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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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.

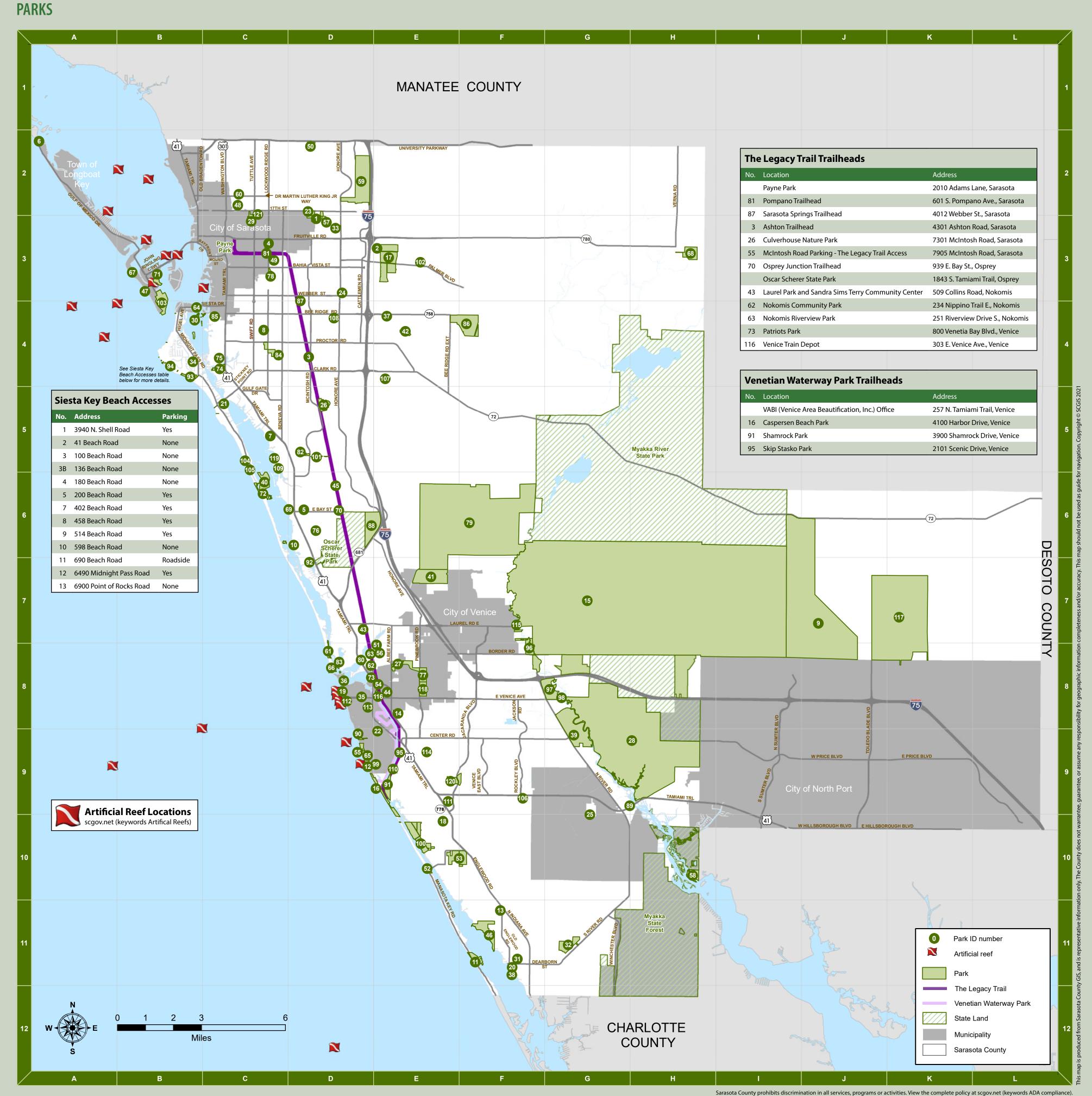
a lesser known fact. Many cultural and historic resources are found throughout our parks, including the Edson Keith Mansion at Phillippi Estate Park, the Dr. C.B. Wilson House at Urfer Family Park, the historic Venice Train Depot, the Siesta Beach Pavilion and the Nokomis Beach Plaza.

Sarasota's rich history being preserved in the park system is

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.

- 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
- 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.









This park offers lighted softball fields and soccer fields. The popular dog park includes designated areas for large and

2 Ackerman Park • E3 • 19 acres 400 Apex Road, Sarasota 34240

The main feature of this park is its 21-acre lake, which provides a range of opportunities from fishing to remote-controlled boats.

small dogs, agility equipment and a dog drinking fountain.

3 Ashton Trailhead • D4 4301 Ashton Road, Sarasota 34233 ▓▐▜▐▗▀▐▀▊█▜

This park provides access to The Legacy Trail and includes a

playground and picnic shelters. 4 Babe Ruth Park • C3 • 21 acres 185 S. Pompano Ave., Sarasota 34237

Ĩ¥Ì₩ A popular sports park that offers lighted regulation baseball fields.

5 Bay Street Park • D6 • 19 acres 300 Bay St., Osprey 34229

Located in the heart of Osprey, this park provides the perfect place

to have a family picnic or host a party at the large picnic pavilion. 6 Bayfront Park • A2 • 9 acres 1052 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key 34228

This waterfront park provides beautiful views of the bay and

has a diverse range of amenities and recreational opportunities. The park is a partnership between the Town of Longboat Key and Sarasota County. 7 Bayonne • C5 • 11 acres

This preserve has a sandy loop trail through scrubby flatwoods. Native plants and a variety of wildlife can be observed, including

8050 Springfield Drive, Sarasota 34231

gopher tortoises and other imperiled species. 8 Bee Ridge Park • C4 • 10 acres 4430 S. Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota 34231

This park offers lighted regulation softball fields, sand volleyball

courts, a covered basketball court, shaded playground, reservable pavilion and indoor rental space for classes, events and special occasions. 9 Big Slough Preserve • G7 • 4,744 acres 21075 State Road 72, Sarasota 34291

Visitors exploring this preserve will experience diverse natural communities including oak hammocks, pine flatwoods and seasonal wetlands. At the south end of the preserve, a footbridge connects to Myakkahatchee Creek Environmental Park. 10 Blackburn Point Park • D6 • 16 acres

800 and 421 Blackburn Point Road, Osprey 34229

This water access park provides a motorized boat ramp and also features kayak and rowing launches. Shaded picnic areas and trails can be enjoyed at this waterfront park.

11 Blind Pass Beach Park • F11 • 63 acres 6725 Manasota Key Road, Manasota Key 34223

Also known as "Middle Beach," this Gulf-to-Bay park has more than 3,000 feet of beach frontage and a beautiful trail through a mangrove forest. There is also a four-slip boat dock and reservable pavilion on the bayside. No lifeguards on duty. 12 Brohard Paw Park** • D9 • 1 acre

1850 S. Harbor Drive, Venice 34285 个 | 金 | 本 | 金 |

This is the place to be if you want to share the beach with your canine companion. Featuring an enclosed play yard with watering station and a designated section of the beach where your dog can swim and play off-leash. Restrooms at Maxine 13 Buchan Airport Community Park / Kiwanis Park F11 • 17 acres

A shady picnic area by the playground provides a great place to sit and enjoy the park. The designated dog-friendly (leash required) area is located within the Kiwanis Foundation Park portion of the site. The Tom Minnich Trail winds through pine

1390 Old Englewood Road, Englewood 34223

flatwoods there. 14 Bypass Park / Foxworthy Campus • E8 • 37 acres 1101 Gulf Coast Blvd., Venice 34292

In addition to lighted regulation softball fields, this park has a range of amenities and offers organized softball leagues throughout the year for a variety of ages. 15 Carlton Reserve (T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Memorial Reserve)

1800 Mabry Carlton Parkway, Venice 34292 ⑸◢◢▲⊞Œૠ₦₦₩₩₩ This exceptional backcountry wilderness reserve has over

H7 • 24,565 acres

100 miles of trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding. Lincer Preserve and Oak Cathedral Preserve can both be accessed via Carlton Reserve. Seasonal flooding possible.

16 Caspersen Beach Park • E9 • 150 acres 4100 Harbor Drive, Venice 34285

A primitive beach that is also an excellent spot to find sharks'

teeth! Almost two miles of beachfront to enjoy, along with a Gulf-side accessible boardwalk and a bayside fishing pier. Nature trails provide opportunities for wildlife viewing. Reservable pavilion available. No lifeguards on duty. 17 Celery Fields • E3 • 400 acres 6893 Palmer Blvd., Sarasota 34240

A birding hot-spot on the Great Florida Birding Trail, with over 200 bird species documented to date. It is also home to Sarasota Audubon Society's Nature Center. Enjoy exercise and great views by climbing the mound or view wildlife from the boardwalks and trails around the restored wetlands.

371 Olivia St., Venice 34293 \(\bar{\chi}\) \(\ba Named in memory of the NASA Shuttle Challenger, this park

18 Challenger Park • E10 • 4 acres

provides the neighborhood a convenient place to picnic and play. Park improvements include a multi-sport court with basketball and a variety of other options for play. 19 Chauncy Howard Park** • D8 • 0.9 acres 601 The Esplanade N., Venice 34285

A A An accessible boardwalk leads to the beach. No parking available. No lifeguards on duty. 20 Cherokee Street Park Site • F11 • 2 acres

67 Cherokee St., Englewood 34223 **全** This waterfront park offers long views of Lemon Bay. An accessible trail leads to the fishing pier and a dock is also located at the

park. Take a picnic and go fishing or relax in the bay breezes. 21 Christopher Wheeler Park • C5 • 0.3 acres 1300 Old Stickney Point Road, Sarasota 34242

Enjoy the views of Little Sarasota Bay from a bench at this small, shaded bay access park.

22 Chuck Reiter Park** • E9 • 9 acres 250 Fort St., Venice 34285

Located on the Island of Venice, this sports park includes lighted youth baseball fields. 23 Circus Hammock • D2 • 22 acres

4570 17th St., Sarasota 34232 (parking area) This small urban preserve, located near the historic winter

quarters of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, hosts a diversity of plants and wildlife within the shaded oak hammock. Seasonal flooding possible. 24 Colonial Oaks Park • D3 • 17 acres

5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd., Sarasota 34232 A variety of recreational classes and programs are offered at the recreation center. The park also features a playground shaded

by oak trees and lighted basketball and tennis courts. Small reservable pavilions are available as well as indoor rental space for classes and events

25 CoolToday Park • G9 • 90 acres 18800 S. West Villages Parkway, Venice CoolToday Park opened in 2019 as the new spring training home of the Atlanta Braves. The Braves have spent more than 70 years in Florida for spring training, and now they continue

their Florida legacy in Sarasota County. Limited public use. 26 Culverhouse Nature Park • D5 • 82 acres 7301 McIntosh Road, Sarasota 34238

This 82-acre site in Palmer Ranch was donated to the county in 2011. Bring the family to enjoy a picnic, walk the trails, or visit the community garden. This park provides access to

27 Curry Creek Preserve • E8 • 80 acres 075 Albee Farm Road, Venice 34285 - West Entrance 1500 Pinebrook Road, Venice 34285 - East Entrance

7001 Forbes Trail, Venice 34292 - North Entrance

Named after the Curry family, early pioneers that settled the area, visitors here may see a variety of wildlife and habitats such as mangrove forests, tidal marshes and longleaf pine flatwoods. Dog-friendly area and kayak launch at west entrance 28 Deer Prairie Creek Preserve • H9 • 6,400 acres

10201 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice 34287 - South Entrance With lands bordering the Myakka River, the preserve features pine flatwoods, prairie hammocks, seasonal wetlands and a variety of

wildlife. There are more than 70 miles of shared-use trails. Equestrian access is at the north entrance; kayak launch and picnic area at the 29 Ed Smith Stadium • C3 • 50 acres 2700 12th Street, Sarasota 34237

Since 2010, the Baltimore Orioles have called Sarasota their spring training home. In addition to Ed Smith Stadium, the Orioles use the Buck O'Neil Baseball Complex at Twin Lakes Park. Limited public use.

30 Edwards Islands (Big and Little) • B4 • 18 acres Roberts Bay, Sarasota 34242 These islands are accessible only by water and are a popular

destination for those looking for a quiet picnic spot. 31 Englewood Park • F11 • 9 acres

01 N. Orange St., Englewood 34223 图於阿爾金丹爾河

This neighborhood park is shaded by towering pines and provides a variety of recreational opportunities. 32 Englewood Sports Complex • G11 • 137 acres

1300 S. River Road, Englewood 34223

Many fitness classes and special events are offered at this popular facility. The sports complex also has lighted tennis and pickleball courts, lighted youth baseball and softball fields, lighted regulation baseball and softball fields, lighted soccer fields and a reservable pavilion.

33 Fruitville Park • D3 • 20 acres 5151 Richardson Road, Sarasota 34232

This park features several recreational opportunities, including lighted softball and soccer fields, lighted tennis and basketball courts and a reservable pavilion.

34 Glebe Park • B4 • 10 acres 1000 Glebe Lane, Siesta Key 34242

35 Hecksher Park** • D8 • 3 acres

450 W. Venice Ave., Venice 34285

A great neighborhood park offering families a place to picnic, view sports activities and enjoy a walk on the trail.

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36 Higel Marine Park** • D8 • 1 acre 1330 Tarpon Center Drive, Venice 34285

A waterfront spot to enjoy a scenic picnic overlooking Dona and Roberts bays. The boat ramp provides nearby access to the Venice Inlet with no bridges.

37 Hopewell Memorial Park • E4 • 2 acres 6730 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota 34241 血丹 Donated to the county in 1950, this is one of the oldest cemeteries

in the area. Some of Sarasota's earliest families and veterans are 38 Indian Mound Park • F11 • 7 acres 210 Winson Ave., Englewood 34223

Originally known as "Paulsen Point," this park features a prehistoric shell midden and a popular boat ramp, in addition to a reservable pavilion. Youth sailing and rowing clubs are also located at the park. 39 Jelks Preserve • G9 • 614 acres 2300 N. River Road, Venice 34292

Sola A A A A Bordering the Myakka River, this preserve offers opportunities to walk through hammocks and pine flatwoods along 8 miles of trails. Visitors may see wildlife such as gopher tortoises and migratory songbirds as well as a diversity of wildflowers.

40 Jim Neville Marine Preserve • C6 • 114 acres Little Sarasota Bay, Osprey 34229

3445 Rustic Road, Nokomis 34275

509 Collins Road, Laurel 34275

Named for Jim Neville, a renowned Sarasota environmentalist, this island is a popular kayaking and birding destination. A variety of coastal birds, plants and wildlife, and proximity to the Gulf of Mexico, make it a worthwhile visit. 41 Knight Trail Park • E7 • 267 acres

▗▓ **▗ ▄ ▄ ▄ ॗ** This facility features multiple shooting ranges including archery, pistol and rifle, trap and skeet as well as a sporting clays course. The park also offers a youth camping area. Fees apply.

42 Lakeview Park • E4 • 16 acres 7255 Hand Road, Sarasota 34241 Formerly part of Sunshine Springs and Gardens, which operated in

the 1950s, this park now features a popular 18-hole disc golf course, as well as a dog park with a separate area for small dogs, agility equipment and a dog drinking fountain. 43 Laurel Park and Sandra Sims Terry Community Center D7 • 15 acres

This multi-use recreational facility includes a gymnasium and indoor rental space for classes, events and special occasions. The park has something for everyone including lighted outdoor basketball and tennis courts, reservable pavilion and access to The Legacy Trail.

44 Legacy Park** • E8 • 10 acres 395 E. Venice Ave., Venice 34285

This City of Venice community park is a focal point in a complex of parks: The Legacy Trail, Marina Park and Venice Train Depot. It features a train-themed playground, an observation deck overlooking the creek and a multi-use trail. 45 Lemon Bay Park and Environmental Center

F11 • 210 acres 570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood 34223 This park boasts 1.7 miles of shoreline on the beautiful Lemon kayak along the shoreline, view a butterfly garden, hike nature

Bay Aquatic Preserve and is a great place to explore nature, fish or trails and enjoy the boardwalks overlooking the bay. Reservable pavilion available. 46 Lido Beach** • B3 • 19 acres 400 Benjamin Franklin Drive, Lido Key 34236

Former location of the historical Lido Casino, this popular beach is located near St. Armands Circle and hosts weddings and special events. Beach and pool lifeguards on duty.

47 Lime Lake Park • C2 • 6 acres 2020 N. Lime Ave., Sarasota 34234

Visitors to this lovely neighborhood park can enjoy a walk on the paved trail around the small lake, fish at the pier, or relax at one of the gazebos (reservable). Limited parking.

48 Locklear Park • C3 • 9 acres 821 S. Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota 34237

This neighborhood park has two lakes shaded with oak trees and a boardwalk leads to the playground. Limited parking. 49 Longwood Park • D2 • 20 acres 6050 Longwood Run Blvd., Sarasota 34243

A multi-use recreational facility that includes indoor rental space for classes and events and a reservable pavilion. In addition to lighted outdoor basketball and tennis courts, the Miracle League baseball

field provides recreational opportunities for children and young adults with special needs. 50 Loreto Court Bay Access • E8 • 0.7 acres 800 Loreto Ct., Nokomis 34275

This shallow draft boat ramp provides access to Dona and Roberts bays, and the Gulf of Mexico via Shakett Creek. Grass parking is available.

51 Manasota Beach Park • E10 • 22 acres 8570 Manasota Key Road, Manasota Key 34223

This Gulf-to-Bay park is an ideal place to spend leisure time with your family whether picnicking, swimming or walking the boardwalk that meanders through mangroves. The bayside of the park includes a boat ramp with access to Lemon Bay. Reservable pavilion available.

52 Manasota Scrub Preserve • F10 • 159 acres 2695 Bridge St., Englewood 34223

301 E. Venice Ave., Venice 34285

7905 McIntosh Road, Sarasota 34238

From scrubby flatwoods and rosemary scrub to forested and herbaceous wetlands, visitors can enjoy nature at its best. Longleaf

pine dominate the pine flatwoods and a variety of wildflowers and grasses can be seen in the depressional marsh. Dog-friendly area is

east of Bridge Street. 53 Marina Park and Boat Ramp** • E8 • 7 acres

This boat ramp park is adjacent to the Historic Venice Train Depot and provides access to the Intracoastal Waterway.

54 Maxine Barritt Park** • D9 • 20 acres 1800 Harbor Drive S., Venice 34285

全性 This beachfront park is located adjacent to the Brohard Paw Park and offers a large and a small pavilion available for rental, swing set and a 1-mile paved trail around a large lake. 55 McIntosh Road Parking - The Legacy Trail Access • D5

This access point to The Legacy Trail provides parking for recreational users.

56 Merkle Park • E8 • 0.5 acres 107 River Blvd. S., Nokomis 34275 TO A A P This small neighborhood park offers accessible features, including a

playground, picnic area and shuffleboard courts. 57 Miss Sarasota Softball Complex • D3 • 15 acres 4770 17th St., Sarasota 34232 │──│╬|╬│�

58 Myakka Islands Point • H10 • 100 acres 1289 Campbell St., Port Charlotte 33953 This preserve has historic associations with fishing, waterways and

This complex features lighted, regulation fast-pitch softball fields.

Native American culture. Along the 2 miles of trails, visitors will enjoy the tidal marsh, mangrove, estuarine, scrubby flatwoods and coastal hammock habitats where the Myakka River flows. Seasonal flooding possible. 59 Nathan Benderson Park • D2 • 602 acres 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota 34235

A world-class rowing venue with a 2,000-meter sprint rowing and training course, this community park offers an exciting range of recreational pursuits on and around the picturesque 500-acre lake. A 3-mile multi-use trail circles the lake. Ramps available for launching non-gas powered water vessels.

60 Newtown Estates Park • C2 • 11 acres

2800 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota 34234

61 Nokomis Beach Park • D8 • 24 acres

234 Nippino Trail E., Nokomis 34275

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Featuring a full-sized gymnasium and indoor rental space for classes, events and special occasions, this park also offers a large reservable pavilion, lighted youth baseball fields and lighted outdoor tennis and basketball courts

100 Casey Key Road, Casey Key 34275

Visitors will enjoy the historic beach pavilion and beautiful sunset views of the Gulf from elevated, accessible boardwalks with shaded seating. The bayside boat ramp provides access to Blackburn Bay and Venice Inlet. Reservable pavilion and community room available. 62 Nokomis Community Park • D8 • 17 acres

This community park features indoor rental space for classes, events and special occasions, a covered outdoor basketball court,

covered stage and other outdoor recreational opportunities. This park provides access to The Legacy Trail. 63 Nokomis Riverview Park • D8 • 2.5 acres 251 Riverview Drive S., Nokomis 34275

This small park provides access to The Legacy Trail and includes a kayak launch leading to Shakett Creek. 64 Nora Patterson Bay Island Park • B4 • 2 acres 946 Siesta Drive, Sarasota 34242

With a name that honors Nora Patterson, a former Sarasota County Commissioner, this waterfront park offers panoramic views of Sarasota Bay and the Sarasota skyline

65 North Brohard Park** • D9 • 21 acres

1400 Harbor Drive S., Venice 34285

This beach park is located just north of the Venice Fishing Pier and Sharky's Restaurant. The Robert E. Clark Beach Pavilion at the park offers shaded areas and restrooms. No lifeguards on duty.

66 North Jetty Park • D8 • 19 acres 1000 S. Casey Key Road, Casey Key 34275

This beach park is a popular fishing destination where visitors watch boats pass through the Venice Inlet to the Gulf. The park features a rock jetty with a paved sidewalk that is popular for fishing. Reservable 67 North Lido Beach** • B3 • 71 acres

A A A Visitors will enjoy the white sandy beach, winding trails along mangrove forests and dunes as well as excellent bird watching opportunities. Public parking along Benjamin Franklin Drive and at Lido Beach. No lifeguards on duty. 68 Old Miakka Preserve • H3 • 152 acres

Near historic Old Miakka, this preserve has diverse habitats and plants including rare scrub species. Four miles of trails provide wildlife

50 Benjamin Franklin Drive, Lido Key 34236

251 Myakka Road, Sarasota 34240

viewing opportunities including tortoises, butterflies and songbirds. Seasonal flooding possible 69 Osprey Fishing Pier • D6 • 0.1 acre 130 Main St., Osprey 34229

This small waterfront park features expansive views of the bay and has an accessible fishing pier. One ADA parking space; no other parking available. 70 Osprey Junction Trailhead • D6 • 10 acres

939 E. Bay St., Osprey 34229 This neighborhood park serves as a trailhead for The Legacy Trail and provides an opportunity to walk through a shaded oak hammock and

grass trails around the small lake. 71 Otter Key • B3 • 30 acres Sarasota Bay, Sarasota 34236

This undeveloped island is a popular fishing area and kayak destination. 72 Palmer Point Beach Park • C6 • 40 acres 9399 Blind Pass Road, Siesta Key 34242

This Gulf-to-Bay primitive beach features a dune system with native coastal vegetation. The beach is a popular spot for boaters and people who like to walk along the shore from Turtle Beach. No vehicular access and no lifeguards on duty. 73 Patriots Park • D8 • 3.5 acres 800 Venetia Bay Blvd., Venice 34292

This park features a range of war and public service memorials and serves as a trailhead for The Legacy Trail. Visitors can relax in the shade and reflect on the memorials throughout the park.

74 Phillippi Estate Park • C4 • 60 acres

as lighted tennis courts and more.

5500 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota 34231 Located on Phillippi Creek, this scenic heritage/nature park showcases the historic Edson Keith Mansion and Keith Farmhouse. A wide range of amenities can be found here, and the mansion, pavilion and open

spaces are available for rental. 75 Phillippi Shores Park • C4 • 7 acres 1863 Phillippi Shores Drive, Sarasota 34231 This quaint neighborhood park is a great place for bird watching and

enjoying the lake view. 76 Pine View School - Athletic Court Complex* • D6 • 2 acres Python Pass, Osprey 34229

This school property has athletic facilities available for use by students

and the general public. 77 Pinebrook Park** • E8 • 80 acres 1251 Pinebrook Road, Venice 34285

A popular destination for fitness and nature enthusiasts, this park

includes a scenic fitness/nature trail through pine flatwoods as well

78 Pinecraft Park • C3 • 15 acres 1420 Gilbert Ave., Sarasota 34239

▗░█▜░▀░▜░▊░░░░░ A quiet oasis and a community gathering space on Phillippi Creek, this park has mature oak trees and abundant shade. A nature trail winds

through the mesic hammock on the south side of the park. 79 Pinelands Reserve • F6 • 6,151 acres 4000 Knights Trail Road, Nokomis 34275

Abundant with wildlife, this reserve is a popular birding destination. The property was purchased with two main goals in mind - to protect the surrounding wildlife habitat and natural communities while also serving as home to the county landfill.

80 Pocono Trail Preserve • D8 • 8 acres 189 Pocono Trail, Nokomis 34275 █**૾**██ This waterfront preserve protects mangrove and estuarine habitats on

Shakett Creek. An observation platform and shady trails through oak hammock provide opportunities for viewing wildlife, including resident nesting ospreys. Limited parking. 81 Pompano Trailhead • C3 601 S. Pompano Ave., Sarasota 34237

`; | ******| 🖎 | 🏖 | *****| †| † This park provides access to The Legacy Trail, parking for recreational users and features 12 lighted pickleball courts and a small community center. Opening 2022.

82 Potter Park • D5 • 37 acres 8587 Potter Park Drive, Sarasota 34238 A great place for a birthday party, family picnic or just hanging out in

the shade under an oak tree. Pavilion and outdoor rental space available. This park is adjacent to the Selby Aquatic Center. 83 Rattlesnake Island • D8 • 8 acres Lyons Bay, Venice 34275 **[~]** [~] [*]

84 Red Bug Slough Preserve • C4 • 72 acres 5200 Beneva Road, Sarasota 34231

Accessible only by boat, this island is popular with both boaters

and kayakers.

suburban Sarasota. Part of the Great Florida Birding Trail, the preserve also offers shady hiking trails and a butterfly garden. 85 Red Rock Park • C4 • 1 acre 3987 Camino Real, Sarasota 34231

Enjoy this remnant piece of natural Florida nestled in the midst of

This popular neighborhood park caters to the whole family with an emphasis on small children. The park features a playground for children ages 2-5 and a separate playground for older children as well as an open play field. Limited parking. 86 Rothenbach Park • F4 • 353 acres 8650 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota 34241

A literal example of "trash-to-treasure," this park is on the former site of the county landfill, which has been closed and capped. It is now a beautiful park with 5 miles of paved trails, shady oak hammocks and ponds. Pavilion and outdoor rental space available.

87 Sarasota Springs Trailhead • D3 4012 Webber Street, Sarasota 34232 This park provides access to The Legacy Trail and includes a playground

88 Scherer Thaxton Preserve • D6 • 287 acres

89 Senator Bob Johnson's Landing • G9 • 7 acres

13125 Honore Ave., Nokomis 34229

9083 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice 34293

Park. Limited parking.

Located next to Oscar Scherer State Park, this preserve's 5-acre lake is a popular fishing and birding destination. Visitors will enjoy the benches and marked fitness trail around the lake. The preserve protects wet flatwoods and hammocks. The Legacy Trail connector.

Named in honor of Senator Johnson, this park has beautiful views of the Wild and Scenic Myakka River and includes trails, restrooms, picnic facilities and an accessible non-motorized boat launch. 90 Service Club Park** • D9 • 8 acres 190 Harbor Drive S., Venice 34285

scrub-jays. No lifeguards on duty. 91 Shamrock Park and Nature Center • E9 • 127 acres 3900 Shamrock Drive, Venice 34293 Located along the Intracoastal Waterway, this park protects rare coastal

An example of some of the last remaining scrubby flatwoods along the

beach in Sarasota County, this park provides habitat for foraging Florida

scrub habitat, Florida scrub-jays and gopher tortoises. A 2.3-mile paved multi-use trail for wildlife viewing, hiking and biking connects to Venetian Waterway Park. Pavilion and room rental available. 92 Shoreland Park • D7 • 1 acre 251 Shoreland Drive, Osprey 34229 <u>|≰|</u>||€|||∰|

93 Siesta Beach • B4 • 40 acres 948 Beach Road, Siesta Key 34242 ▝▀▎▗▟▁▎▎▆▆▗░▘▆▊▗▆▁▀▞░▄░░░ Sarasota's most visited beach was awarded the "No. 1 Beach in America"

This small park provides shallow water access to South Creek

Kayakers will enjoy the short and easy paddle to Oscar Scherer State

title and is famous for its soft, white, crystal-quartz sand. The shallow placid waters, gentle slopes and compact sand make for a safe and family-oriented beach. Reservable pavilions available. 94 Siesta Key Beach Accesses • B4 See map inset for access locations.

These access points to paradise allow visitors to explore some of the

less-populated areas of the famous Siesta Key beaches. Parking is

available at some of the access locations. 95 Skip Stasko Park • E9 • 5 acres 2101 Scenic Drive, Venice 34293 |**計**||蚕||八 This lakefront neighborhood park offers visitors a tranquil place to relax,

take a stroll on the nearby Venetian Waterway Park trail or enjoy a picnic in the gazebo. 96 Sleeping Turtles Preserve North • F8 • 174 acres 3462 Border Road, Venice 34292

Named after "Sleeping Turtles," a landmark on the Myakka River noted on 1800s naval maps. Visitors exploring the 5 miles of trails will see diverse natural communities including floodplain swamps and flatwoods along the river. Dog-friendly area on north side of Border Road 97 Sleeping Turtles Preserve South • G8 • 213 acres 2800 N. River Road, Venice 34292

Visitors may spot resident wildlife such as gopher tortoise and bobcat and find an assortment of wildflowers, such as false foxglove, blazing star and pennyroyal. There are opportunities for freshwater fishing at the 15-acre borrow pit (artificial pond).

98 Snook Haven Park and Riverfront Restaurant • G8 • 5.5 acres 5000 E. Venice Ave., Venice 34292 Located on the Myakka River, this site was historically known as a fish camp. The park is popular for its riverfront restaurant, with live

entertainment and old Florida charm. River boat tours of the Myakka River available seasonally. Improvements include an accessible boat ramp. 99 South Brohard Park** • D9 • 21 acres 1900 Harbor Drive S., Venice 34285

100 South Venice Lemon Bay Preserve • E10 • 222 acres 6200 Osprey Road, Venice 34293 ▗**ૣ** ▗ૣੑਫ਼ੑਖ਼ੑੑਜ਼ੑਖ਼ਖ਼ A refuge for wildlife such as Florida scrub-jays, gopher tortoises and

Located south of Sharky's Restaurant and the Venice Fishing Pier, this

quiet park features a boardwalk to the beach with a beautiful tree canopy.

bald eagles, the preserve also protects habitats such as tidal swamp, tidal marsh, mesic and scrubby flatwoods. Visitors will enjoy nearly 8 miles of trails and two boardwalks. 101 Stoneybrook Nature Trail • D5 • 5 acres

4404 Central Sarasota Parkway, Sarasota 34238

This complex features lighted youth soccer fields.

With nearly a mile of paved trail and an observation deck for wetland and wildlife viewing, this nature trail extends along Central Sarasota Parkway and connects to The Legacy Trail. Parking available at Potter Park. 102 Tatum Ridge Soccer Complex* • E3 • 8 acres 4100 Tatum Road, Sarasota 34240

103 Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach • B4 • 152 acres 2201 Benjamin Franklin Drive, Lido Kev 34236 Located at the southern tip of Lido Key, this popular beach park connects with four bodies of water: Gulf of Mexico, Big Pass, Sarasota

Bay and Brushy Bayou. Enjoy the beach, trails and playground.

This part of the park is a popular destination for kayakers looking

to explore the mangrove tunnels. Paddleboard and kayak rentals

Caution - dangerous currents. No lifeguards on duty. 103 Ted Sperling Nature Park • B3 190 Taft Drive, Lido Key 34236

available onsite through local vendors.

Celery Field:

Turtle Beach Campground is Sarasota County's premier beachfront campground on Siesta Key. The tree-lined campground is just steps from the beach. Call 941-861-CAMP

104 Turtle Beach Campground • C5 • 2 acres

8862 Midnight Pass Road, Siesta Key 34242

or email turtlebeachcampground@scgov.net. 105 Turtle Beach Park • C5 • 16 acres 8918 Midnight Pass Road, Siesta Key 34242 This beach park has more than a half-mile of beach frontage

on the Gulf of Mexico. The park's boat ramp provides easy access to Blind Pass Lagoon and Little Sarasota Bay. Reservable pavilion available. 106 Tuscano Park Site • F9 • 12 acres 2391 Taylor Ranch Road, Venice 34293

Near Taylor Ranch Elementary School, this neighborhood park offers families a place to picnic and enjoy the small playground. 107 Twin Lakes Park • E4 • 123 acres 6700 Clark Road, Sarasota 34241

This sports park caters to the whole family and is a great place to watch a game, hike around the lake or have a picnic. A range of fields include lighted youth baseball, regulation baseball and

football fields. Reservable pavilion available. Spring training home of the minor league Baltimore Orioles. 108 Urfer Family Park • D4 • 55 acres 4012 Honore Ave., Sarasota 34233

This heritage/nature park showcases the historic Dr. C.B. Wilson House and provides visitors a glimpse into the agricultural history of the area. The park offers playgrounds for toddlers to teens, a paved fitness trail, a nature trail through pine flatwoods and a boardwalk overlooking wetlands.

109 Vamo Drive Park • C5 • 0.5 acres 1690 Vamo Drive, Sarasota 34231 A S A A

This small park on Little Sarasota Bay provides shallow draft vessels access to surrounding bay areas, Jim Neville Marine Preserve and Palmer Point Park.

101 The Esplanade, Venice 34285

400 Shamrock Blvd., Venice 34293

E8 • 3.5 acres

flooding possible

110 Venetian Waterway Park** E9 • 45 acres Extends from Venice Avenue south along the Intracoastal

Waterway, Venice 34285 This popular multi-use trail winds through urban settings and natural Florida landscapes and extends 5 miles on each side of

the Intracoastal Waterway, connecting to The Legacy Trail at the Venice Train Depot. 111 Venice Area Audubon Rookery • E9 • 15 acres 4006 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice 34292

This small rookery island is in an urban area and is heavily used by nesting egrets, herons and anhingas. It is a premier destination for birders and nature photographers. 112 Venice Beach • D8 • 7 acres

This City of Venice signature beach includes a historic pavilion and shaded concession areas. The beach is a popular destination for divers looking to explore the artificial reef in the area. 113 Venice Community Center** • D8 • 5 acres 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice 34285

This 45,000-square-foot regional facility is perfect for parties, expos, seminars, concerts and more. The ballroom has a large stage with professional-grade theatrical lighting and sound, state-of-the art kitchen, nine meeting rooms and ample parking. 114 Venice Gardens Park • E9 • 10 acres

This lakefront neighborhood park is the perfect place to bring

115 Venice Myakka River Park** • F7 • 11 acres 7501 E. Laurel Road, Venice 34275 This riverfront park is a popular destination for fishing and wildlife viewing along the Myakka River.

116 Venice Train Depot and Rollins W. Coakley Railroad Park

the family for a picnic and to enjoy the playground.

303 E. Venice Ave., Venice 34285 The Historic Venice Train Depot, built in 1927, offers a glimpse into Venice's past. The depot and Freight Room are perfect for hosting a meeting or special event. Indoor and outdoor rental space

available. This park provides access to The Legacy Trail.

7020 Toledo Blade Blvd., North Port 34289 50 **★** ★ ★ ★ ★ Over 19 miles of trails provide hiking, biking and birding opportunities. Visitors can see a variety of habitats including pine flatwoods, hammocks, marshes and ranchland. Seasonal

117 Walton Ranch • K7 • 3,760 acres

118 Wellfield Park** • E8 • 80 acres

119 Wharf Road Park • C5 • 0.2 acre

1300 Ridgewood Ave., Venice 34292

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1601 Wharf Road, Sarasota 34231 This small park on Little Sarasota Bay provides canoe/kayak access to surrounding bay areas, Jim Neville Marine Preserve and Palmer Point Park. A small dock offers day-time mooring for boaters looking for a shady picnic spot. Limited parking available.

120 Woodmere Park • F9 • 77 acres 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice 34293

This community park features a half-court gymnasium and

indoor rental space for classes, events and special occasions, as

well as outdoor lighted tennis and basketball courts. The dog

This popular athletic complex includes lighted youth baseball

fields, football fields and tennis courts. The park is a great place

park has spaces for large and small dogs. Stroll 1.5 miles along the Alligator Creek nature trail. 121 Youth Athletic Complex • C2 • 37 acres 2810 17th St., Sarasota 34237 [兌]

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to watch a game and have a picnic.

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AMENITIES KEY: indoor Rental Lifeguard Baseball Field Multi-Purpose Field Basketball

Petanque **Beach Access** Pickleball Bicycling Picnic Shelter / Pavilion

A Picnicking **BMX Track** Playground **Boat Ramp** Recreation Building Camping

Restroom Canoe / Kayak Launch Racquetball Community Garden Rowing Facility Concession Stand / Restaurant Shooting Range Croquet

Shuffleboard Disc Golf (Frisbee) Dog Park (Off leash park with related amenities) Soccer Field with related amenities) Dog-Friendly (Dogs allowed Softball Field on leash in designated areas) Swimming **Environmental Center** Tennis

Tennis Practice Wall Fishing Pier Fitness Center

Trails - Equestrian Fitness Equipment (Outdoor) Trails - Paved Trails - Unpaved / Nature Football Field

Volleyball Gymnasium Historical / Cultural Resource Wildlife Viewing Horseshoes

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Not available during school hours

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