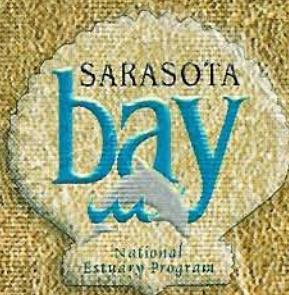


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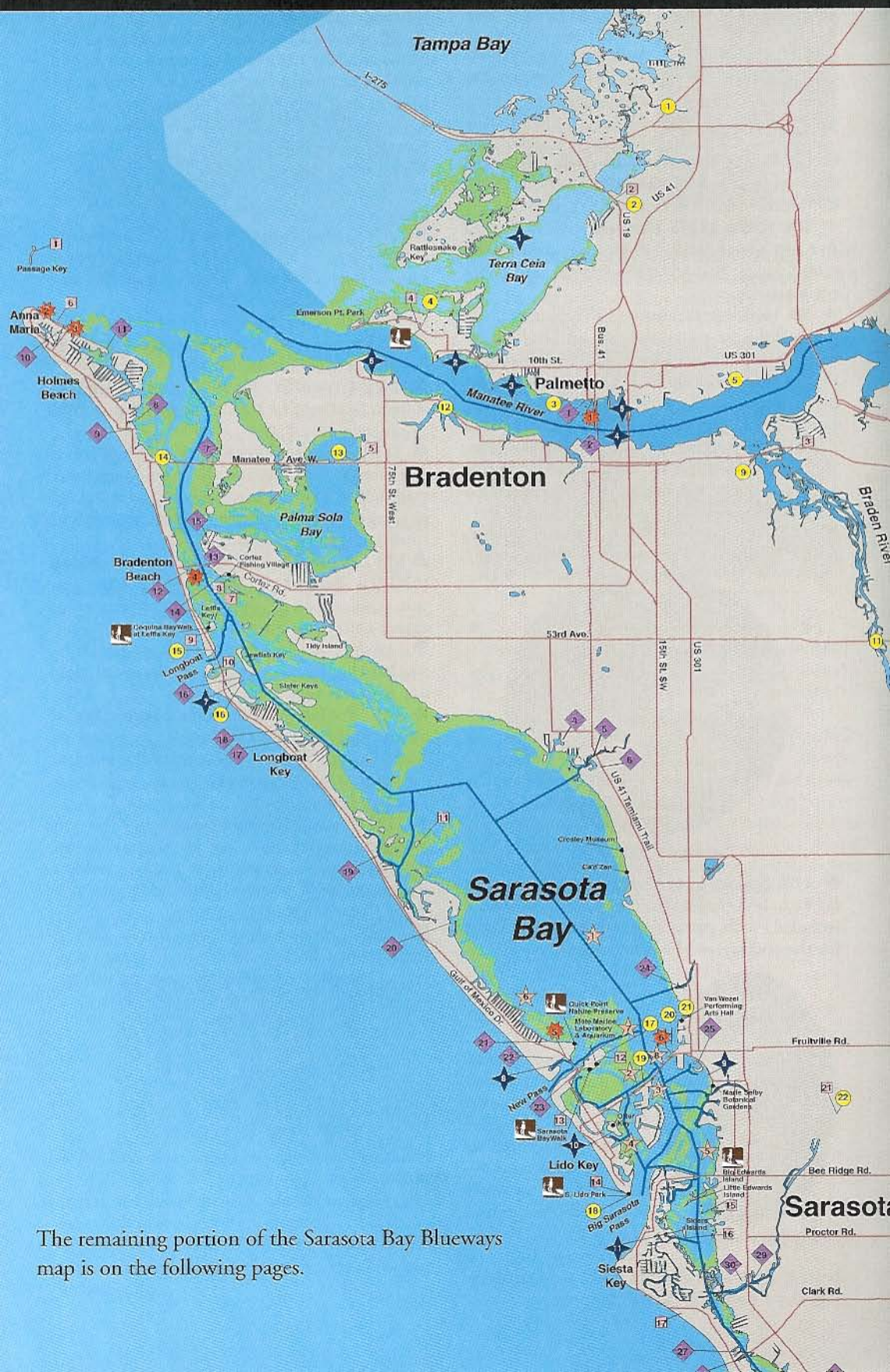
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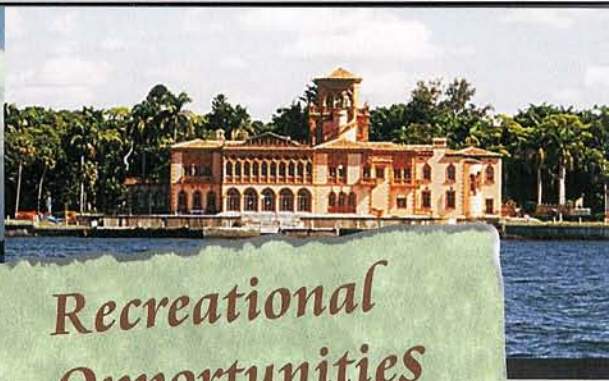
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Sarasota Bay Blueways

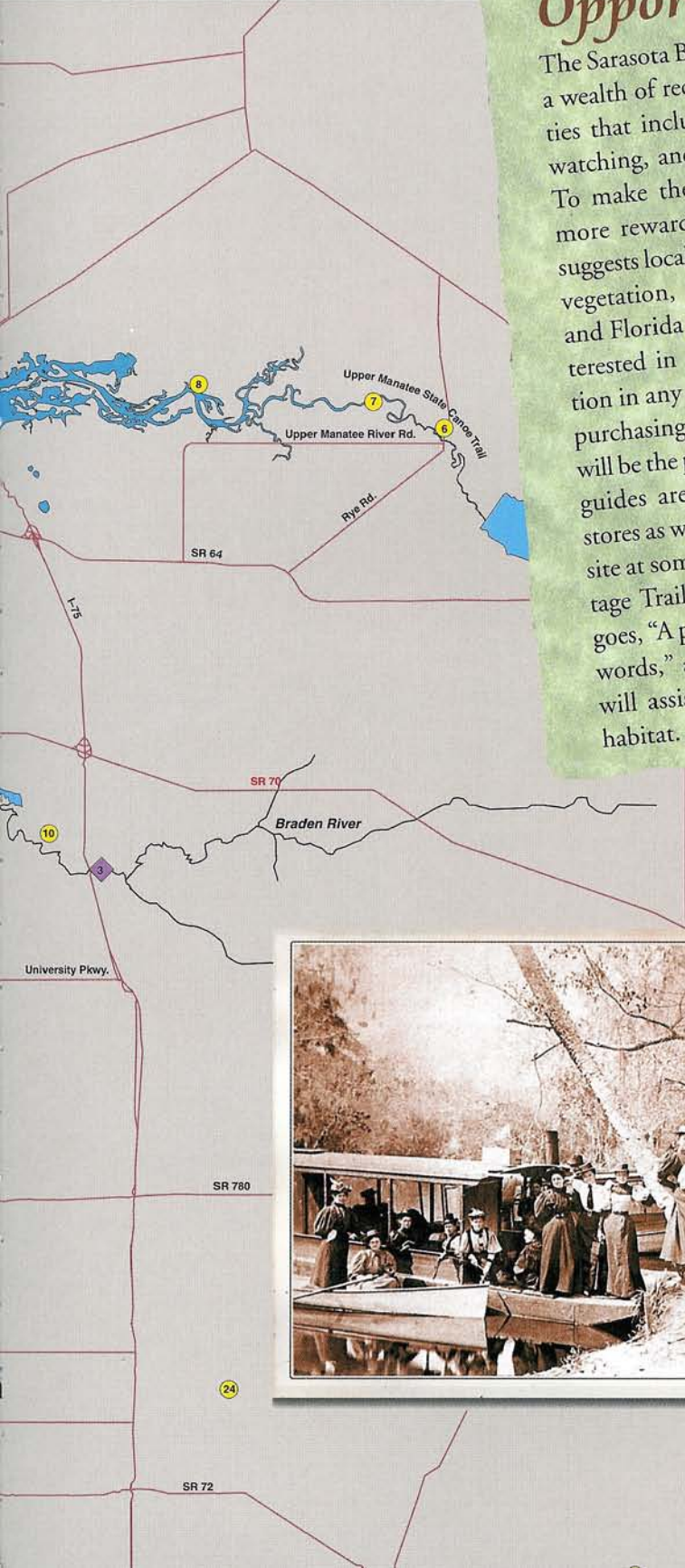


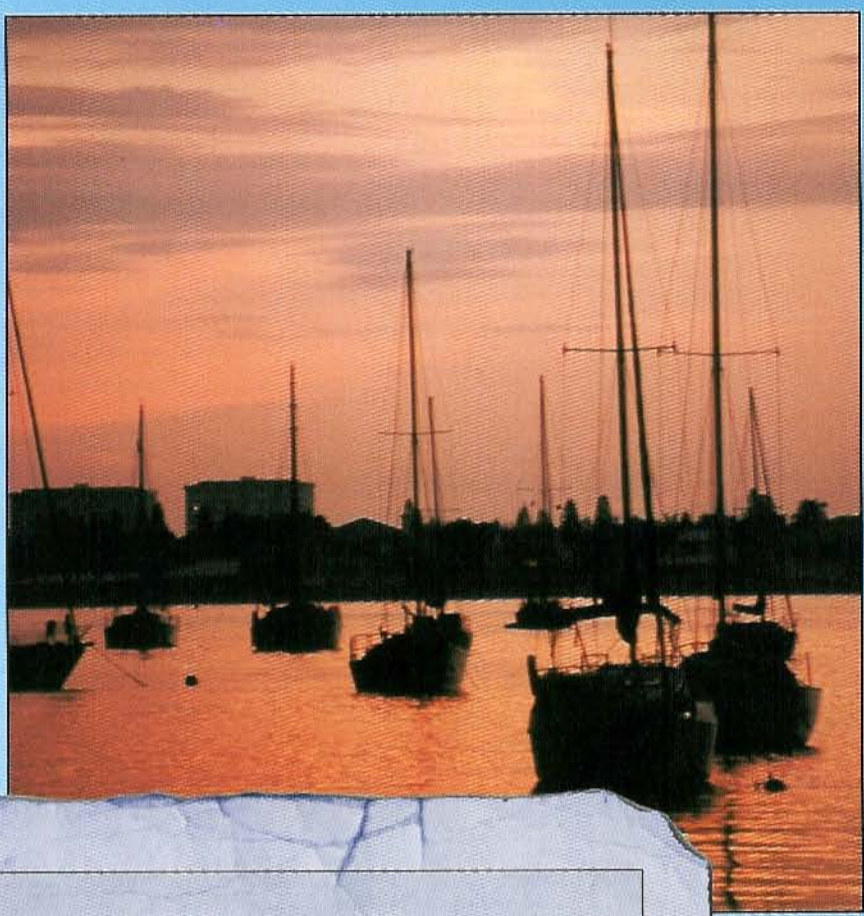
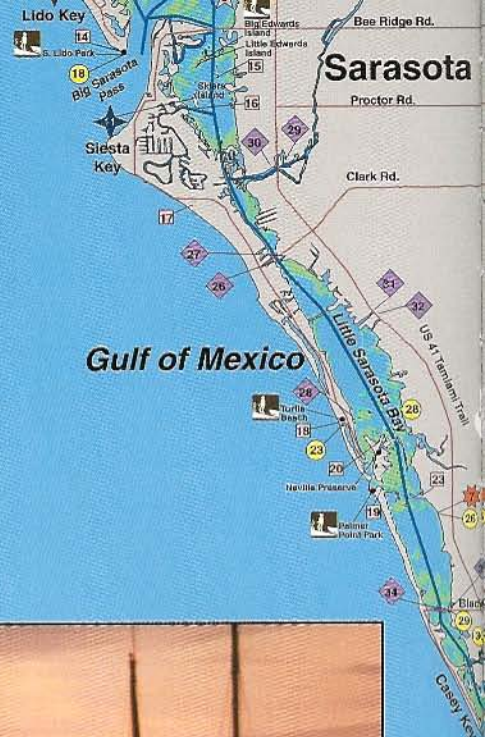
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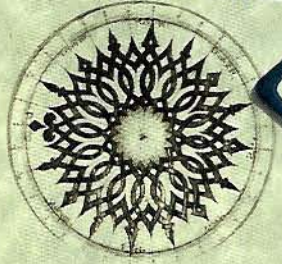
The Sarasota Bay community offers a wealth of recreational opportunities that include fishing, bird watching, and nature walks. To make these experiences more rewarding, this guide suggests local native and non-native vegetation, local recreational fish, and Florida bird lists. For those interested in enhancing their education in any one or all of these areas, purchasing appropriate field guides will be the perfect companion. These guides are offered at most bookstores as well as giftshops located on site at some of the Gulf Coast Heritage Trail locations. As the saying goes, "A picture is worth a thousand words," and the field guide visuals will assist with identification and habitat.





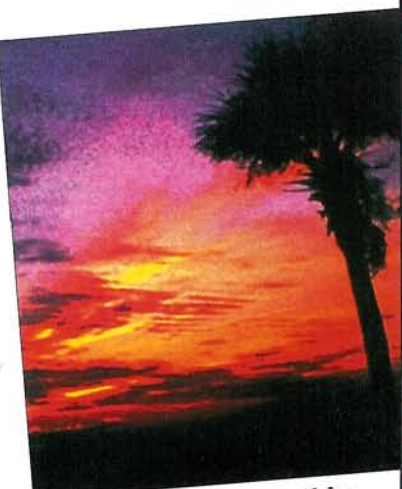
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For more information, brochures are available at the Tourist Information centers. See the Resource Directory on pages 62 and 63.



Marinas & Dockside

No.	Name/Location Phone Number/Marker Number (area code 941)	MARINA	DOCKSIDE	PUMP OUT	FUEL	BAIT	BOAT
1	Regatta Pointe Marina - Palmetto 729-6021 Marker 19	●	●	●	Di, G	●	
2	Twin Dolphin Marina - Bradenton 747-8300 Marker 21,22	●	●	●	Di, G		
3	Linger Lodge - Bradenton River 755-2757		●				
4	Trailer Estates Marine - Bradenton 758-3645 Marker 16,17	●			G	●	
5	Bowlees Creek Marina- Bradenton 753-5040 Marker 16,17	●					
6	Holiday Marina/Yacht Basin - Bradenton 355-2781 Marker 16,17	●	●		Di, G		
7	Galati Perico Harbor Marina- Bradenton 795-2628 Marker 52	●			G		●
8	Leverock' s Seafood House- Bradenton 794-8900		●				
9	Holmes Beach Marina - Anna Maria 778-2255 Marker 62	●			G	●	●
10	Captains Marina - Anna Maria 778-1977 Marker 62	●			G		●
11	Island Marine - Anna Maria 778-1260 Marker 67,68	●			G	●	●
12	Galati Marine - Anna Maria 778-0755 Marker 67,68	●		●	Di, G	●	
13	Rotten Ralph' s - Anna Maria 778-3953		●				
14	Bradenton Beach Marina - Anna Maria 778-2288 Marker 49	●		●	Di, G		●
15	Bridge Tender Inn - Anna Maria 778-4849		●				
16	Shrimp Louie' s - Anna Maria 779-9797		●				
17	Seafood Shack - Cortez 794-3766 Marker 49,50	●	●	●		●	
18	Star Fish Co. Cortez 794-1243 Marker 49		●				
19	Cove Sound Moorings - Cortez 795-4852 Marker 49,50	●					
20	Moore' s Stone Crab - Longboat Key 383-1748 Marker 39		●				
21	Mar Vista - Longboat Key 383-2391		●				
22	Cannons Marina - Longboat Key 383-1311 Marker 33	●			G		●
23	Buccaneer Inn Marina - Longboat Key 383-4468 Marker 33	●	●				
24	Poseidon - Longboat Key 383-2500 Marker 19		●				
25	Longboat Key Moorings - Longboat Key 383-8383 Marker 16	●	●	●	Di, G		●
26	Boathouse on Longboat Key - Longboat Key 383-7781 Marker 15	●			G		●
27	Dry Dock - Longboat Key 383-0102		●				
28	Chart House - Longboat Key 383-5593		●				
29	Gulfwind Marine - City Island 388-4411 Marker 11	●		●	G		●
30	Old Salty Dog - City Island 388-4311 (access to Sarasota BayWalk)		●				
31	The Yacht Center - Sarasota 365-1770 Marker 13	●					
32	Gulfwind Marine - Sarasota 366-9279	●					
33	Marina Jack - Sarasota 955-9488 Marker 8 A,10	●	●	●	Di, G		●

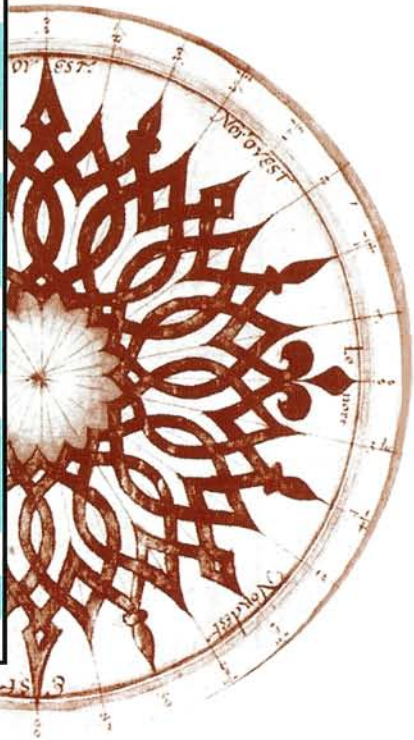


Sunset on the gulf is a beautiful way to end the day.

Marinas & Dockside

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No.	Name/Location Phone Number/Marker Number (area code (941))	MARINA	DOCKSIDE	PUMP OUT	FUEL	BAIT	BOAT
26	Siesta Key Marina - Siesta Key 349-8880 Marker 62	•			Di, G	•	•
27	Coasters - Siesta Key 925-0300 Marker 62		•				
	Midnight Pass Marina - Siesta Key 349-9449 Marker 48	•			G	•	•
28	Midnight Pass Pub - Siesta Key 349-2280		•				
	Turtles Restaurant - Siesta Key 346-2207		•				
29	Landing Marina - Sarasota 922-0668 Marker 72	•	•		G		•
	Phillippi Creek Oyster Bar - Sarasota 925-4444						
30	Phillippi Shores Marina - Sarasota 924-6864 Marker 72	•			G		
	Marina at the Landings - Sarasota 922-6100	•			G		
31	South Pointe Marina - Sarasota 924-9693 Marker 51	•					
32	Hidden Harbor Marine - Sarasota 925-9110 Marker 51	•			G		
	Casey Key Marina - Osprey 966-1730 Marker 33	•	•		G		•
33	Osprey Marine Center - Osprey 966-5657	•	•		G	•	•
	Flying Bridge Restaurant - Osprey 966-7431		•				
34	Blackburn Point Marina - Osprey 966-3735 Marker 33	•					
	Old Salty Dog - Osprey 966-6094		•				
	Gulf Harbor Marina - Nokomis 488-7734 Marker 10	•			Di, G	•	
35	Urbanek Fish Co. & Restaurant - Nokomis 488-2941		•				
	Pelican Alley Restaurant - Nokomis 485-1893		•				
36	Dona Bay Marina - Venice 483-3713 Marker 3B	•	•			•	•
	Fisherman's Wharf - Venice 484-9246 Marker 4	•	•		Di, G	•	•
37	Gulf Liner Marine - Venice 488-5150	•					
38	Crow's Nest Marina - Venice 484-7661 Marker 1,3	•	•		Di, G		
	Gulfwind Marine - Venice 485-3388 Marker 4	•	•		Di, G	•	
39	Crawdads Restaurant - Venice 484-3515		•				
40	Snook Haven Inn - Venice 485-7221		•				
41	The Boatworks - Englewood 475-7100 Marker 25	•	•		G		
42	Royal Palm Marina - Englewood 474-1420 Marker 24	•			Di, G		
	Englewood Bait House - Englewood 475-4511 Marker 22	•			G	•	•
43	Mad Sam's - Englewood - 475-9505		•				
44	Ainger Creek Marina - Englewood 474-2487 Marker 21A	•			G		
45	Kevin's Place - Englewood 475-4905 Marker 21A	•				•	•
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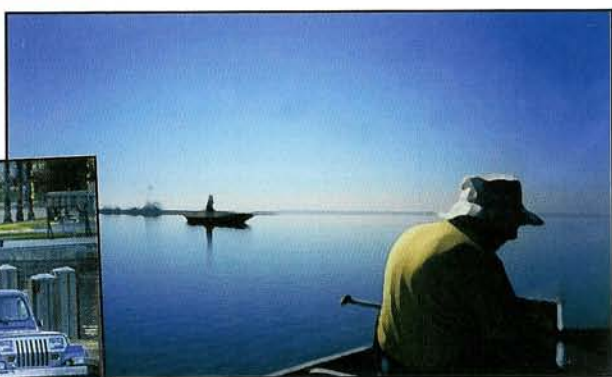


Boat Ramps & Canoe, Kayak Launches		BOAT RAMP	CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH
No.	Name and Location		
1	Frog Creek Campground <i>Terra Ceia</i>		●
2	Crab Trap Boat Ramp <i>Terra Ceia</i>	●	●
3	Palmetto Boat Ramp <i>Palmetto</i>	●	
4	Emerson Point Park <i>Snead Island</i>		●
5	Highland Shores Boat Ramp <i>Ellenton</i>	●	
6	Rye Wildness Park <i>Rye</i>		●
7	Ray' s Canoe Hideaway <i>Rye</i>	●	●
8	Ft. Hamer Site <i>Rye</i>	●	
9	SR 64 Boat Ramp <i>Bradenton</i>	●	
10	Jiggs Landing <i>Bradenton</i>		●
11	SR 70 Boat Ramp <i>Bradenton</i>	●	
12	Warners Bayou Park <i>Bradenton</i>	●	
13	Palma Sola Causeway <i>Palma Sola</i>	●	●
14	Kingfish Boat Ramp <i>Anna Maria</i>	●	●
15	*Coquina Boat Ramp <i>Anna Maria</i> (access to Coquina BayWalk at Leffis Key)	●	
16	Linely Street Boat Ramp <i>Longboat Key</i>	●	
17	City Island Boat Ramp <i>City Ramp</i> (access to Sarasota BayWalk)	●	●
18	South Lido Park <i>Lido Key</i>		●
19	Bird Key Park <i>Bird Key</i>		●
20	Causeway Park <i>Sarasota</i>	●	
21	*Centennial Park <i>Sarasota</i>	●	
22	Pinecraft Park <i>Sarasota</i>		●
23	Turtle Beach <i>Siesta Key</i>	●	●

Boat Ramps & Canoe, Kayak Launches		BOAT RAMP	CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH
No.	Name/Location Phone Number/Marker Number (area code 941)		
23	Turtle Beach <i>Siesta Key</i>	●	●
24	Lakview Park <i>Sarasota</i>		●
25	Myakka River State Park <i>Sarasota</i>		●
26	Osprey Fishing Pier <i>Osprey</i>		●
27	Oscar Scherer State Park <i>Osprey</i>		●
28	Vamo Canoe Launch <i>Osprey</i>		●
29	Blackburn Point Bridge Park <i>Osprey</i>	●	●
30	Shoreland Park <i>Osprey</i>		●
31	Nokomis Beach <i>Nokomis</i>	●	
32	North Jetty Park <i>Nokomis</i>		●
33	Higel Park <i>Venice</i>	●	
34	Snook Haven Inn <i>Venice</i>		●
35	Caspersen Beach <i>Venice</i>		●
36	Manasota Beach <i>Manasota Key</i>	●	
37	Blind Pass Beach <i>Manasota Key</i>		●
38	Lemon Bay Boat Ramp <i>Englewood</i>	●	
39	*Indian Mound Park <i>Englewood</i>	●	●
40	Lemon Bay Park <i>Englewood</i>		●
41	Cedar Point Park <i>Englewood</i>		●
42	Dallas White Park <i>North Port</i>	●	
43	Marina Park <i>North Port</i>	●	
44	Butler Park <i>North Port</i>		●
45	Myakkahatchee Park <i>North Port</i>		●

* High use boat ramp facility.

Centennial Park
Boat Launch.





Bay Artificial Reefs

No.	Name and Location	Loran-C 7980-W 7980-Y	LATITUDE (N) LONGITUDE(W)	DEPTH (FT.)	MATERIALS
1	Deamus Hart <i>N. Sarasota Bay, E. of ICW</i>	14181.3 44440.7	27°22.075 82°34.477	10'	Concrete, FPL insulators Reef balls
2	Pop Jantzen <i>N. of Bird Key Park</i>	14176.8 44421.1	27°19.709 82°33.849	7'	Concrete, FPL insulators Reef balls
3	Jim Evans <i>S. of Ringling Causeway</i>	14177.6 44417.9	27°19.727 82°33.452	10'	Concrete, FPL insulators
4	Bully Powers <i>W. of Otter Key</i>	14174.8 44419.7	27°18.855 82°34.317	12'	Concrete, FPL insulators
5	Rose Coker <i>N. of Siesta Drive Bridge</i>	14176.9 44404.0	27°18.698 82°32.537	7'	Concrete, FPL insulators
6	Sport Fishing Anglers Club <i>North/Central Sarasota Bay</i>	14175.9 44446.2	27°21.080 82°35.883	12'	Reef balls
7	*O.D. Miller <i>City Island Fishing Piers</i>	14176.5 44430.0	27°20.190 82°34.546	9' 21'	Concrete rubble
8	*Tony Saprito Fishing Pier <i>Causeway Park</i>	14178.9 44419.0	27°20.030 82°33.372	2-7'	Reef balls

*Only fishing from land.




A PVC artificial enhancement module ready for deployment.



Deploying the module.



Reef balls lined up and ready for placement.

 Fishing Piers		BAIT onsite
No.	Name and Location	
1	Green Bridge Fishing Pier <i>Palmetto</i>	●
2	Rod and Reel Pier <i>Anna Maria</i>	●
3	Anna Maria City Pier <i>Anna Maria</i>	●
4	Historic Bridge Street Pier <i>Anna Maria</i>	●
5	Overlook Park <i>Longboat Key</i>	●
6	Tony Saprito Fishing Pier <i>Sarasota</i>	●
7	Osprey Fishing Pier <i>Osprey</i>	●
8	North Jetty Park <i>Nokomis</i>	●
9	South Jetty Park <i>Venice</i>	●
10	Venice Fishing Pier <i>Venice</i>	●
11	Tom Adams Bridge Pier <i>Englewood</i>	●



Historic Bridge Street Pier.




Venice Jetty Park.



Tony Saprito Fishing Pier.

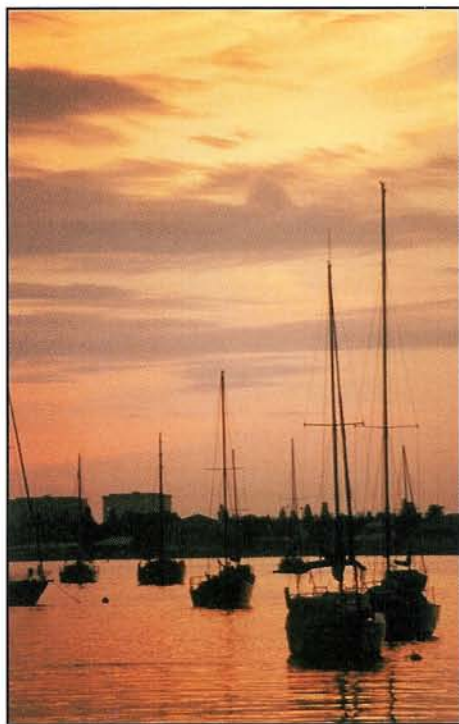


 Bird Viewing		HOT SPOT	ROOKERY
No.	Name and Location		
1	Passage Key <i>Passage Key</i>		●
2	Crab Trap Boat Ramp <i>Terra Ceia</i>	●	
3	Dot Dash Dit Key <i>Braden River</i>		●
4	Emerson Point Park <i>Snead Island</i>	●	
5	Palma Sola Causeway <i>Palma Sola Bay</i>	●	
6	Bayfront Park <i>Anna Maria</i>	●	
7	Cortez Key <i>Cortez</i>		●
8	Cortez Fishing Village <i>Cortez</i>	●	
9	Coquina BayWalk at Leffis Key <i>S. end of Anna Maria</i>	●	
10	Beer Can Island <i>Longboat Pass</i>	●	
11	Whale Key <i>Whale Key</i>		●
12	City Island Boat Ramp <i>City Island</i>		●
13	North Lido Beach <i>Lido Key</i>	●	
14	South Lido Park <i>South Lido Key</i>	●	
15	Roberts Bay Islands <i>Roberts Bay</i>		●
16	Skiers Island <i>Roberts Bay</i>		●
17	Siesta Public Beach <i>Siesta Key</i>	●	
18	Turtle Beach <i>South Siesta Key</i>	●	
19	Palmer Point Park <i>North Casey Key</i>	●	
20	Neville Preserve <i>Little Sarasota Bay</i>	●	
21	Pinecraft Park <i>Sarasota</i>	●	
22	Myakka River State Park <i>Sarasota</i>	●	
23	Historic Spanish Point <i>Osprey</i>	●	
24	Oscar Scherer State Park <i>Osprey</i>	●	
25	North Jetty Park <i>Nokomis</i>	●	
26	South Jetty Park <i>Venice</i>	●	
27	Caspersen Beach <i>Venice</i>	●	
28	Manasota Beach <i>Manasota Key</i>	●	
29	Lemon Bay Park <i>Englewood</i>	●	
30	Myakkahatchee Park <i>North Port</i>	●	

		SCENIC	TRANQUILITY	HOSPITALITY	ISOLATION	CAMARADERIE	CLEAN	MARINA	PARK	BEACH-	ROWING	SKIING	DAY SAILING	SWIMMING	FISHING
No.	Name														
1	Terra Ceia	good	good		●		●					●	●		●
2	Mckay Point	fair	poor					●							
3	Hooker Point	fair	fair												●
4	Bradenton	poor	poor					●				●	●		●
5	Palmetto	poor	poor					●	●				●		●
6	Manatee River/ De Soto Pt.	fair	poor			●			●		●		●	●	
7	Longbeach/ Longboat Pass	fair	poor	●		●	●				●		●	●	●
8	New Pass/ Sands Point (access to Quick Pt. Nature Preserve)	fair	poor			●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●
9	Sarasota/ Island Park	fair	poor	●		●		●	●		●		●		
10	Big Pass/ Otter Key	fair	poor								●				●
11	Roberts Bay	fair	poor										●	●	●
12	Venice/ Higel Park	poor	poor						●		●				
13	Lemon Bay	poor	poor			●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●
14	Englewood Beach	fair	poor								●		●	●	●



Cortez Fishing Village.



Sarasota Island Park Anchorage.

Recommended Beaches



Coquina Beach.



Turtle Beach.



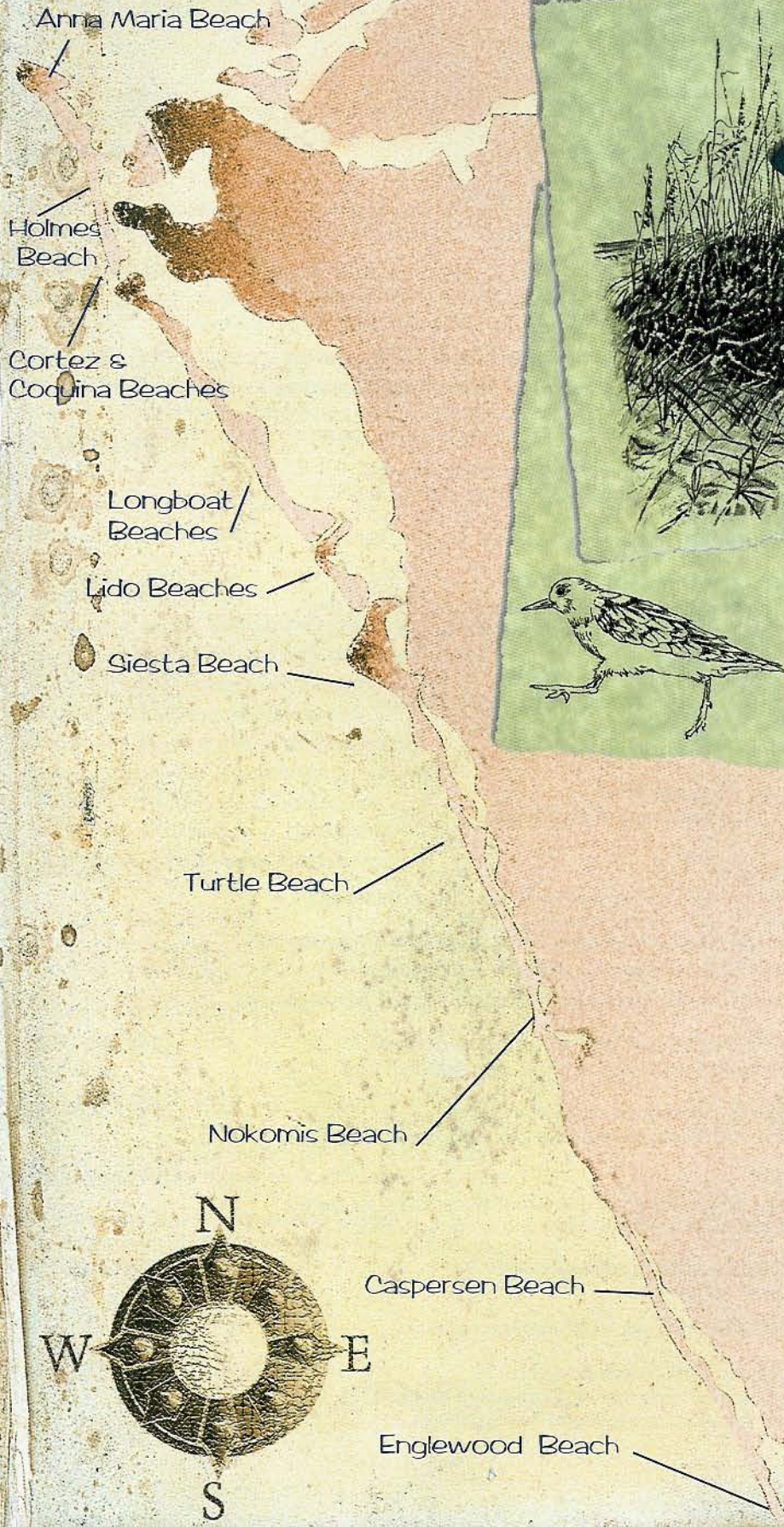
Caspersen Beach.



Englewood Beach.



Coquina Baywalk at Leffis Key.





Resource Directory

Arts/ Cultural Interests

Arts Hotline

(941) 745-ARTS

Sarasota County Arts Council

(941) 365-5118

County Parks

Manatee County

(941) 749-7123

Sarasota County

(941) 316-1172

Department of Historical Resources

Manatee County Department of Historical Resources

(941) 741-4070

Sarasota County Department of Historical Resources

(941) 316-1115

Florida Marine Patrol

1-800-DIAL-FMP

Division of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that enforces saltwater fishing and boating laws and regulations.

Call to report any manatee harassment, injury or death.

Florida Marine Research Institute

(727) 896-8626

Estuarine and marine scientific research; a division of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Florida Sea Grant College Program,

(352) 392-1837

University of Florida Marine Extension Service

(941) 722-4524

For educational information on Florida's coastal zone and marine resources.

Gulf Coast Heritage Trail

(941) 359-5841

Sarasota Bay National Estuary Program

Hart's Landing

(941) 366-TIDE

A 24 hour hotline for the latest tides and fishing information.

Manatee and Sarasota County Environmental Departments

Sarasota County Natural Resources Department

(941) 378-6142

Manatee County Division of Environmental Management

(941) 742-5980

Manatee, Sarasota and Venice Audubon Society

(941) 364-9212

Local chapters of the National Audubon Society.

Mote Marine Aquarium and Laboratory

(941) 388-4441

A private, non-profit marine research and education facility.

Weather

(941) 388-1908

Provides an automatic weather monitoring station for current wind speed and direction, water and air temperature.

NOAA Weather Service Broadcast

(813) 645-2506

24 hour weather and marine forecast

WX-1 162.550 MH on VHF marine radio

Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary

(941) 388-4444

A sanctuary for more than 200 species of injured birds. Contact the sanctuary to report injured wildlife.

Power Squadrons

Sarasota (941) 953-7565

Anna Maria Island (941) 792-0394

Venice (941) 484-6889

Local boating organizations promoting and offering the public classes on boating skills and safety.

Sarasota Anglers Club & Sport Fishing Club (941) 923-7100

A family-oriented recreational fishing and community service organization. Sponsors sportfishing tournaments.

Sarasota Bay National Estuary Program (941) 359-5841

Government partnership and citizen-based network, working together to implement a long-range Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the restoration and management of Sarasota Bay.

State Parks

Myakka River State Park (941) 361-6511

Oscar Scherer State Park (941) 483-5956

Tourist Information

Manatee County Tourist Information Center (941) 729-7040

Sarasota County Tourist Information Center (941) 957-1877

Anna Maria Chamber of Commerce (941) 778-1541

Manatee Chamber of Commerce (941) 748-3411

Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce (941) 383-2466

Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce (941) 955-2508

Siesta Key Chamber of Commerce (941) 349-3800

Venice Area Chamber of Commerce (914) 488-2236

Englewood Chamber of Commerce (941) 474-5511

U.S. Coast Guard

Boating safety hotline for information and to report possible safety defects in boats and emergencies.

Emergency (941) 794-1261

Non-Emergency (941) 794-1607

Toll Free 1-800-232-0154

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Sarasota (941) 366-5595

Manatee (941) 753-9473

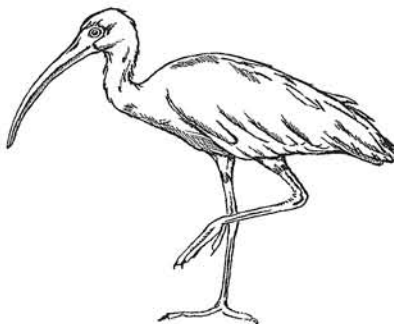
Longboat Key (941) 388-1982

Venice (941) 488-1900

The civilian service branch of the U.S. Coast Guard offering the public classes on boating skills and safety.

West Coast Inland Navigational District (941) 485-9402

For information on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.



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Field Notes



Many coastal-dwelling Native Americans have ancient tales of Little People of the wetlands and marshes. These Pudwudgees are thought to be magical beings that build their homes in the high shore grasses and entangled tree roots along the bayshore.

Perfectly in tune with their environs, they work with the forces of nature - benefitting both.



Field Notes

Seashells are hard but
are no match for the
restless waves.
Gradually they are
ground down and
worn away, and the
substances from which
they are made are
returned to the sea.




Field Notes



Seagrass leaves provide excellent protection for young marine animals from larger open-water predators. Some animals, such as manatees, eat seagrass blades. Other animals derive nutrition from eating algae and small animals that colonize seagrass leaves. These colonizing organisms provide an additional link in the marine food chain.

Field Notes



Beautiful on land.
Lovely in the air.
But birds of the water.
Of all are most fair.

- Anonymous

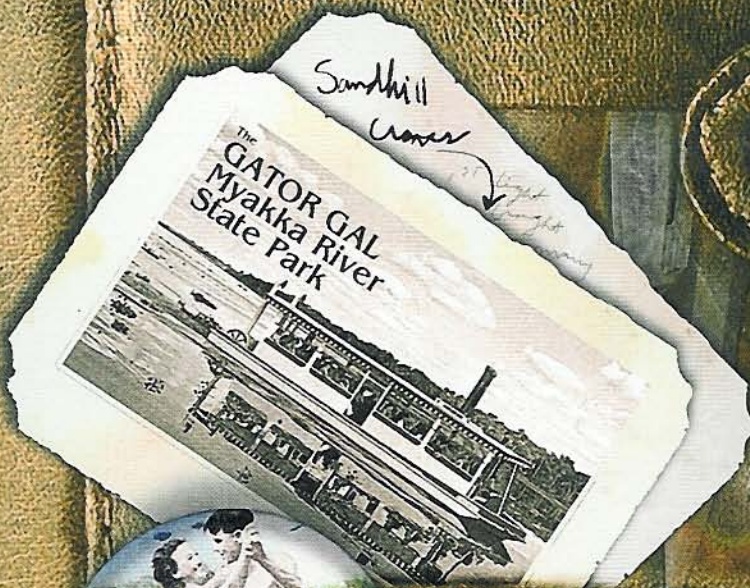


Field Notes

It is the male sea horse that gives birth to the baby sea horses. The female deposits her eggs in a special pouch on the male in which they are incubated. When the time arrives, hundreds of miniature baby sea horses emerge.

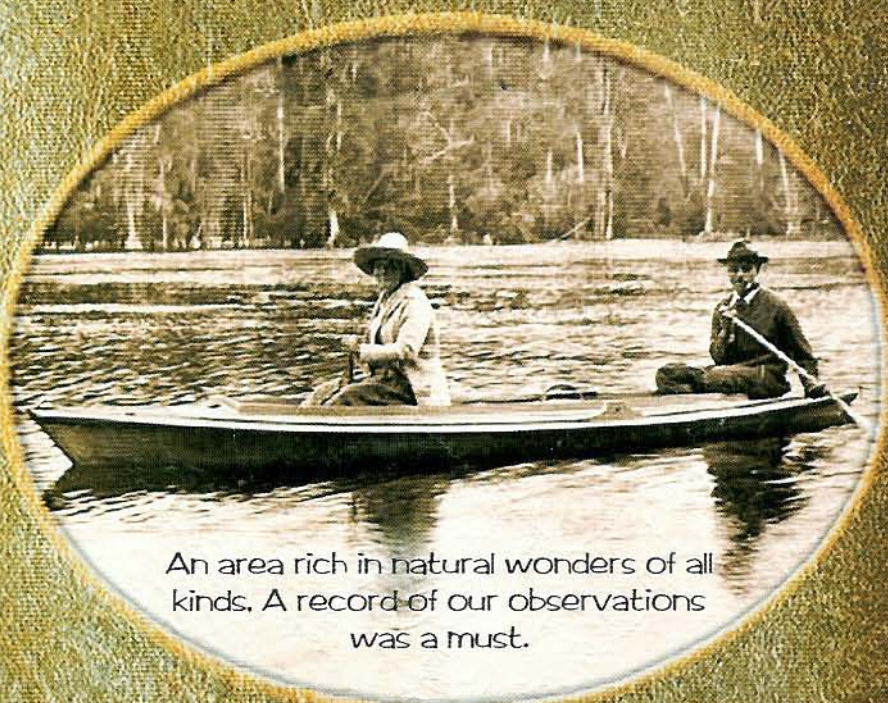






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