

PLACES TO VISIT

EDISON & FORD WINTER ESTATES

Being one of the most popular tourist attractions in the Fort Myers and Sanibel area, these 20 acres of tropical gardens are the location of Edison and Ford's historic homes, cottages and museum. Guided and Self- guided (audio) tours available <u>https://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org/</u>: Admission: Guided tour \$30 (\$18-25 Child) / Self-guided \$25 (\$15-20 Child)

BAILEY - MATTHEWS NATIONAL SHELL MUSEUM

One of the best things to do on Sanibel, the Museum offers fun and educational activities for the whole family. Kids love touching live mollusks in our touch pools, winning scavenger hunt prizes, and watching our Giant Pacific Octopus (not all mollusks grow shells!). Come visit the only museum in the United States devoted solely to shells and mollusks! <u>https://www.shellmuseum.org/</u> : Admission: \$23.95 (\$8.95-14.95 Child)

Nature and Wildlife

SIX MILE CYPRESS SLOUGH PRESERVE

Journey into a 3,400-acre wetland ecosystem on a mile-long boardwalk trail. Enjoy overlooks, plants and wildlife and a myriad of animals like otters, alligators, turtles, wading birds, and more live at the Slough year-round. <u>https://www.leegov.com/parks/parks/sixmilecypress</u>: Admission is free, parking fee: \$1/hour or \$5/day

GREAT CALUSA BLUEWAY PADDLING TRAIL

The Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail is a 190-mile marked canoe and kayak trail that meanders through the coastal waters and inland of the destination. <u>https://www.fortmyers-sanibel.com/calusablueway</u>

Kayaking/SUP

The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel is a paddler's paradise, with an abundance of picturesque spots, water trails and guided tours to choose from, here are five kayak/SUP outfitters for rentals and tours for your reference. A full list can be found at https://www.fortmyers-sanibel.com

<u>Adventure Sea Kayak</u> (Captiva)

<u>Mound House Eco-Tour</u> (Fort Myers Beach Mound House)

<u>Kayak Excursions</u> (Fort Myers)

<u>GAEA Guides</u> (Fort Myers)

<u>Guilf Coast Kayak</u> (Pine Island/ Matlacha)

<u>Tarpon Point Marina</u> (Cape Coral)





THINGS TO DO & ATTRACTIONS

Island Hopping and Boating

With hundreds of islands dotting our Gulf waters, a majority remains disconnected to the mainland by bridge. For an even more secluded experience try the local pastime of island-hopping. Discover the remote locations accessible only by boat while enjoying a sunset or watching dolphins frolic in the wake. <u>Captiva Cruises</u> (Cabbage Key, Cayo Costa, Boca Grande) Fares Range: S30-S55 (S20+ Child) <u>Captain Brian on the Water</u> (Sanibel, Captiva) Fares Range: S450+ <u>Southwest Florida Charters</u> (Fort Myers, Sanibel) Fares Range: S300+ <u>Fish-Tale Marina</u> (Fort Myers Beach) Tours: S27 (S17 Child) <u>Key West Express</u> (Fort Myers Beach Ferry to Key West) Fares: One-Way- S101/ Round-trip - S161 <u>Tarpon Point Marina (Cape Coral) Cruise Fares: S35 (S15+ Child)</u>

Lovers Key State Park

The park name comes from the way the island was only accessible by boat and was said that only lovers made the journey to the isolated and beautiful beach. But today, anyone can access the island where an abundance of wildlife awaits. <u>https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/lovers-key-state-park.</u>Admission: S8/vehicle or \$2.00 per bike/pedestrian. If present vehicle admission receipt to outfitter, a deduction in that amount will be applied to your rental/tour fee. <u>Lovers Key Adventures Outfitter</u>:

Back Bay Fishing, Bicycling, Birding, Boating, Canoeing, Kayaking, Natural Wildlife, Stand Up Paddle Boarding, Swimming and Sun Bathing, Biking and WalkingTrails.

J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge

The largest undeveloped mangrove ecosystem in the United States. Over <u>245 species of migratory birds</u> journey to this protected habitat. This 7,600-acre refuge is also home to 51 types of reptiles and amphibians, and 32 mammal species. Take a scenic four-mile drive or book a tour.

<u>https://www.fws.gov/refuge/jn_ding_darling/</u>: Admission: \$10/ vehicle (\$5 parking fee) or \$1.00 per bike/pedestrian <u>Tarpon Bay Explorers Outfitter</u>:

Tram Tours, Paddling, Biking and Walking Trails, Observation Towers for Wildlife Watching, Kayaking, Boating, Fishing Charters

Official tram tour rates: \$13 Adults (\$8 Child) , reservation recommended. Access <u>Tarpon Bay Explorers</u> link for contact information.





EXPERIENCES & ENTERTAINMENT

Biking

With 25 miles of biking trails, Sanibel Island can be explored "off the beaten path." In addition to Wildlife Drive located in Ding darling, there are a number of <u>biking trails</u> to explore. <u>Billy's Rentals</u>(Sanibel) \$5+ per 2-hour rental (additional rates and lengths available) <u>Finnimore's Bike and Beach Rentals</u>(Sanibel) \$9+ per 4-hour rentals (additional rates and lengths available)

Cape Coral, another biking community provides 90 miles of interconnected <u>bike routes</u> bordering nature preserves, scenic canals, marinas, golf courses and the Caloosahatchee River There are also safe, easy-to-navigate routes to <u>Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve</u> and <u>Rotary Park Environmental Center</u> where one will enjoy trails, a butterfly and native garden, bird watching or grabbing a kayak and drifting through a mangrove forest.

Additional biking locations with a range of landscapes and unique environments offer amazing trails with captivating views all year long.

<u>Caloosahatchee Regional Park</u> (Alva, Buckingham, Lehigh Acres) Admission is free, parking fee: \$1/hour or \$5/day <u>Lakes Regional Park</u> (Fort Myers): Admission is free, parking fee: \$1/hour or \$5/day





Golfing

Year-round perfect weather and picturesque surroundings make the destination a hit for golfing. With 50 open to the public courses, tee time can be any time for professional and amateur players alike. An extended list can be found at <a href="https://www.fortmyers-sanibel.com/media-central/media-kits/general-kits/genal-kits/general-kits/gene

<u>Raptor Bay Golf Club</u> (Bonita Springs) <u>Old Corkscrew Golf Club</u> (Estero) <u>Coral Oaks Golf Course</u> (Cape Coral) <u>The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club</u> (Sanibel) <u>Sanibel Island Golf Club (</u>Sanibel)









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Downtown Fort Myers River District

Downtown Fort Myers, also known as the River District, forms the core of a city that stretches for miles south along the Caloosahatchee River and east to the rural interior. With a range of antique shops, boutiques, art galleries and restaurants, explore the River District – Fort Myers' beautiful historic and cultural center along the waterfront of the Caloosahatchee River with its original brick-lined streets.

<u>Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center</u> <u>Florida Repertory Theatre</u> <u>Burroughs Home and Gardens</u>: Self guided tours: S10/ Guided tours S20 True Tours: Walking History Tours or Fort Myers Tickets: S15



Sun Saver Passport

While in the destination, the Sun Saver Passport is a great 'added value" offering a collections of mobile-exclusive discounts that provide instant savings to various deals and experiences from area attractions and more. There is no app to download, just share the QR code with a smartphone or access via <u>explore.fortmyers-sanibel.com</u>.





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