

Preserves
Our Natural Treasures

Pinellas County has set aside natural areas for current and future generations. Different from the recreational areas of parks, these managed areas are preserved to protect the rich natural heritage of Pinellas County. Two of the preserves offer education centers and a chance to experience the natural side of our urban county.

Brooker Creek Preserve protects more than 8,700 acres of natural ecosystems and is located at 3940 Keystone Road in Tarpon Springs. There you'll find walking trails to explore and an Environmental Education Center with interactive exhibits and discovery-oriented experiences that are fun for the entire family. Residents can bring their horses to the horse-riding trails in a separate area of the preserve.

Weedon Island Preserve protects more than 3,700 acres of natural ecosystems and is located at 1800 Weedon Drive NE in St. Petersburg. Weedon Island's rich historical past is showcased at the Cultural and Natural History Center with the permanent exhibit Connecting People and Place offering an art-inspired, hands-on educational approach to the area's history, ecology and people. The preserve's many outdoor activities include walking trails and an observation tower, a fishing pier and canoe/kayak launch.

The natural areas of each preserve are open during daylight hours seven days a week, including most holidays except for the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas day. The education centers are closed Sunday through Wednesday and all Pinellas County holidays. Hours vary, check the website, www.pinellascounty.org for the preserve and environmental educational center hours.



Brooker Creek Preserve

Sustainability
Our Parks are Really Green

Pinellas County government remains committed to putting green initiatives to work in all its programs. For parks, going green means finding solutions that deal with water shortages, loss of natural habitat, resource management and energy conservation.

We are preserving the quality of our parks for today, and for generations that follow, by installing recycling facilities at some parks. The removal of invasive exotic plant species and control of nonnative plants is another ongoing initiative.

For its use of native plants in landscaping, Boca Ciega Millennium Park in Seminole has been recognized by the Florida Native Plant Society. Pinellas County also earned the County Leadership in Conservation Award from the Trust for Public Land and the National Association of Counties.

We have taken steps to honor those who have demonstrated a significant commitment to building a strong system of parks for conservation and recreation, through the naming of parks. A.L. Anderson, John Chesnut Sr., Fred Howard and Fred Marquis are four such stewards honored for their contributions.

Pinellas County parks are reverting to no mow zones. No mow zones are designated areas where crews stop mowing and allow nature to return. Eventually, native plants replace the grasses, giving the park's critters a place to hide and eat. The wildflowers attract birds and butterflies, which adds to the natural beauty and preservation of the park.



Boca Ciega Millennium Park

Park activities
Something for Everyone

Nature's own health club is open at Pinellas County parks with recreational activities for fitness and play. Beginners to pros can enjoy walking, biking, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, playing ball and swinging on a playground.

Disc golf at Taylor Park is a unique and fun way to get outdoor exercise.

Shoes, bicycles, tricycles, skates, wheelchairs, strollers and paws can move along a variety of recreation trails throughout the county. Put your paddles in the water and explore the Pinellas Blueways Trail.

Bring children to the barrier-free covered playgrounds full of adventure for children of varying activity levels. Kids love the healthy challenge of the rocks and ropes park.

While activity may be the plan for your day, you may also want some well deserved relaxation. Our parks offer respite amid the sights and sounds of nature. Planning a gathering or a wedding? Pinellas County parks have beautiful and affordable options for both.



Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail

Beaches & boating
Water, Water Everywhere

Pinellas County is surrounded by water including the Gulf of Mexico, Tampa Bay and Boca Ciega Bay. Our parks are nestled alongside many of these premium waters and offer a wide variety of water recreation.

Life's a great day at the beach in Pinellas County. Our beach parks offer picnic areas, playgrounds, fishing, parking and more. Sand Key Park has convenient umbrella and chair rentals and Fort De Soto has magnificent waterfront campsites. Along Gulf Boulevard are five beach access parking lots that give easy access to public beaches from Indian Rocks Beach to St. Pete Beach.

Bring your boat and/or your fishing gear to A.L. Anderson Park or John Chesnut Park, both situated on Lake Tarpon, one of the foremost sport fishing lakes in Florida. These two parks offer boat ramps and fishing piers.

Because boating is a way of life for so many, Pinellas County offers public boat ramps at nine different locations. Hours vary and fees include a per-day boat trailer parking fee or an annual pass. Wet and dry boat storage is available to rent at the Belle Harbour Marina and Sutherland Bayou Boat Ramp.



Sand Key Park

Natural & cultural history
Get a Blast From the Past

Pinellas County is rich with history. From ancient Indian mounds to a military fort, you can come face to face with history at many destinations throughout the county.

Explorers can access a wide range of cultural, historical and natural attractions along the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail. Get a trail guide to plan your journey at www.pinellascounty.org/parks.

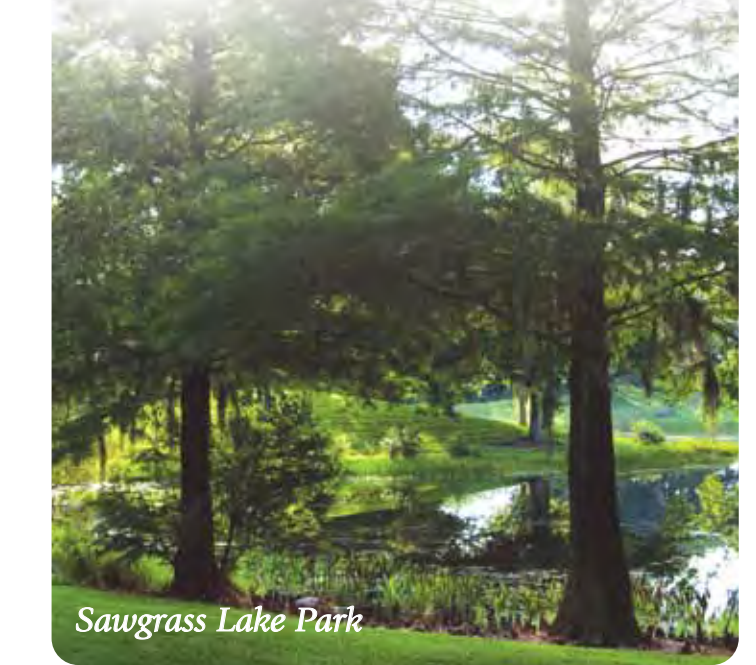
At Fort De Soto Park, experience military history from the Spanish-American War.

See an ancient Indian mound that overlooks Tampa Bay at Philippe Park.

Natural history abounds at Sawgrass Lake Park, one of the largest maple swamps on the Gulf Coast of Florida.

Step back in time with a visit to more than 30 authentic buildings and structures from Pinellas County's past at Heritage Village.

Discover the colorful history of Weedon Island, from its prehistoric peoples and homesteaders through the days of speakeasies, a movie studio and an airport, at the Weedon Island Cultural and Natural History Center.



Sawgrass Lake Park

Gardens and getaways
Think Outside the Beach

Tucked in the heart of Pinellas County, Heritage Village, Pinellas County Extension, the Florida Botanical Gardens, and the surrounding natural areas provide the perfect setting for a day of fun and relaxation.

At Heritage Village, visitors can experience local culture through hands-on explorations in a living history museum. The village features more than 150 years of history nestled in a picturesque landscape of palmettos and pine trees. History lovers from all over come for the festivals held during the year.

The Florida Botanical Gardens is one of Florida's finest cultivated gardens with scenic landscapes and natural habitats unfolding across 100+ acres. Gardens and displays delight nature enthusiasts and include tropical, bromeliad and butterfly gardens along winding pathways.

Heritage Village and the Florida Botanical Gardens offer a unique and affordable setting for weddings.

Pinellas County Extension provides "Solutions for Your Life." Extension Educators offer regular educational seminars for the public on issues pertaining to sustainable living, lawn and garden, natural resource conservation and 4-H youth development.



Florida Botanical Gardens

Fort De Soto
The Crown Jewel

A paradise within Pinellas County, this park is bursting with exquisite scenery, natural and historical features, camping and outdoor recreation. Locals, tourists and travel experts agree that Fort De Soto is a top-rated attraction in Central Florida for a day trip or an extended camping vacation.

The park's seven miles of shoreline, including three miles of the finest white sand beach in the United States, is ideal for swimming, sunbathing, fishing and boating.

Explore the six-mile recreation trail or take advantage of the numerous pavilions with grills, playgrounds, swimming areas, fishing piers, a canoe trail and a dog park.

Visitors with physical challenges find Fort De Soto a very friendly destination. The highlight is a barrier-free, self-guided interpretative trail that is wide enough for two wheelchairs. Raised borders and speaker boxes assist those with sight impairments.

The park's strategic geography contributed to its rich and interesting military past. History lovers of all ages enjoy the fort with its 12-inch mortar battery. Complete your tour with a visit to the Quartermaster Storehouse Museum.

For a unique waterside camping experience, the park offers 236 campsites for rent. All sites have water, electrical hookup, a picnic table and a charcoal grill. Pets are permitted in certain camp areas. Online reservations can be made at www.pinellascounty.org/parks or by calling (727) 582-2267. There is a parking fee (not at the campsites).



Fort De Soto Park

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Pinellas County
Parks & Conservation Resources
Guide & Map

Welcome!

Top rated parks
Discover Paradise in Pinellas County

Eco-tourism
Adventure is in our Nature



Surround yourself with lush and tranquil beauty to rejuvenate your spirit.

Run, ride and play outdoors to get a much needed break from the rush and routine.

Whether looking for relaxation or recreation, residents and visitors can find a wide variety of activities in Pinellas County parks. Each park displays nature's artistry and park goers can find something special about each one.

Whichever you choose, a beautiful, high quality park for your outdoor adventure will be waiting for you.

Pinellas County government is committed to excellence in our parks and is proud to offer some of the best parks in the country. Our dedication ranges from protecting natural resources for future generations to providing recreational amenities for people of all ages and abilities.

Discover our unique brand of paradise and create memories for your family and your friends that will last a lifetime.

Our quality parks have been recognized as some of the best in the country. Dr. Beach named Fort De Soto's North Beach the #1 Beach in America in 2005. This beach also earned the top spot on the 2008 online travel network *Trip Advisor's Popularity Index*. Along with Fort De Soto, Sand Key Park in Clearwater was voted one of the Top Ten Beaches in the United States and earned a Healthy Beach Award.

Readers of *Florida Monthly* magazine have voted the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail the best greenway in the state. This award-winning linear park winds through 37 scenic miles, linking the county from St. Petersburg, north to Tarpon Springs and south again to St. Petersburg via another route.

Pinellas County provides the perfect venue for tourists seeking adventure on vacation. Kite surfing along the shore, kayaking through mangroves or catching a glimpse of a favorite seabird are some of the outdoor adventures waiting for you.

Bird fanciers from all over the world come to see a wide variety of tropical birds, including the ibis, heron and roseate spoonbill in their natural environments. Boca Ciega Millennium Park, Fort De Soto Park, Sand Key Park and Sawgrass Lake Park are proudly listed on the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission's Great Florida Birding Trail.

Paddlers of kayaks and canoes have miles of diverse coastline and inland waterways for sightseeing and fishing. The Pinellas Blueways Trail is bursting with launch points and trails around the entire perimeter of the peninsula that is Pinellas County. Canoe trails glide through Boca Ciega Millennium Park, Fort De Soto Park, John Chesnut Park and Fred Howard Park.

If that isn't enough adventure to get an ecological heart racing, our parks offer opportunities for fishing and boating along with a wealth of nature trails with guides and signage to point the way. Cycling enthusiasts can create an urban two-wheeled adventure that takes them to beaches and downtown restaurants along the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail.

Visit www.visitstpetclearwater.com for more information about Pinellas County as a vacation destination.



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Pinellas County on the Web
Florida Botanical Gardens: www.flbg.org
Heritage Village: www.pinellascounty.org/heritage
Parks & Preserves: www.pinellascounty.org/parks
Pinellas County Extension: www.pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu



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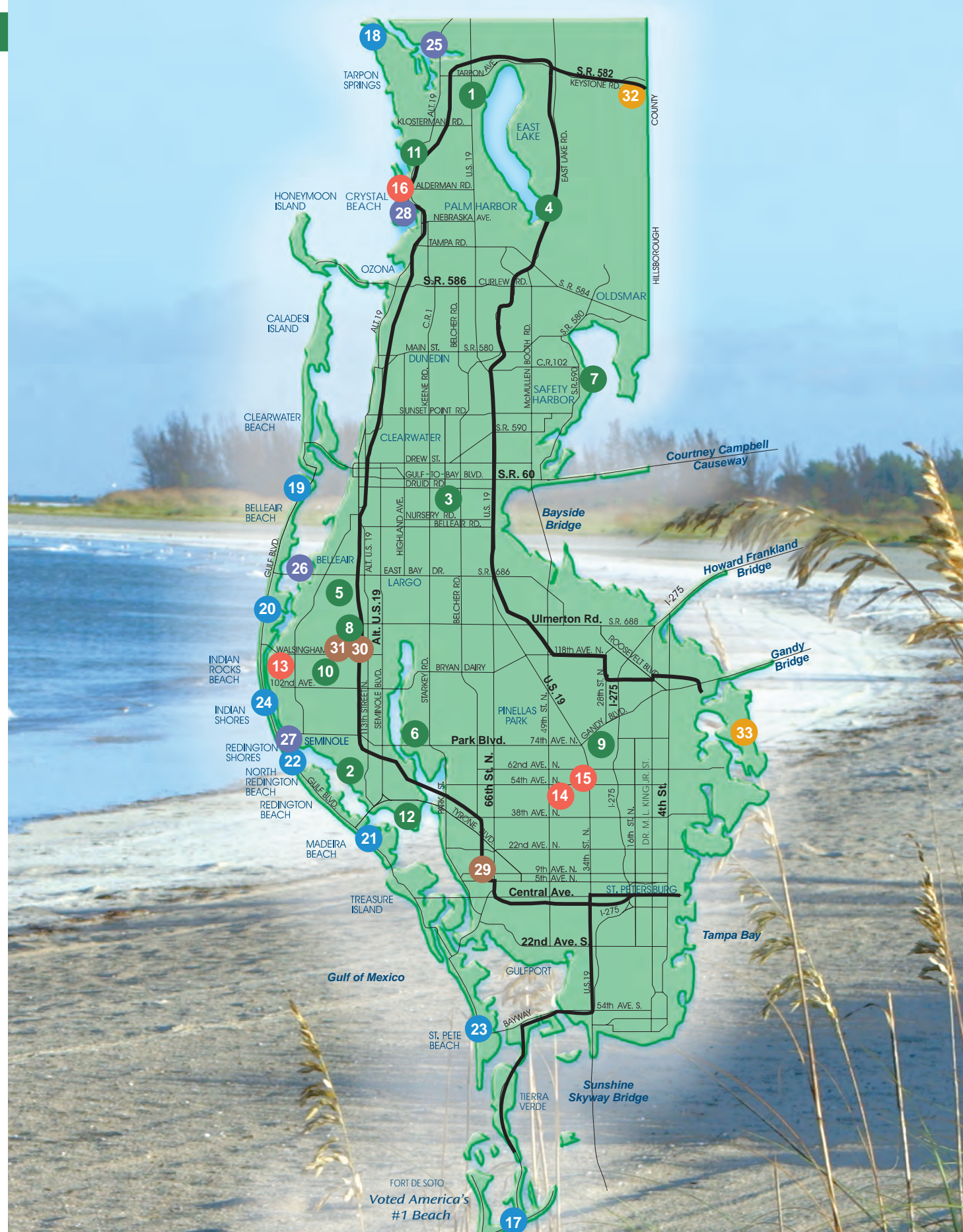
Fort De Soto Park, North Beach

Green Parks

- A. L. Anderson Park**
39699 U.S. Highway 19 N., Tarpon Springs 34689
Boating, scenic views and access to Lake Tarpon are highlights of this park. Play in wooded areas, hike nature trails, have a picnic, romp on the playground or frolic in the dog park. A public boat ramp, open 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. and fishing piers make this a favorite destination for bass fishing. Make your next family gathering or event special by reserving one of the nine picnic shelters available.
- Boca Ciega Millennium Park**
12410 74th Ave. N., Seminole 33772
In this park, a 35-foot wooden observation tower offers a panoramic view of Boca Ciega Bay. A wide variety of birds flock to this designated Great Florida Birding Trail park bursting with nature-canopied boardwalks and a special bird viewing area. Visitors can fish off piers, launch a canoe or kayak or enjoy a picnic under a shelter. The park also has a covered, barrier-free playground for kids and a dog park for both small and large dogs.
- Eagle Lake Park**
1800 Keene Road, Largo 33771
This 156-acre park includes a playground, a dog park, picnic shelters and recreational trails and boardwalks. The park honors the era of the citrus industry that is such an important part of the local culture.
- John Chesnut Sr. Park**
2200 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor 34685
This park, located on the east side of Lake Tarpon, has a public boat ramp and fishing pier open during park hours. Paddle the canoe trail or take a self-guided nature walk along boardwalks and nature trails. The park also has a dog park, a beach volleyball court, softball field, and picnic shelters.
- John Taylor Park**
1100 Eighth Ave. SW, Largo 33770
Discover the sport of disc golf on a course set in the natural beauty of this park that also hosts a tree-lined 1.8-mile recreation trail and a small island that is accessible by a bridge. Small boats can use the boat launch to access the 53-acre freshwater lake that has excellent fishing. Also find a softball diamond, large playing field, picnic facilities and two playgrounds, one with a climbing structure for older children.
- Lake Seminole Park**
10015 Park Blvd., Seminole 33777
A gorgeous two-mile recreational trail, popular for jogging, hiking, biking and rollerblading, winds through pine flatwoods. A public boat ramp and piers provide opportunities for freshwater fishing during park hours. Children enjoy the large playground, a climbing rock and a large hill perfect for rolling down.
- Philippe Park**
2525 Philippe Parkway, Safety Harbor 34695
An Indian mound listed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks and majestic shade trees welcome visitors at the oldest park in Pinellas County. Take in the view of Old Tampa Bay while strolling along a one-mile shoreline. Enjoy picnicking, fishing and historical points of interest. Kids love the playgrounds, rock-climbing park, ball field and open spaces to roam. A public boat ramp with access to Tampa Bay is open during park hours.
- Ridgecrest Park**
12000 Ulmerton Road, Largo 33774
A five-acre fresh water lake welcomes anglers of all ages at this park nestled in the Ridgecrest neighborhood. Picnic shelters, two play areas and a softball field add to a day of outdoor fun.
- Sawgrass Lake Park**
7400 25th St. N., St. Petersburg 33702
One of the largest maple swamps on the Gulf Coast of Florida serves as the centerpiece for this park. A mile-long boardwalk winds through the lush environment to reveal birds, butterflies and alligators. View wildlife from the observation deck. The park is mentioned by the Great Florida Birding Trail and the National Audubon Society as one of the premier birding sites in the Sunshine State.
- Walsingham Park**
12615 102 Ave. N., Largo 33778
Explore a pleasant yet vibrant park divided by the 100-acre Walsingham Lake in the heart of Pinellas County. Boats without gas motors may use the small boat ramp to access the lake. Explore the six-mile multipurpose trail or use the popular fitness course. Children will enjoy the parks two playgrounds. The park also has a dog park. The park has two entrances, one off 102nd Street and the other off Walsingham Road.
- Wall Springs Park**
3725 De Soto Blvd., Palm Harbor 34683
A historical, natural spring, once used as a spa and swimming pool, now with a viewing area, boardwalk and information display serves as the centerpiece of this 210-acre park that is adjacent to the Pinellas Trail. The fun continues in the park with a covered, barrier-free playground, boardwalks, nature trails and an observation tower (under construction) for a scenic view of the Gulf of Mexico. Look for wildlife like squirrels, raccoons, rabbits, reptiles and birds that live around Boggy Bayou.
- War Veterans' Memorial Park**
9600 Bay Pines Blvd., St. Petersburg 33708
Honoring military veterans is a focal point at this park with a landscaped Memorial Center featuring five plaques with official Armed Forces flags. An equatorial sundial provides interest and a tank on display adds historical value. A 24-hour public boat ramp is available for a fee, giving access to Boca Ciega Bay. Reserve covered picnic shelters for an event.

Neighborhood Parks

- Chester Ochs 4-H Educational Center**
14602 113th Ave. N., Largo 33774
Take a hike on this neighborhood's nature trail.
- Joe's Creek Neighborhood Greenway**
4301 46th Ave. N., St. Petersburg 33714
This neighborhood park offers a hiking trail.
- Lealman Neighborhood Park**
3890 55 Ave. N., St. Petersburg 33714
Picnicking, shelters with grills, a basketball court and a playground are offered within this fenced neighborhood park.
- Live Oak Neighborhood Park**
600 Crystal Beach Ave., Crystal Beach 34681
This neighborhood park in lovely Crystal Beach offers a picnic area for visitors.



	Ball Field	Boat Ramp	Boardwalk / Nature Trail	Campground	Canoe Trail	Concession	Dog Park	Education Center	Fishing	Historical Interest	Multipurpose Trail	Observation Tower	Parking	Parking (fee charged)	Picnic Area	Pier	Playground Equipment	Restroom	Shelter / Grills	Showers	Swimming	Umbrella/Chair Rental	
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Beach Parks

- Fort De Soto Park - America's #1 Beach**
3500 Pinellas Bayway S., Tierra Verde 33715
This award-winning waterfront paradise is packed with options. Camp along the shores of the Gulf of Mexico. Take the ferry to Egmont Key. Rent a canoe. Take advantage of the piers or the 24-hour boat ramp for great fishing. Enjoy the pristine beaches with seasonal lifeguards on duty. Explore the recreation trails, including an ADA-compliant boardwalk with interpretative signage, rest areas and water. The park offers numerous picnic shelters with grills, a playground for children and a dog park. (There is a parking fee.)
 - Fred Howard Park**
1700 Sunset Drive, Tarpon Springs 34689
Wind surfing is cool and sunsets are spectacular at this park spreading along a white, sandy beach that is perfect for sunbathing, fishing, paddling and other water sports. Approached by a scenic one-mile causeway, the beach has a swimming area with seasonal lifeguards on duty. Dolphins and sometimes manatees stop by for a visit. Also at the park: covered picnic shelters, softball field, playground and hiking/biking trail. (There is a fee for causeway/beach parking.)
 - Sand Key Park**
1060 Gulf Blvd., Clearwater 33767
This beautiful park has nine boardwalks leading the way to a sandy beach paradise on the Gulf of Mexico with seasonal lifeguards on duty. There are umbrellas and chairs available for rent, restrooms and outdoor showers for beach goers. Off the beach find a playground, open green space, a dog park and covered picnic shelters. (There is a parking fee.)
- Beach Access:**
- Indian Rocks Beach - Beach Access**
1700 Gulf Blvd., Indian Rocks Beach 34635
 - Madeira Beach - Beach Access**
14400 Gulf Blvd., Madeira Beach 33708
 - Redington Shores - Beach Access**
18200 Gulf Blvd., Redington Shores 33708
 - St. Pete Beach - Beach Access**
4700 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach 33706
 - Tiki Gardens-Indian Shores - Beach Access**
19601 Gulf Blvd., Indian Shores 34635
- Parking fees vary by location



Boat Ramps & Marina

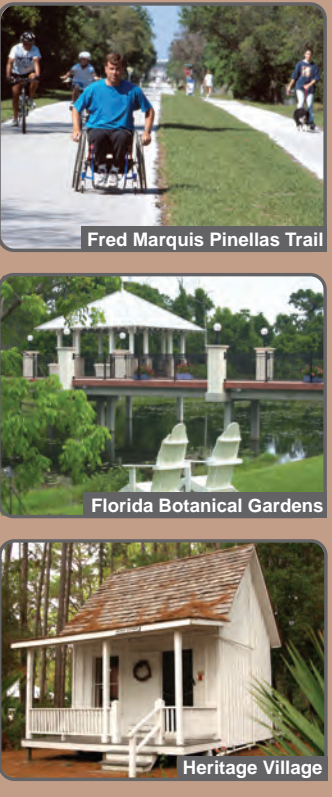
- Belle Harbour Marina**
307 Anclote Road, Tarpon Springs 34689 (727) 943-8489
Located on the Anclote River, this marina is for rental customers only. Dry storage space or wet slips are available, along with fuel, bait, vending machines, restrooms, sewage pump out and free parking. Call for rates and availability. There is no public boat ramp at this location.
- Belleair Causeway Boat Ramp**
3900 W. Bay Drive, Belleair Bluffs 34640
Ten boat lanes and four docks give boaters access to Clearwater Bay and the Gulf. Also find 108 parking spaces for vehicles with boat trailers. The boat ramp is open 24 hours and has a public restroom (hours vary). A fee is charged for parking.
- Park Blvd. Boat Ramp**
18651 Gulf Blvd., Indian Shores 34635
Open 24 hours a day with six boat lanes, three floating docks, 73 vehicle and trailer parking spaces, restrooms and night lighting. A fee is charged for parking.
- Sutherland Bayou Boat Ramp**
2199 U.S. Alt. Highway 19 N., Palm Harbor 34683 (727) 216-6979
Open 24 hours a day with a single boat launching ramp, 50 vehicle and trailer parking spaces, 20 vehicle parking spaces, a boat rinse area and restrooms. A fee is charged for parking. Dry storage and wet slips are also available for rent. Call (727) 582-2100 for information.



See chart for additional ramps.

Points of Interest

- Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail**
Over 37 miles of paved trail
This award-winning greenway links some of Pinellas County's most picturesque parks, scenic coastal areas and residential neighborhoods. Bike racks, refreshment stops and many other spots of interest can be found along the way. Read the trail guide at www.pinellascounty.org/trailed. Open daily from dawn to sunset.
- Florida Botanical Gardens and Pinellas County Extension**
12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo 33774 (727) 582-2100
More than 25 gardens and display areas showcase tropical plants, fruits, herbs, hibiscus, bromeliads and more. See educational demonstrations or shop at the gift shop. Free admission and parking. The gardens are open daily from 7 a.m. to sunset. This facility is closed the day after Thanksgiving and December 25. It is open for the evening during the Florida Botanical Garden holiday light show. Visit www.flbg.org for more information. Pinellas County Extension offers services and classes on issues pertaining to sustainable living, lawn and garden, and families and consumers. Learn more at www.pinellascounty.com.
- Heritage Village**
11909 125th St. N., Largo 33774 (727) 582-2123
This 21-acre living history museum brings more than 150 years of local history to life as volunteers tell stories and share the culture. To learn about the many festivals and classes that take place throughout the year, visit www.pinellascounty.org/heritage.



Preserves

Visit our county's world-class nature preserves and education centers.

- Brooker Creek Preserve**
3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs 34688 (727) 453-6800
More than 8,700 acres of preserved lands protect a vast collection of plants and wildlife. Navigate trails, walk the boardwalks and learn about our natural environment in the education center. Visit www.brookercreekpreserve.org.
- Weedon Island Preserve**
1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg 33702 (727) 453-6500
Explore the area's natural beauty and history on the interpretive sign trail or paddle through the mangroves. A kayak rental facility is on site. Bring the family to the Cultural & Natural History Center. Visit www.weedonislandpreserve.org.

