

PARKS GUIDE



ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide highlights many of the parks, preserves and facilities owned and/or managed by Sarasota County. To view our Blueways Paddle Guide, Natural Areas Guide, or Events Guide or for more information about our Sarasota County parks and recreational opportunities, visit scgov.net/parks. Visit our website or call 941-861-5000 for park hours.

GET INVOLVED – VOLUNTEER!

Looking for a way to make a difference? Volunteers are vital to our department's success. Many of our programs rely on people contributing their own time and resources to help keep our parks a premier system. Whether it is serving as beach ambassador at the No. 1 beach in the U.S., dedicating time to a park cleanup or a youth sports team, or leading a nature walk, we are so grateful for our devoted volunteers. For more information, visit scgov.net/volunteer or call 941-861-5000.

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ABOUT SARASOTA COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Welcome to one of the premier park systems in the state of Florida. Breathtaking sunsets, beautiful beaches, miles of trails and a wide variety of programs and events have made our park system an important part of what makes Sarasota County a great place to live, work and play!

Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources manages over 150 park sites, including public beaches, playgrounds, boat ramps, natural areas with hiking and biking trails, athletic fields, recreation centers and historic facilities.

With more than 55,000 acres, our residents and visitors can experience Sarasota County's natural beauty or join in a wide variety of recreational opportunities.

Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy exploring nature in Sarasota's parks and natural areas. There are plenty of opportunities for birding and wildlife observation and miles of unpaved trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding. If you enjoy bicycling, walking and jogging, you will want to experience The Legacy Trail. For the latest information, visit scgov.net/legacytrail.

With 92 athletic fields, including baseball, softball, football and multi-purpose fields, and youth and adult sports programs, leagues and activities are an important part of what we do. In addition, our community and recreation centers offer a diversity of programs, classes and events as well as quality leisure opportunities.

Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources has received national and statewide recognition for several of our distinctive park and beach facilities. Our own Siesta Beach has received numerous awards through the years including being rated as the No. 1 Beach in the U.S. by Dr. Beach as well as TripAdvisor.

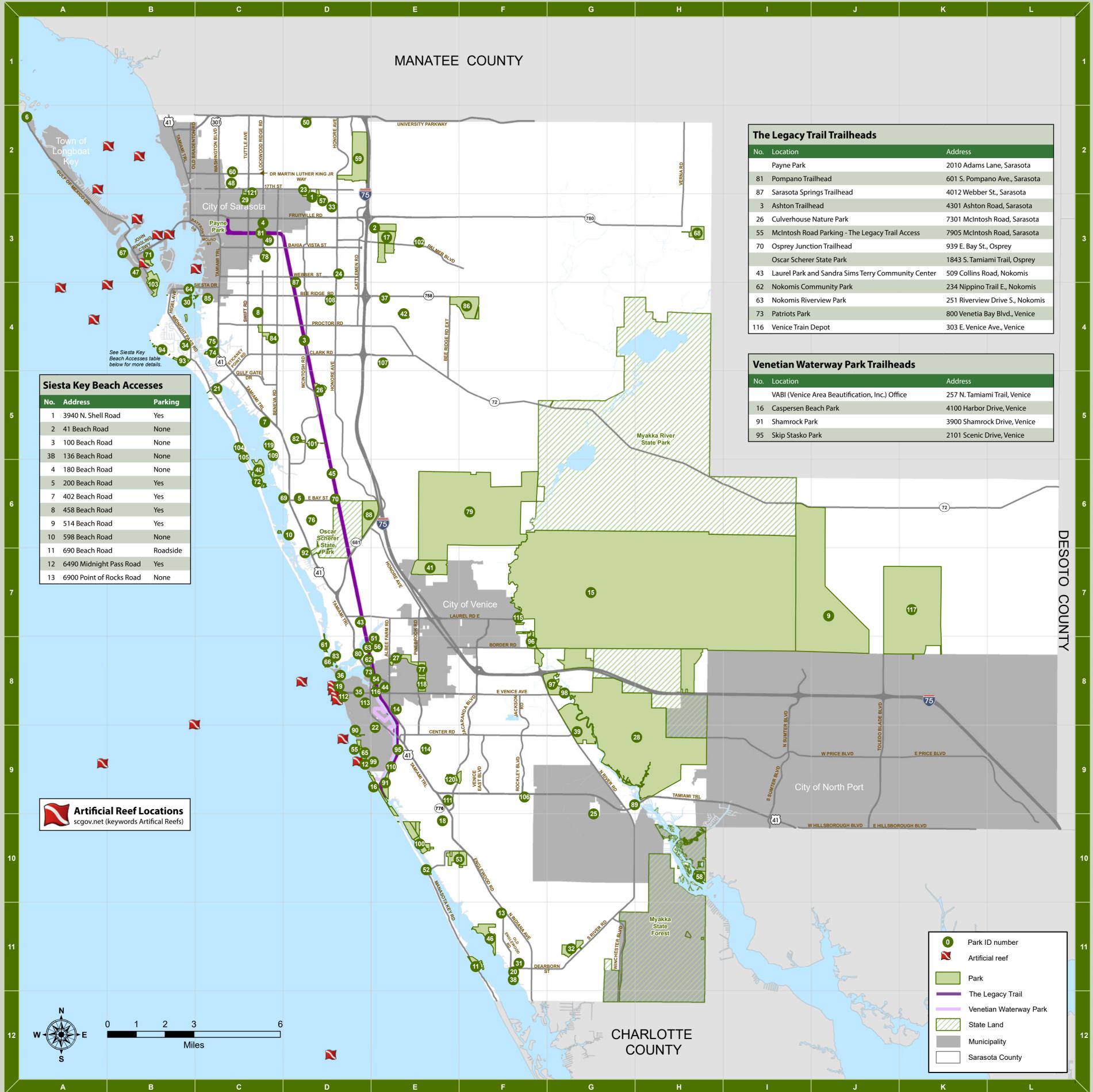
Sarasota's rich history being preserved in the park system is a lesser known fact. Many cultural and historic resources are found throughout our parks, including the Edson Keith Mansion at Phillippi Estate Park, the Dr. C.B. Wilson House at Uffer Family Park, the historic Venice Train Depot, the Siesta Beach Pavilion and the Nokomis Beach Plaza.

Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources truly has something for everyone. Use the map inside this guide to locate your favorite park, or to discover a park or facility near you.

SPECIALTY PARKS

- **BMX at Youth Athletic Complex** – This site was selected as a host for the 2021 USA BMX Sunshine State Nationals and the 2021 USA BMX Citrus Classic Nationals.
 - **CoolToday Park** – Catch a professional baseball game at the spring training home of the Atlanta Braves.
 - **Dog parks** – For leash-free fun, five dog parks are located in the county including the Brohard Paw Park.
 - **Ed Smith Stadium** – Catch a professional baseball game at the spring training home of the Baltimore Orioles.
 - **Knight Trail Park** – The outdoor shooting complex includes trap, skeet, sporting clays, pistol and rifle shooting.
 - **Nathan Benderson Park** – A world-class rowing venue and home to a range of international and national championship events in addition to being a popular community park.
 - **Selby Aquatic Center** – The center includes a 50-meter, Olympic-size pool and 25-meter warm-up pool.
 - **Snook Haven Park** – Popular for its riverfront restaurant, live entertainment and old Florida charm.
 - **Turtle Beach Campground** – Enjoy this campground located right on the Gulf of Mexico!
- To learn about additional specialty parks and recreational opportunities, visit scgov.net/parks.

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