHILIPPE PARK

2525 Philippe Parkway | Safety Harbor

92 acres of Philippe Park are steeped in history. This park, which is in Safety Harbor, is the oldest in Pinellas County. Visitors are welcomed to the park by the enormous shade trees and the Native American mound. The Tocobaga tribe of Native Americans constructed the Temple Mound. It is designated on the National Register of Historic Landmarks and is the largest extant mound in the Tampa Bay area.

PINEWOOD CULTURAL PARK

12520 Ulmerton Rd. | Largo

RIDGECREST PARK

12000 Ulmerton Rd. | Largo

The 23-acre Ridgecrest Park is tucked away in Largo's Ridgecrest district next to a 5-acre freshwater lake. For outdoor entertainment, this park has a playground and a ball field.

SAND KEY PARK

1060 Gulf Boulevard | Clearwater

In Clearwater, 95 acres of Sand Key Park contain two separate beach and park areas. Sea turtles nest on this park's white sand beach from April to October, and there are seasonal lifeguards on duty. Additionally, the park has benches where visitors can see the salt marsh that supports the local animals.

SAWGRASS LAKE PARK

7400 25th Street North | St. Petersburg

Sawgrass Lake Park, a 400-acre area in the Lealman neighborhood of unincorporated Pinellas County, is the outcome of a special cooperative arrangement between Pinellas County Parks & Conservation Resources and the Southwest Florida Water Management District. One of the biggest maple swamps on the Gulf Coast may be found at this park, where visitors can observe a wide range of species. During the spring and fall migration seasons, the park is visited by thousands of birds. Inside the park, fishing is not permitted.

SHELL KEY PRESERVE

2187 Oceanview Drive | Tierra Verde

Sensitive marine habitats are protected on this 1,800-acre preserve. Shell Key, one of the county's largest uninhabited barrier islands, as well as numerous mangrove islands and extensive seagrass meadows are all part of it. Shell Key is a key study area for shorebird species and one of the state's most significant locations for shorebird breeding and wintering. It serves as a significant recreation hub as well. It is easier to balance both usage by limiting access to the island's northern and southern ends. The public cannot access a key conservation area. Activities like boating, camping, and beachgoing are allowed in the preserve's open spaces. There are no restroom facilities available. Fort De Soto Park has the closest boat ramps, trailer parking, and restrooms.

WALL SPRINGS PARK

3725 Desoto Boulevard | Palm Harbor

The Pinellas Trail in Palm Harbor is connected to the 210-acre Wall Springs Park in Palm Harbor. This park offers a boardwalk and observation area of the natural spring that was formerly utilized as a spa and swimming area. A 35-foot observation tower is also available for viewing the Gulf of Mexico. A picnic shelter, facilities, parking, an elevated observation platform, paved and unpaved pathways, and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk connecting Alt. U.S. 19 to the park are all included in the Wall Springs Coastal Addition, which was added to the park.

WALSINGHAM PARK

12615 102nd Ave. | Seminole

Largo's 354-acre Walsingham Park has a 100-acre lake. There are two entrances to this park: one on 102nd Avenue N and one on Walsingham Road. The park also has a playground, a workout center, and a 6-mile walk.

WAR VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK

9600 Bay Pines Boulevard | St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg's War Veterans' Memorial Park spans 112 acres. The centerpiece of this park is a manicured Memorial Center with five plaques honoring each of the United States military branches with official flags. The Battlefield Cross, Sundial, and Army Tank are further features of this park. The park offers numerous shady spots from which to overlook Boca Ciega Bay.

WEEDON ISLAND PRESERVE

1800 Weedon Drive Northeast | St. Petersburg

North of St. Petersburg in Tampa Bay, Weedon Island Preserve is a sizable 3,000-acre natural area. With some uplands, it is largely made up of maritime environments. Indigenous peoples have inhabited this area for thousands of years, including those who lived during the "Weeden" (alternative spelling) Island Cultural Period.

**Some parks have fees. Check online for prices.
<https://pinellas.gov/parks>*

BOYD HILL NATURE PRESERVE

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SPLASH HARBOR WATER PARK

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WILDLIFE ART**

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Central Ave

Central Avenue in St. Petersburg, Florida, is a vibrant and bustling street that offers a unique blend of culture, history, and entertainment. As you walk down Central Ave, you will be immersed in a lively atmosphere filled with trendy shops, art galleries, and delicious eateries. The street is lined with colorful buildings adorned with stunning murals, adding a touch of creativity and charm to the surroundings. Central Avenue is not only a hub for local businesses but also a cultural hotspot, hosting various events and festivals throughout the year. Whether you're interested in browsing through boutique stores, admiring local artwork, or indulging in mouthwatering cuisine, Central Avenue has something for everyone. As you stroll along this vibrant street, you'll also find yourself captivated by the eclectic mix of people, creating a sense of community and camaraderie. Venture off Central Avenue and explore the nearby waterfront parks or catch a concert at the renowned Jannus Live, adding an extra dimension of entertainment to your visit. Central Avenue truly embodies the soul of St. Petersburg, offering a dynamic and unforgettable experience for locals and visitors alike.



You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses online <https://myfwc.com>, or call Fishing 888-347-4356, Hunting 888-486-8356 or visit one of the FWC agents available throughout the area:

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
 620 s. meridian st. | tallahassee
 (850) 488-4676 - myfwc.com

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 Clearwater | (727) 464-7777

Pinellas TC - Gulf to Bay
 1663 Gulf to Bay Blvd
 Clearwater | (727) 464-5600

Clearwater Bait & Tackle
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Top Five Tips



1. STAY INFORMED

2. SECURE YOUR HOME

3. FOLLOW EVACUATION ORDERS & GUIDELINES

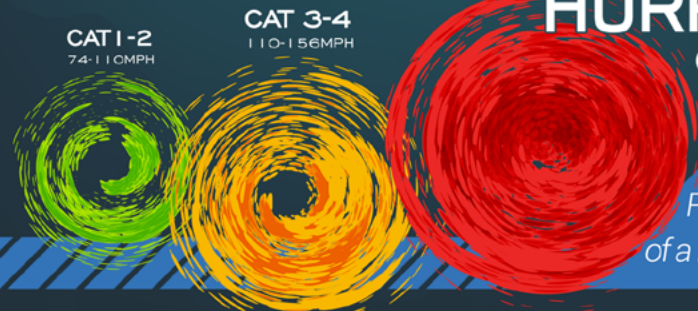
4. EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

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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ALLIGATORS are in Florida's lakes, rivers, streams, brooks, & canals. Sometimes they are found in people's swimming pools! So, watch-out: They like to eat small mammals.

St. Petersburg, Florida boasts a vast and thriving art scene that captivates both locals & visitors alike. With its numerous art galleries, museums, and outdoor installations, the city has become a haven for artists and art enthusiasts. The iconic Salvador Dalí Museum, located on the downtown waterfront, houses the largest collection of Dalí's works outside of Spain and showcases his surrealist masterpieces.

Art Scene St. Pete



The Ocean Blue Museum, and The Imagine Museum are two more examples of Saint Petersburg's world-class art institutions. The city's vibrant mural scene adds a unique touch to its streets, with colorful and larger-than-life artworks adorning buildings and alleyways. Additionally, the monthly ArtWalk event, held every second Saturday, allows visitors to explore the city's diverse art galleries and studios, providing an opportunity to meet and connect with local artists. Saint Petersburg's commitment to fostering creativity and nurturing its art community has truly made it a haven for art lovers from all walks of life.

SATURDAY MORNING Market

Artisans and craftsmen proudly display their handmade jewelry, pottery, and artwork, showcasing the rich artistic culture of the city.



Live music performances add to the vibrant atmosphere, creating a lively backdrop as you explore the rows of vendors. Whether you're in search of a delectable breakfast treat, a one-of-a-kind souvenir, or simply a vibrant and enjoyable morning, the St. Petersburg Florida Saturday Morning Market is the perfect destination. (Location: Al Lang Stadium, 230 1st St. NE).

The St. Petersburg Florida Saturday Morning Market is a vivacious and bustling gathering that perfectly captures the essence of this eclectic and lively city. Every Saturday, locals and tourists alike flock to this open-air market to indulge in a plethora of delicious food, unique crafts, and lively entertainment. As you walk through the market, the aroma of freshly brewed coffee, sizzling street food, and freshly baked pastries fills the air, enticing your senses. From organic fruits and vegetables to locally sourced honey and homemade jams, the market offers a diverse selection of fresh and organic produce. (www.saturdaymorningmarket.com).



Adopting a dog

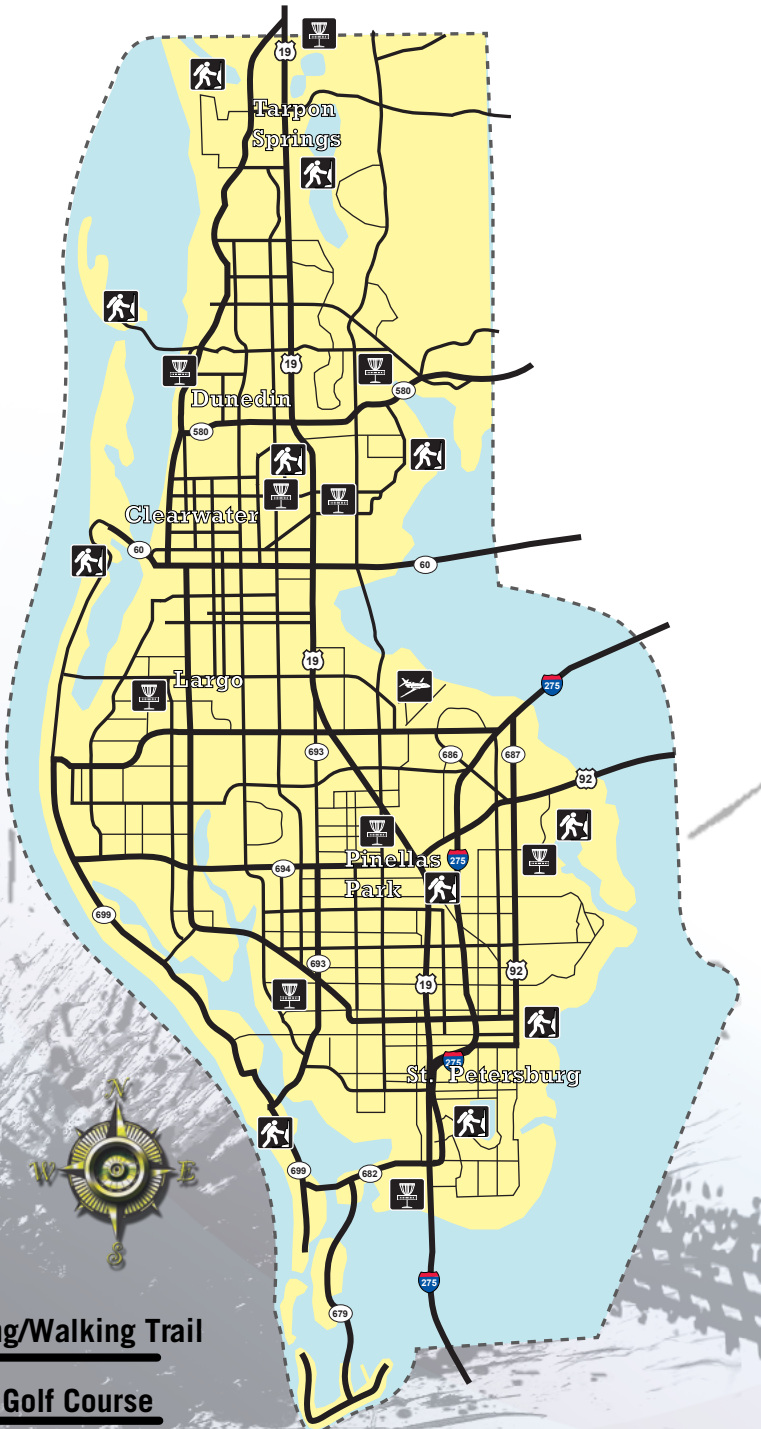
So, You want to adopt a dog... BUT WHAT BREED? If the breed is important to you, please consider the following.

- **Lifestyle Assessment:** Consider your lifestyle and daily routine. Different dog breeds have varying exercise needs, energy levels, and temperament. If you lead an active lifestyle and enjoy outdoor activities, a more energetic breed might be a good fit. If you prefer a more laid-back lifestyle, a calmer breed might be more suitable.
- **Living Space:** Assess your living space. If you live in a small apartment or have limited outdoor space, a smaller or low-energy breed might be more appropriate. Larger and more active breeds might require more space and access to a yard for exercise.
- **Allergies:** Consider any allergies that you or your family members might have. Some dog breeds are more hypoallergenic and produce fewer allergens, making them better choices for allergy sufferers.
- **Time Commitment:** Evaluate the time you can dedicate to training, grooming, and general care. Some breeds require more training and grooming, while others are relatively low-maintenance.
- **Family and Children:** If you have young children or other pets, look for breeds known for their compatibility with kids and other animals. Some breeds are more patient and gentle, making them better companions for families.
- **Temperament and Personality:** Research the typical temperament and personality traits of different breeds. Some breeds are more independent, while others are highly affectionate and crave attention. Consider what type of personality would best complement your own.



- **Health Considerations:** Some breeds are more prone to certain health issues. Research the common health concerns for the breeds you are interested in and be prepared for potential medical expenses.
- **Rescue or Purebred:** Decide if you want to adopt a dog from a shelter or rescue organization or if you prefer a specific purebred dog. Both options have their merits, and there are wonderful dogs available in both categories.
- **Meet the Breed:** If possible, spend time with dogs of the breeds you are considering. Attend dog shows or local events where you can interact with different breeds and get a sense of their personalities.
- **Talk to Experts:** Consult with veterinarians, breeders, or experienced dog owners to gather insights into specific breeds. They can provide valuable information about breed characteristics, care requirements, and potential challenges.
- **Consider Adoption:** Keep in mind that adopting a mixed-breed dog or a dog from a shelter can be incredibly rewarding. Mixed-breed dogs often combine the best traits of different breeds and can make excellent companions.





Hiking/Walking Trail



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Bay Vista Park Boat Ramp

7000 4th Street South |
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Bellaire Causeway Boat Ramp

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Hours; Open 24 hours

Clearwater Beach Recreation Center Boat Ramp

69 Bay Esplanada |
Clearwater Beach

Crisp Park Boat Ramp

3500 Poplar Street NE |
Saint Petersburg | 727-893-7441
Opens 30 minutes before sunrise
closes at 11:00 pm

Craig Park Boat Ramp

400 South Spring Boulevard |
Tarpon Springs | 727-942-5628
Hours; 7:30am - Dusk

Coffee Pot Park Boat Ramp

1st Street & 31st Ave. NE |
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Demens Landing Boat Ramp

Bayshore Drive & 1st Avenue
Southeast | St. Petersburg
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Don CeSar Boat Ramp

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Avenue | Saint Pete Beach

Dunedin Marina Boat Ramp ~

Edgewater Park
51 Main Street | Dunedin |
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Fort Desoto Park Boat Ramp

3100 Pinellas Bayway South |
Tierra Verde Above address is the
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Gandy Wayside Park Boat Ramp

On the western end of the Gandy
Bridge (Route 92)

Grandview Park Boat Ramp ~

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Gulfport City Marina Boat Ramp ~

Kayak Launch
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Indian Rocks Beach Boat Ramp

15th Avenue & Bayshore Boule-
vard | Indian Rocks Beach

Jungle Prada Park Boat Ramp

Park Street & Elbow Lane North |
St. Petersburg

Madeira Beach Municipal Marina

150th Avenue | Madeira Beach
727-399-2631 | Fees are collected
by the attendant | Hours: 7am -
Sunset

Maximo Park Boat Ramp

Closest major intersection is;
66th Avenue South & 31st Street
South | St. Petersburg |
727-893-7441

Entrance area to park is 1500
feet west on 66th Ave from the
above intersection - Go under the
overpass. Hours; Opens 30 minutes
before sunrise & Closes 30 minutes
after sunset

Park Boulevard Boat Ramp

186th Avenue & Gulf Boulevard
Indian Shores | 727-549-6165
Open 24 hours

Philippe Park Boat Ramp

2525 Philippe Parkway |
Safety Harbor | 727-582-2100
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Safety Harbor Marina Park Boat Ramp

131 South Bayshore Boulevard |
Safety Harbor

Seminole Street Boat Ramp

201 Seminole Street | Clearwater

Sutherland Bayou Boat Ramp

119 US Alt. 19 | North Palm Harbor

Sunlit Cove Boat Ramp

Sunlit Cove Drive & Bay Street NE
| St. Pete

Sunset Beach ~

Small Boat Ramp
1800 Gulf Road | Tarpon Springs

War Veterans Memorial Park Boat Ramp

9600 Bay Pines Boulevard |
St. Petersburg
Fees are charged for boat ramp
use

84th Avenue Boat Ramp

84th Avenue & Bayshore Drive |
Treasure Island

100th Avenue Boat Ramp

100th Avenue & Gulf Boulevard |
Treasure Island

123rd Avenue Boat Ramp

123rd Avenue & Lagoon Lane |
Treasure Island

Beaches

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.

Pinellas County maintains three regional beach parks along the Gulf Coast. These parks offer a list of amenities that include picnicking facilities, fishing opportunities and other items of interest to residents and tourists alike.

- Residents and visitors are reminded to be aware of risks posed by rip currents.
- A \$5 per day parking fee is in effect at Fort De Soto, Sand Key and Fred Howard parks.

- Fort De Soto Park

3500 Pinellas Bayway South | Tierra Verde

- Sand Key Park

1060 Gulf Boulevard | Clearwater

- Fred Howard Park

1700 Sunset Drive | Tarpon Springs

- Pinellas County Beach Access Parks

Pinellas County also has five beach access sites with parking (parking fee may vary by location).

- Indian Rocks Beach Access

1700 Gulf Blvd. | Indian Rocks Beach

- Indian Shores/Tiki Gardens Beach Access

19601 Gulf Boulevard | Indian Shores

- Madeira Beach Access

14400 Gulf Boulevard • Madeira Beach

- Redington Shores Beach Access

18200 Gulf Boulevard | Redington Shores

- St. Pete Beach Access

4700 Gulf Blvd. St. Petersburg Beach

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Recycling conserves natural resources such as Water, Minerals, & Timber. It also helps prevent pollution, reduce greenhouse gases, & saves energy.

Recycling Saves Our Only Landfill!

Pinellas County has one landfill. Current estimates tell us this should last another 75 years. Without recycling efforts, this landfill would reach capacity well before then.

Our Residents Want To Recycle!

Recent survey found that 86% of single-family households in Pinellas County use their curbside recycling program.

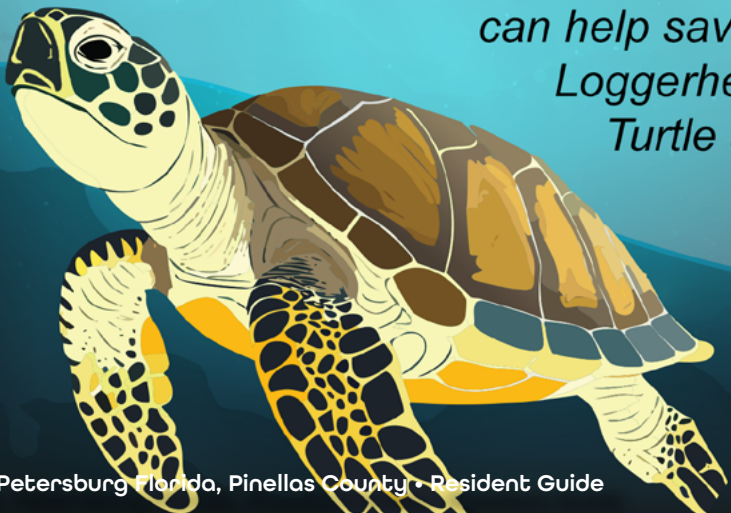


LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLES



Loggerhead Sea Turtles are regular visitors to the St. Petersburg and Clearwater beaches. With over twenty miles of prime sandy beaches to choose from, these beautiful & sensitive creatures come back to this area to find a mate!

People on the beach are asked to please minimize any lights that shine directly at the beach, and to refrain from using flash-lights when walking the beach at night, from May through October. This can help save the Loggerhead Sea Turtle species.



ST. PETERSBURG / CLEARWATER FUN FACTS BY THE NUMBERS

768 - Number of consecutive days of sunshine, lasting from 1967-1969.

170 MPH - Maximum speed of an Indy Car Racing at Firestone Grand Prix in St. Petersburg.

4.96 Million - Pounds of grouper caught annually off the shores of St. Pete/Clearwater.

2,400 - Number of works by Salvador Dali at the Dali Museum in St. Petersburg.

200+ - Number of movies filmed in the St. Petersburg / Clearwater area.

81 - Is the average degree in temperature, year round.

75 - Number of miles of trails stretching from downtown St. Pete to Tarpon Springs.

36 - Number of golf courses in St. Petersburg / Clearwater.

21 - Number of Chilean flamingos at Sunken Gardens, 100 plus year old botanical garden located in St. Petersburg.

35 - Number of miles of white sand beaches.



Be smart...



Take good care of your skin

The skin is an organ and helps protect against heat, sunlight, injury, and infections. This is why it is important to always protect it. Overexposure to the sun can be linked to some skin cancers. Ultraviolet rays from the sun or sunlamps can also cause eye problems, weakened immune system, age spots, wrinkles, and leathery skin.

• Protect your skin

Wear proper clothing like long-sleeved shirts and pants. Also protect your head and eyes with a hat and UV-resistant sunglasses.

Remember that you can also fall victim to the sun on a cloudy day as well as in the winter.

Sunburns increase the risk of developing skin cancer. It is especially important that children don't get sunburns.

Peak burning hours, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization, are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Reflective surfaces, like water, snow, and sand can reflect sun rays and make them more intense.

You experience more UV exposure at higher altitudes, because there is less atmosphere to absorb UV radiation.

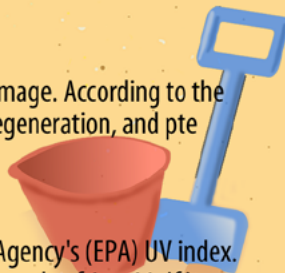
Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen to cover all exposed skin. The FDA recommends using sunscreens that are broad spectrum and have a sun protection factor (SPF) value of at least 15. Re-apply sunscreen throughout the day.

• Protect your eyes

UV rays can penetrate the structures of your eyes and cause cell damage. According to the CDC, some sun-related vision problems cause cataracts, macular degeneration, and pterygium.

• UV index

Before going outside you can check the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) UV index. To see the intensity of UV rays for the day. The index measures on a scale of 1 to 11. If it's low on the UV index you will require less protection and a high UV index will require a lot more protection.



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