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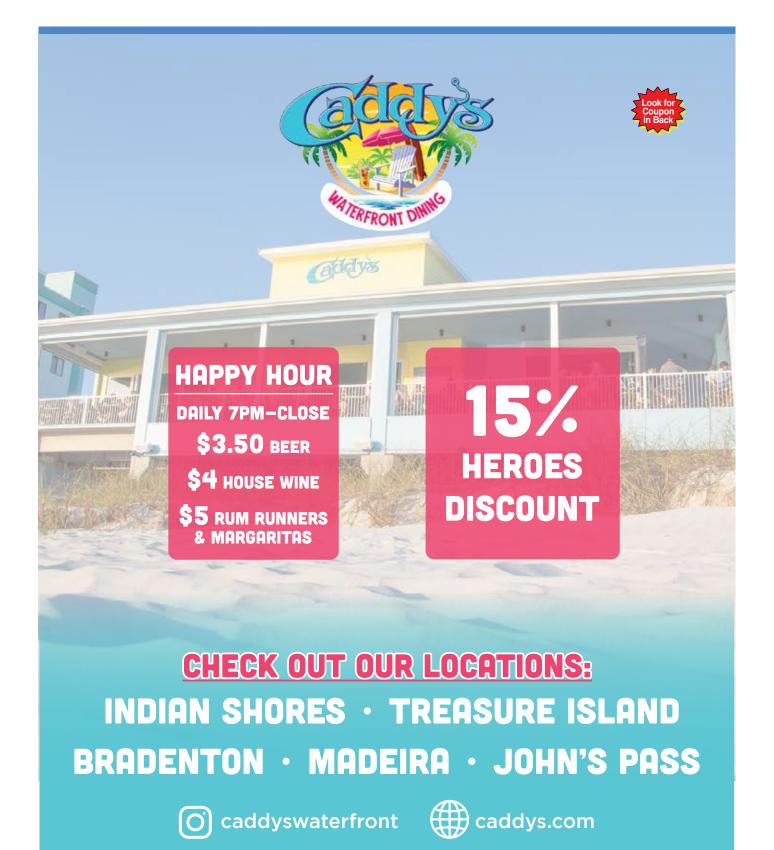


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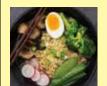


Served with miso soup



A Vietnamese soup dish consisting of broth, rice noodles, herbs, meatball and thinly sliced filet mignon

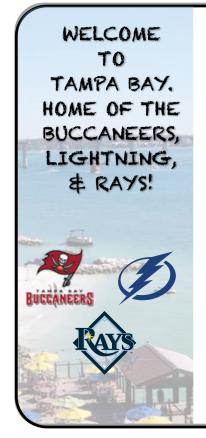




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Japanese egg noodles served in a broth, soy sauce, pork, egg, seaweed and vegetables

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As you read the InfoGuide, you will see it is basically sectioned off by location ... starting from the South and heading North with a little deviation for Downtown St. Petersburg.

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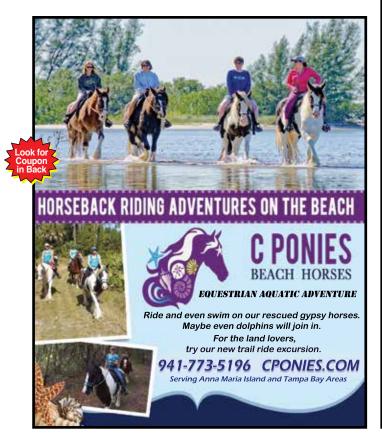
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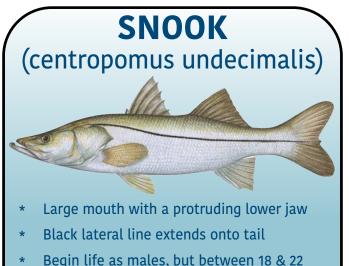
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- \* Begin life as males, but between 18 & 22 inches long, some become females
- \* Habitat inshore in coastal waters, including mangrove shorelines, seagrass beds & beaches
- \* Saltwater fish & can tolerate freshwater
- Cannot tolerate water temperature below
   60 degrees Fahrenheit
- \* Size: Up to 48" and 50 lbs.

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#### **GIANT OCEAN CREATURES FUN FACTS**



- ► The famous 'Great White Shark' is really a 'White Shark'; we just like to add 'Great' in front!
- ▶ Whale sharks can weigh around 20.6 tons.
- ▶ Mantas give birth every other year to a single ray, called a pup.
- ► The life expectancy of giant mantas is unknown, but scientists estimate around 40 years.

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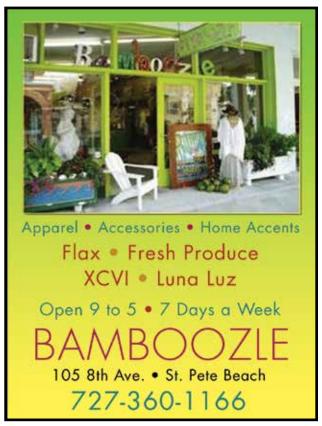
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rolling. At first, I was very tentative feeling out the controls like a new car. But within minutes, you feel like a pro. Remi told me a 72 year old woman from Ohio said she wanted to go only 3 miles per hour. After 10 minutes, she was revving it up to 13! The Segway tour lasts 90 minutes as you wind through the lush nature trail of Fort De Soto. Along the way, we spotted a baby raccoon, turkey vultures, turtles and dolphins. The vegetation is so thick, Remi calls it a jungle. From there, we headed over to the fort which was built in the late 1800's for the Spanish American war. This is a great historical and nature tour for ages 8-85, and truly a "Must Do" on your vacation!

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## The Beaches before the Condos

#### Lore and Legends, by Wayne Ayers, Author, Tampa Bay's Gulf Beaches



• Pass-a-Grille, at the southern end of the barrier islands, was first settled by Capt. Zephaniah Phillips from Ohio, a union veteran of the Civil War. The name is believed to be of French origin, 'La Passeaux-Grillards' or Pass of the

Grillers, derived from the fact that the area was frequented by pirates, fishermen, smugglers and other adventurers who often came ashore to cook (or grill) their meats.

- The legend of Chief Chic-a-Si explains how Indian Rocks got its name. The chief was purportedly cured of a mysterious ailment after drinking at one of the springs in the area, famed for their medicinal qualities. Members of Chic-a-Si's tribe returned to the spot every year to drink the spring waters and fish, camping on the rocks. White settlers witnessed this event, referring to the area as 'Indian Rocks.'
- Pioneer homesteader and turtle fisherman John Levach was returning home to St. Petersburg after selling a load of turtles in New Orleans when he spotted a broad inlet from the Gulf to Boca



Ciega Bay where none had existed before. Levach's partner Joe Silva called the newly formed inlet 'John's Pass' because Levach had discovered it. And, the name stuck.

• A mystery shipwreck off our shores? Based upon artifacts uncovered

beneath the sand following storms, local treasure hunter Jim Leatherwood believes the remains of a long lost vessel lie just off the coast. Leatherwood's collection is displayed at the Indian Rocks Historical Museum.

- Cigar making was an early industry on the beaches. Cuban immigrants from Ybor City arrived in the Indian Shores area during the early 1900's and set up a small cigar rolling operation on Gulf Blvd. The cigars were marketed under the Island Queen label.
- Tampa Bay's Gulf Beaches, by R. Wayne Ayers contains over 200 vintage
  photographic images along with text presenting life along the barrier island
  beaches before the condos. The Clearwater Marine Aquarium, located at 249
  Windward Passage just off Clearwater Beach, is dedicated to the continued
  protection and conservation of sea turtles, their nests, and their habitat.

# MANATEES View Them in the Wild



During the cold winter months, you can see manatees swimming in the wild in the warm, water discharge canal at Tampa Electric's Big Bend Power Station. The Manatee Viewing Center in Apollo Beach provides observation platforms. The best time to spot them at this location is when the Tampa Bay water temperature is below 68 degrees Fahrenheit.

CHARACTERISTICS – Manatees, also known as 'sea cows', are gray in color. Adults are typically 9 to 10 feet long and weigh around 1,000 pounds but can grow larger and weigh more. Manatees have a rounded, flattened

tail for swimming. Stiff whiskers grow around the face and lips. Their eye muscles close in a circular motion. They have a lid-like membrane that closes over their eyes for protection when they are under water. Two fore limbs, usually with 3 or 4 nails, are used for slow movements and to grasp vegetation while eating. Their flexible upper lip is used to draw food into their mouth. A manatee can consume up to 10 percent of its body weight in aquatic vegetation daily!

Manatees are quite agile in the water. They can swim upside down, roll, do somersaults or move vertically in the water. These 'sea cows' have only six cervical (neck) vertebrae, whereas, most other mammals, including giraffes, have seven. As a result, manatees cannot turn their heads sideways. They must turn their whole body around to look behind them. Like other mammals, manatees breathe air. They must surface every 5 minutes to breathe, but can hold their breath for as long as 20 minutes when resting. The manatee's nose is usually the only part that surfaces to breathe.

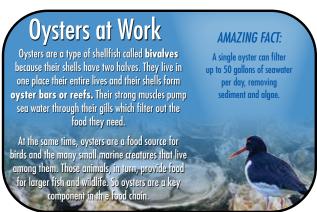
The manatee is protected under federal law by the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 and by the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

**VIEWING CENTER** – It is worth the trip to the Manatee Viewing Center! Inside the Center's environmental education building, there are colorful displays. Outside, is a butterfly garden. At the end of a boardwalk is a 50 foot high observation tower providing a terrific view of the estuary below and on a clear day, you can see much of Tampa Bay. Tampa Electric's Manatee Viewing Center is located at 6990 Dickman Rd., Apollo Beach, FL 33572. Open daily 10am to 5pm till April 15th (closed Easter). FREE admission & parking. (813) 228-4289. tampaelectric.com/manatee

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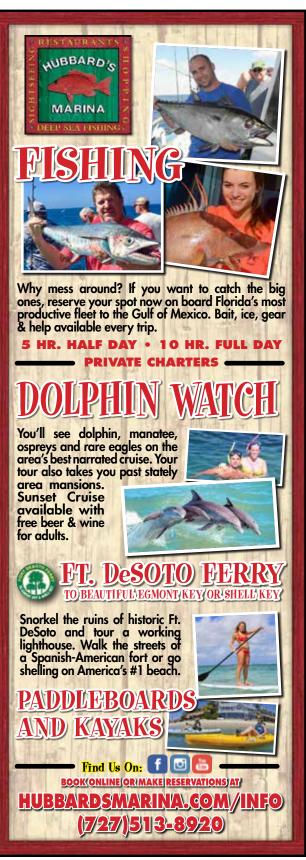
## JOHN'S PASS VILLAGE / MADEIRA BEACH











# Florida State ANIMALS & MAMMALS



#### **MANATEE** (trichechus manatus latirostris) *Florida's State Marine Mammal*

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## AMERICAN ALLIGATOR (alligator mississippiensis) Florida's State Reptile

Alligators have a broad, rounded snout with no lower teeth visible when their jaw is closed. Its powerful tail, helps propel it through the water.

They regulate their body temperature by basking in the sun or moving to areas with warmer or cooler air or water temperatures. Alligators prefer fresh water lakes and slow-moving rivers (including in Florida), but are also found in brackish water habitats.



## **GOPHER TORTOISE** (gopherus polyphemus) *Florida's State Tortoise*

A moderate-sized, terrestrial turtle averaging 9-11 inches in length, the gopher has a stumpy, elephantine hind feet and flattened, shovel-like forelimbs covered in thick scales. The adult's shell, is generally tan, brown or gray.

Breeding season occurs between March and October. Tortoises exhibit no maternal care of their eggs or young. They can live 40 to 60 years in the wild; captive ones may live 90+ years.



## **BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN** (tursiops truncatus) *Florida's State Saltwater Mammal*

The most common dolphin species is the bottlenosed dolphin, mistakenly called porpoises. They show a high degree of intelligence with a wide range of vocalizations. Dolphins are heard clicking which is not likely communication, but rather the sonar system used for navigation, food-finding and avoidance of predators. They live both inshore and offshore. Adults are typically 6 to 12 feet long and live into their 50's.

## JOHN'S PASS VILLAGE / MADEIRA BEACH





## A Brief History of Ft. De Soto - America's #1 Beach

On May 30, 1539, a well-known Spanish explorer came to the Tampa Bay area and began a conquest which would change the world. Hernando De Soto came ashore on or near the south shores of Tampa Bay. He began his expedition of the southeastern region of what is now the United States, encountering Indians and hard times as he passed through this beautiful territory. He died on May 21, 1542, and was buried in the Mississippi River to prevent his body from being taken by the Indians.

The recorded history of the island known as Mullet Key began in February, 1849 when a group of U.S. Army Engineers, aboard the schooner Phoenix, anchored offshore to survey the coastline for possible use as a coastal defense area. The Civil War broke out in 1861, with no fortification on either Mullet or Egmont Keys. The two islands played a minor role during the Civil War. Union troops set up a blockade using the two islands. Any confederates attempting to run the blockade could be seen by troops perched atop the Egmont Key lighthouse.

The first signs of construction on the Mullet Key military post began in November, 1898. On April 4, 1900, the military reservation was named Fort De Soto after the Spanish explorer Hernando De Soto. Fort De Soto was officially named a sub-post of Fort Dade on Egmont Key at that time.

Post buildings were constructed between early 1900 and 1906. There were 29 buildings including a 100 foot long barracks, a hospital, a stable, a guardhouse, a shop for blacksmiths and carpenters,

an administration office, a mess hall and kitchen, a bake house and a storehouse. If you go there, you will see some of the concrete pillars that still exist. Take the walking tour along the cobblestone walkway and see photos of the actual buildings. Through its long history as a protector of Tampa Bay waters, never once had a shell been fired at an enemy.

During WWII, Fort De Soto was used for bombing practice. Around 1989, a county worker using a backhoe came across an undetonated bomb. A few days later, the bomb was detonated and the explosion could be heard 10 miles away.

Fort De Soto Park is located at the southern tip of Pinellas County (see map pages 26/27). It has lush vegetation, two fishing piers, beaches, a camp site and bicycle trails. It is considered one of Florida's true natural and historical treasures!

Also, check out:

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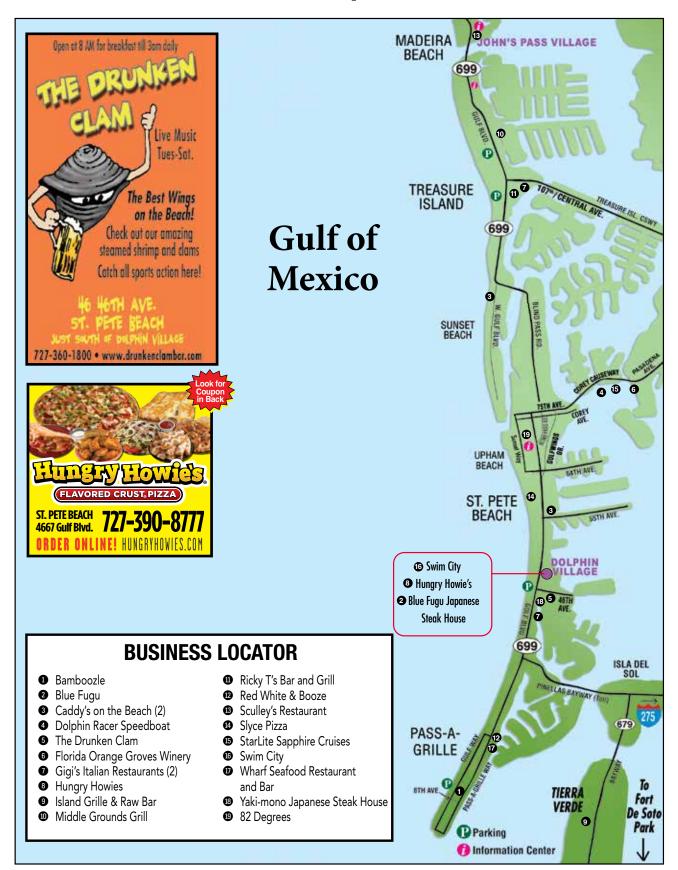
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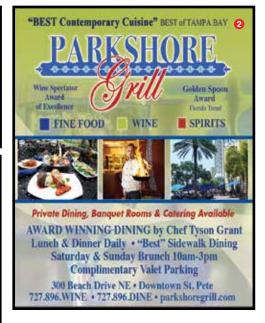


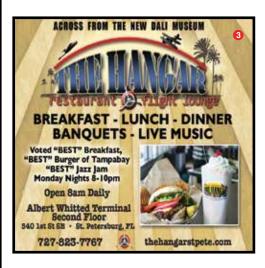


## ST. PETERSBURG MAP













# Treasure Map of Tampa Bay



Gulf of Mexico Honeymoon Island State Park

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- Caladesi Island State Park
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- Clearwater Marine Aquarium
- © Dunedin Stadium
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- Florida Botanical Gardens
- Florida State Fairgrounds

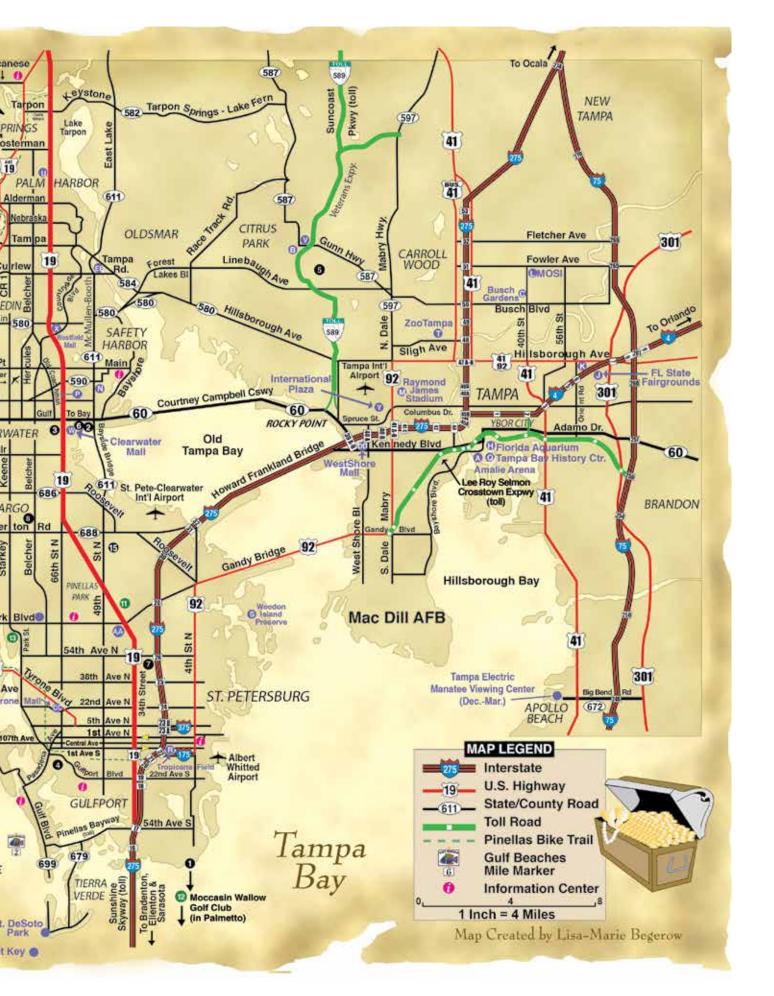
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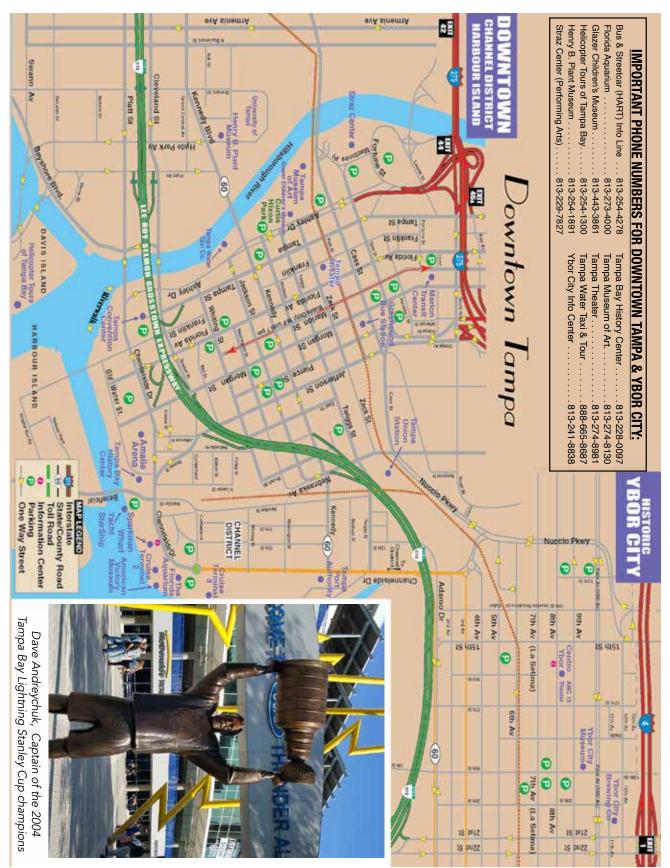
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- Seminole City Center & Cinemas
- Tyrone Mall & Cinemas
- WestShore Mall & Cinemas
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## **DOWNTOWN TAMPA / YBOR CITY MAP**



## FLORIDA STATE MAP





Each year from April 1st to October 31st, sea turtles migrate to Florida for mating and nesting purposes.

The most common species of sea turtle nesting in Florida is the Loggerhead Sea Turtle (*Caretta caretta*). Currently, Florida is home to the largest population of loggerheads nesting in the world. Each year thousands of hatchlings make it safely to the water to begin their journey to maturity, due to our conservation efforts. During their journey, they face many obstacles. The following is a brief history of the life cycle of loggerhead sea turtles:

Under the cover of darkness, the female loggerheads come ashore to find suitable habitat to deposit their eggs. The eggs then incubate underground for 50 days, at which time the hatchlings will emerge. Loggerheads are the only species in which the hatchlings emerge completely at night. Sea turtle hatchlings use light as a visual cue that leads them to the water. However, artificial lighting from beach development results in hatchling death and disorientation by leading the hatchlings in the wrong direction. During the hatching season, from June to October, staff and volunteers from the Clearwater Marine Aquarium monitor caged nests to ensure that all emerged hatchlings have the opportunity to get to the water.

Once the hatchlings have made it to the water, they must swim frantically in order to make it to the shelter of sargassum (seaweed) rafts offshore. During this journey, the hatchlings are vulnerable to prey by anything larger in size; this includes fish, birds and crabs. The turtles will stay in this environment until they reach a size roughly equal to 42 centimeters of their upper shell. At this size, the turtles are less vulnerable to prey and will begin to move from the 'open ocean' environment to the 'near shore' environment, such as that offered by the Indian River on Florida's East Coast.

Once in the 'near shore' environment, the turtles will continue to grow until they reach a size approximately greater than 80 centimeters of their upper shell. Adult loggerheads can continue to spend much of the year in sheltered areas, moving into the 'open ocean' environment during reproductive migrations. Loggerheads typically nest in sub-tropical climates, north of the equator.

The Clearwater Marine Aquarium, located at 249 Windward Passage just off Clearwater Beach, is dedicated to the continued protection and conservation of sea turtles, their nests, and their habitat.

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The Cuban Sandwich is a Tampa treasure. Known in the beginning as the 'Mixto', it was created in the late 1890's for the cigar workers. The sandwiches underwent changes as immigrants from different countries came to Ybor City.



The Spanish brought the fine ham, the Sicilians the Genoa salami, the Cubans the Mojo marinated Roast Pork, the Germans and Jews the Swiss Cheese, pickle and mustard. Put

each ingredient layered on top of one another, in between sliced Cuban bread, usually brushed with butter on top and pressed to a crispy finish.

In 2012, the "Historic Tampa Cuban Sandwich" was designated as the "signature sandwich of the city of Tampa" by the Tampa City Council.





Shuffleboard celebrated its 100th year anniversary in Florida in 2013. It started in St. Petersburg in 1923. In 1924, the St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club opened & soon 8,000 members were playing on more than 100 courts! This club established the rules that would become the standards of the game. Shuffleboard courts spread across the country during the 1930's & 1940's. The Works Projects Administration (WPA) even built shuffleboard courts on playgrounds!

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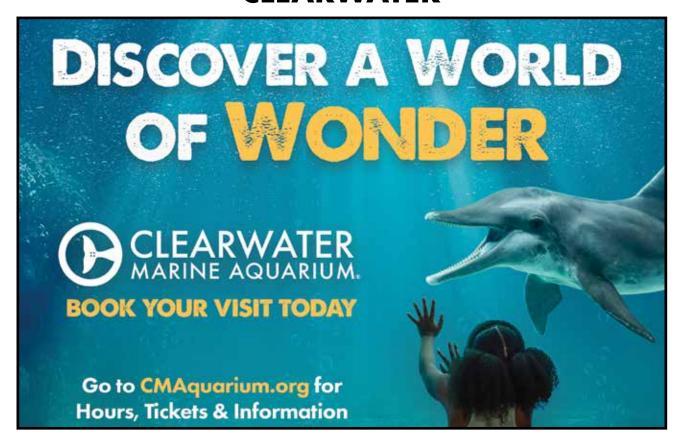
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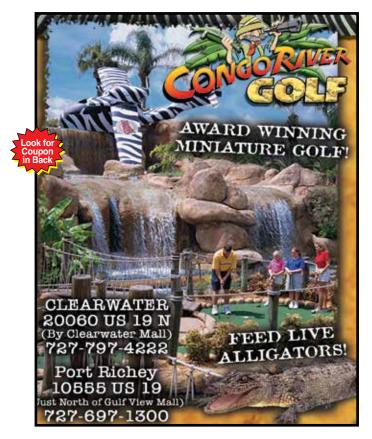


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#### **CLEARWATER**





# The SAND DOLLAR or Holy Ghost SHELL



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Sand Dollars are animals found along a beach, generally at low tide. Most found on a beach are already dead. In actuality, Sand Dollars are marine invertebrates called Echinoids, meaning "spiny skinned creature".

Sand Dollars look like round white coins, thus their name. Some adults have superstitions about them. Some think finding a whole one is rare and lucky while others believe they're gifts from God, or a sign from Heaven. One legend says the five marks on a Sand Dollar are actually five white doves and when broken open releases them to spread peace & happiness. The legend of the Sand Dollar has become a Christmas & Easter staple!



# DIAMONDBACK TERRAPIN (Malaclemys terrapin)

Named for the diamond-shaped growth rings on its top shell, the diamondback terrapin is a turtle native to the eastern and southern United States.

It is believed terrapins are the only turtle in the world that lives exclusively in brackish water (containing some salt, but not as much as ocean water), habitats like tidal marshes, estuaries and lagoons. Most terrapins hibernate during the winter by burrowing into the mud of marshes. Their preferred nesting sites are sandy beaches.

The gender of the terrapin offspring is determined by temperature: a higher nest temperature produces more females while a lower nest temperature produces more males. The hatchlings emerge from August to October and are completely on their own. After hatching, some young remain in the nest during the winter although most emerge and enter the nearest body of water.

Diet: fish, snails, worms, clams, crabs & marsh plants

Mating Season: May through July

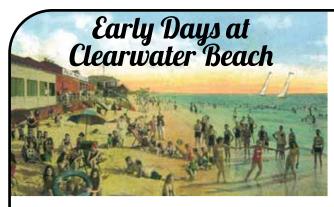
**Gestation:** Around 60 days

Lifespan: 25 to 40 years Sources: defenders.org tampabaywatch.org

## FLORIDA PANTHER FUN FACTS

- In 1982, the Florida Panther became the official state animal.
- It is a large, tawny-colored cat & a sub-species of the North American cougar.
- Adult male panthers weigh up to 150 pounds & can measure almost seven feet long.
- They hunt live prey, deer & wild hogs their preferred food.
- Until the 19th century, Florida Panthers were referred to as 'tigers'.
   One Seminole leader from the 2nd Seminole War was even named 'Tigertail' for the panther skin he wore from his waist.
- They are solitary animals & maintain boundaries by marking with scents.
- The Florida Panther has been on the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Endangered Species list since 1958.
- Biggest current dangers to the species are the loss of their habitat, disease, highways & inbreeding.





By Wayne Ayers, Author - Tampa Bay Gulf Beaches

The magnificent wide sandy beach at Clearwater began attracting tourists in the late 1800's, making Clearwater Beach one of the earliest settlements along the barrier islands. Vacationers would arrive by boat before the building of a rickety wooden bridge to the island in 1916. By 1927, the rickety bridge was replaced by the fourlane "Million Dollar Causeway".

One of the earliest landmarks on the beach was the Clearwater Beach Hotel, constructed in 1917. The hostelry quickly became a popular tourist attraction. Reconstructed in 1988, the hotel maintained its classic style and appearance through its later years, but has now given way to a new luxury resort called the SandPearl.

The opening of the Clearwater Beach Pavilion in 1917 brought crowds of

tourists over the bridge in their Model T Fords. Most of the early roads on the barrier island were little more than primitive sand traps, but they made the beaches accessible to the masses.

Beachwear evolved in the 1920's from formal Victorian attire to one-piece outfits better suited to "surf bathing" and frolicking in the water. Beach pavilions, where bathers could change from formal street attire to their beach outfits, were popular attractions all along the shore. The Palm Pavilion served many beach-goers during its heyday as a bathhouse in the 1930's and '40s. Today, the original Palm Pavilion is a popular bar/restaurant.

Clearwater City Pier was originally constructed in 1922 and became a center of beach activity, offering opportunities for fishing and sightseeing. The pier was extended in the 1960's with the development of the Pier 60 attraction.



Tampa Bay's Gulf Beaches, by R. Wayne Ayers contains over 200 vintage photographic images along with text presenting life along the barrier island beaches before the condos. Available at chain bookstores and select gift shops.

## NORTH CLEARWATER BEACH



## Algae!

Algae are plant-like organisms that create their food using sunlight through a process called photosynthesis. During photosynthesis, oxygen is also produced. Believe it or not, algae produce more oxygen than all plants combined! So, even if you don't eat or use things with algae in it, you breathe oxygen every day that was created by algae!

Source: tampabaywatch.org



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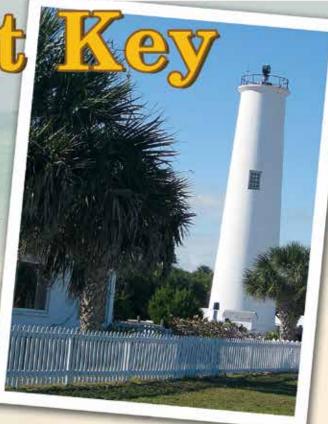
# Egmont

ocated in the mouth of Tampa Bay, Egmont Key has had a long military presence, beginning with the Spanish several centuries ago. In April of 1757, Francisco Maria Celi, a pilot of the Royal Spanish Fleet, surveyed all of Tampa Bay, beginning with Isla de San Blas y Barreda (Egmont Key). In 1763, British surveyor George Gauld renamed the island Egmont Key. Both British and Spanish explorers visited Tampa Bay throughout the 18th Century, encountering the Key. Even Cuban fishermen settled in the area, catching fish in and around the bay and selling the catch in Cuba.

The United States took over Florida in the 19th Century and saw the area in a different light. Once the military obtained a foothold in Tampa Bay, Egmont Key's importance grew. A lighthouse, constructed on the island in 1848, was severely damaged by a devastating hurricane shortly afterward. Congress appropriated funds for reconstruction. Brevet Colonel Robert E. Lee visited the island in March of 1849 with a group of U.S. Army Engineers. They surveyed the island and Mullet Key, suggesting the continued use of Egmont for military purposes. Egmont Key served as a prison camp for Seminole Indians being transferred west to "Indian Territory" and before the last prisoners were sent west in 1858, nearly 300 had been detained on the island.

The U.S.S. James L. Davis was stationed on the island in January, 1864. The ship participated in Union assaults on Tampa and the surrounding countryside. Members of the Second Florida Cavalry (Union) and the Second United States Colored Infantry, along with 54 sailors, sacked the town, killing or wounding several Confederates, capturing artillery pieces, mail and money. The invasion party was not aware that the Egmont lighthouse lens was hidden in downtown Tampa.





The Egmont Key Lighthouse was not back in operation until June 2, 1866.

In 1917 while local families bought victory bonds, men joined the military to fight in Europe. Tampa's shipbuilding industry boomed. Egmont Key became a training center for National Guard Coast Artillery units.

After the first World War, the military considered Fort Dade and Fort DeSoto on Mullet Key, obsolete. On August 31, 1921, the fort was deactivated. Eventually, all of the personnel were transferred to Key West, except an 18 person caretaking unit. On May 25, 1923, the crew was removed and a sole caretaker remained to care for the lighthouse.

On July 10, 1974, Egmont Key was designated a National Wildlife Refuge, with most of the island – except the Coast Guard's holdings and the pilots association land – transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 1978, it was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

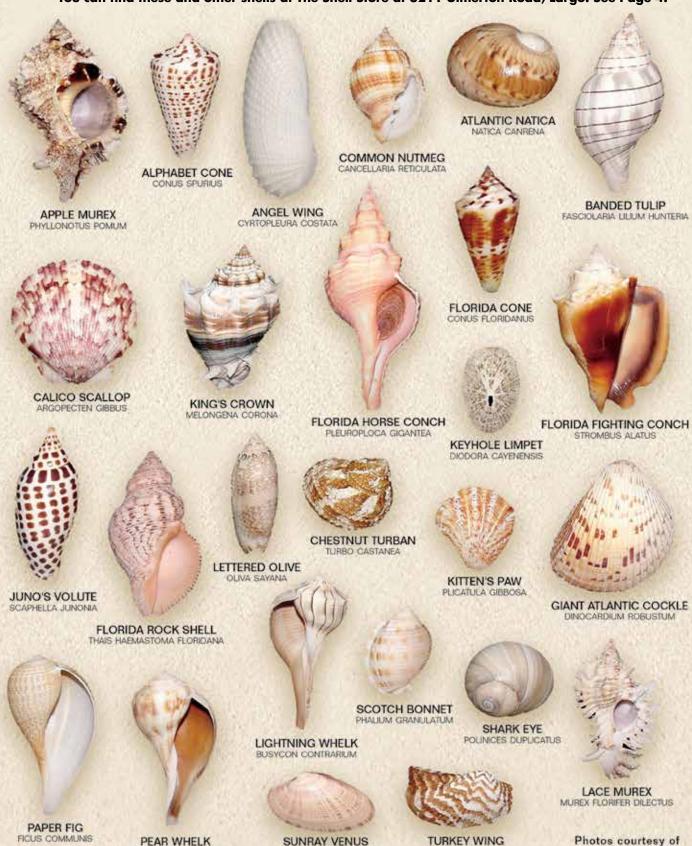
On September 30, 1989, the lighthouse became fully automated, and the State of Florida took over management of the Key, making it a state park.

Egmont Key National Wildlife Refuge (located in Hillsborough County) is accessible only by boat, about a 15 minute boat ride from Fort DeSoto Park (south of St. Petersburg). See map on page 30-31 for location.

Article courtesy of: The Tampa Bay History Center, Tampa, FL • 813-228-0097 • www.tampabayhistorycenter.org

# **COMMON SUNCOAST SEA SHELLS**

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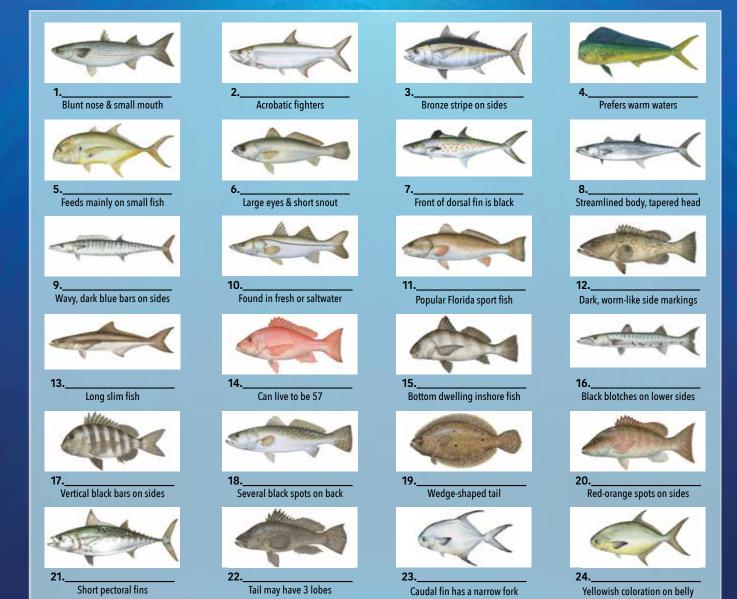
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<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church</b> 750 San Salvador Dr., Dunedin	727-733-3606	<b>Temple Beth-El</b> 400 Pasadena Ave. S., St. Petersburg	727-347-6136

## **COMMON SUNCOAST PALM TREES**



TEXAS PALMETTO Slow growth & produces creamy white flowers in spring



PINEAPPLE PALM
So-called nut, like a pineapple,
at bottom of crown



CABBAGE SABAL PALM Florida State tree & grows up to 65 feet



JAMAICAN COCONUT Rapid growing palm with a crooked trunk



RIBBON FAN PALM Tall, slender & grows to 30 feet



CUBAN ROYAL PALM White, marble column-like trunk & thick crown of leaves



FOXTAIL PALM

Very durable & tolerates variety
of soil conditions



BOTTLE PALM Slow growing & can grow 10 to 20 feet tall

The Gizella Kopsic Palm
Arboretum is north of the
Vinoy Resort at 901 North
Shore Drive & 11th Avenue,
Downtown St. Petersburg.
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500 palms and cycads
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Parks Department:
727-893-7441
stpeteparksrec.org





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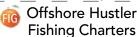
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\$25 Off **Any Trip** 

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Sculley's **Kids Eat Free Every Monday** 15% Heroes Discount

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Congo River Golf Mini-Golf

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Good for up to 6 people

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Florida Orange **Groves Winery** 

#### FREE 250ml Can of Wine

(\$7.99 value) with wine purchase

One offer per person. Not valid with other offers

Jimmy's Crow's Nest Pier House 60 Hotel

#### FREE Starter **Appetizer**

with purchase of any 2 sandwiches, wraps or bowls

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Red, White & Booze

#### One FREE **Domestic Draft Beer** or Glass of House Wine

with purchase of entree

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March 1 - 9



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for the Tampa Bay Area

January 2024 - April 2024

(Timeframes for sunset are within 5 to 7 minutes)

5:47pm - 5:52pm

6:31pm - 6:36pm

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January 10 - 17	5:53pm - 5:59pm
January 18 – 25	5:60pm - 6:05pm
January 26 - 31	6:06pm - 6:10pm
February 1 – 6	6:11pm - 6:15pm
February 7 – 13	6:16pm - 6:20pm
February 14 – 20	6:21pm - 6:25pm
February 21 - 28	6:26pm - 6:30pm

Daylight Saving Starts March 10th.

Turn clock ahead 1 hour

March 10 - 21	7:36pm – 7:42pm
March 22 – 31	7:43pm - 7:48pm
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April 11 – 21	7:54pm - 7:60pm
April 22 – 30	8:00pm - 8:04pm



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Florida Manatees spend up to 8 hours a day grazing on seagrasses and other aquatic plants.

#### **GOLFING**







The largest threat to manta rays is humans. Mantas are either purposefully hunted, or they die from being accidentally hooked on fishing lines, caught in fishing nets, struck by ships while on the surface of the water or even from eating ocean plastic. Giant manta rays are often hunted for their large gill rakers, large pieces of cartilage that help them filter-feed. Manta ray gill rakers are popular in Chinese medicine. They are thought to have a variety of medicinal qualities, but there is no actual medical science backing up these claims.

The demand for ray meat and gills in some countries has risen. In these same areas, manta ray sightings have decreased up to 95 percent. Giant manta ray populations have a low chance of recovery because they reproduce slowly. Mature females produce only one baby every two years!

Manta rays are protected in Florida waters and have been recently listed as a federally protected species. Recycling and keeping plastics out of our oceans can help. New protections worldwide are being put in place, too.

Sources: fisheries.noaa.gov tampabaywatch.org

## Golf – Did You Know..

The term birdie comes from an American named Ab Smith. While playing at the Atlantic City Golf Club in 1899, he played what he described as a "bird of a shot", which became "birdie" over time.

- 125,000 Golf balls a year are hit into the water at the famous 17th hole of the Stadium Course at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra, Florida.
- In a golf tournament, a golfer has 5 minutes to find a lost ball. If not found, the Pros place a new ball at the spot where the original ball was last played.
- A regulation golf ball has 336 dimples.
- The first golf balls were made of thin leather stuffed with feathers. Tightly packed feathers made balls that flew the farthest. Feather balls were used until 1848.
- The chances of making two holes-in-one in a round of golf are one in 67 million.
- Balls travel much further on hot days. A golfer swinging a club at about 100 mph will carry the driver up to eight yards longer for each increase in air temperature of 25° F.

# AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN

(Pelecanus erythrorhynchos)

- One of the largest birds in North America.
- White pelicans have stark white plumage, a wing span of 9 feet and can weigh up to 30 pounds.
- Breeds on lakes throughout North America; strictly visitors to Florida in the winter...the original 'snowbird'!
- Tends to travel in large flocks.
- Does not dive for food, but floats on the surface of water, submerges their head and scoops up fish.
- Builds nests on the ground and rim it with dirt, sticks and debris.
- They still die after becoming tangled in discarded fishing lines.
- Tarpon Key near Ft. DeSoto is one of the most important protected bird habitats in Florida.
- A sea of white can be seen as the white pelicans roost along the shoreline.

Sources: allaboutbirds.org, tampabaywatch.org



#### **GOLF COURSE GUIDE**

Municipal, Public & Semi-Private Courses \* Indicates an InfoGuide Recommended Course

#### **CLEARWATER**

Chi Chi Rodriguez Golf Club 727-726-4673 18 Holes, par 69 chichi.org

3030 McMullen-Booth Road, Clearwater

727-446-9501 Clearwater Country Club 18 Holes, par 72, driving range clearwatercountryclub.com

525 N. Betty Lane, Clearwater

Cove Cay Golf Club 727-535-1406 18 Holes, par 70, driving range covecaygolf.com

2612 Cove Cay Drive, Clearwater

The Landings Golf Club 727-447-5272 18 Holes, par 63, driving range thelandingsgc.com 1875 Airport Drive, Clearwater

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**Dunedin Golf Club** 727-733-2134 18 Holes, par 72, driving range dunedingolfclub.com 1050 Palm Boulevard, Dunedin

Dunedin Stirling Links Golf Club 727-733-6728 18 Holes, par 54, driving range dunedingolf.com 620 Palm Boulevard, Dunedin

#### **LARGO**

East Bay Golf Club 727-581-3333 18 Holes, par 71, driving range eastbaygolfclub.com 702 Country Club Drive, Largo

Largo Golf Course 727-518-3024 Municipal Course: 18 Holes, par 62 largogolf.com

12500 131st Street North (Vonn Road), Largo

Pinecrest Golf Club 727-584-6497 18 Holes, par 55 pinecrestgclargo.com 1200 8th Avenue Southwest, Largo

#### **ODESSA**

The Eagles Golf Club 813-920-6681 18 holes, par 72, aqua driving range eaglesgolf.com 16101 Nine Eagles Drive, Odessa

#### PALM HARBOR

Lansbrook Golf Club 727-784-7333 18 Holes, par 72, driving range lansbrook-golf.com 4605 Village Center Drive, Palm Harbor

Tarpon Woods Golf Club 727-784-7606 18 Holes, par 72, driving range tarponwoodsqc.com 1100 Tarpon Woods Boulevard, Palm Harbor

#### **PALMETTO**

Moccasin Wallow Golf Club 941-723-0500 18 holes, par 72, agua driving range golfthemoc.com 9680 Buffalo Road, Palmetto 34221

#### **PINELLAS PARK**

Mainlands Golf Club 727-577-4847 18 Holes, par 67 mainlandsgolf.com 9445 Mainlands Boulevard West, Pinellas Park

#### ST. PETERSBURG

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golfstpete.com/mangrovebay

875 62nd Avenue Northeast, St. Petersburg

727-893-7445 Twin Brooks Golf Course 9 Holes, par 27, driving range golfstpete.com/twinbrooks

3800 22nd Avenue South, St. Petersburg

#### **SEMINOLE**

Bardmoor Golf & Tennis Club 727-392-1234 18 Holes, par 72 bardmoorgolf.com 8001 Cumberland Road, Seminole Seminole Lake Country Club 727-391-6255 18 Holes, par 72, driving range seminolelake.net 6100 Augusta Boulevard, Seminole

#### **TAMPA**

Northdale Golf & Tennis Club 813-962-0428 18 holes, par 72 northdalegolf.com 4417 Northdale Boulevard, Tampa Pebble Creek Golf Club 813-973-3870 18 holes, par 71 pebblecreekclub.com 10550 Regents Park Drive, Tampa **Rocky Point Golf Course** 813-673-4316 18 Holes, par 71, driving range rockypointgolf.net 4151 Dana Shores Drive, Tampa Westchase Golf Club 813-854-2331 18 holes, par 72, agua driving range westchasegc.com 11602 Westchase Golf Drive, Tampa

#### TARPON SPRINGS

727-937-4653 Crescent Oaks Golf Club 18 holes, par 72, driving range crescentoaksgolf.com 3300 Crescent Oaks Blvd., Tarpon Springs

**Tarpon Springs Golf Course** 727-934-5191 18 Holes, par 72, driving range tarponspringsgc.com 1310 South Pinellas Avenue (Alt. 19), Tarpon Springs

Wentworth Golf Club 727-942-4760 18 holes, par 71, driving range wentworthgolfclub.org 2990 Wentworth Way, Tarpon Springs

#### TREASURE ISLAND

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## **COMMON SUNCOAST BIRDS**



Eastern Brown Pelican Scoop fish in expandable throat pouches



**Black Crown Night Heron** Nests colonially, often a dozen nests in a single tree



Roseate Spoonbill Long, flat spoonshaped bill



Least Terns
Plunges in water from flight;
nests on sandy beaches



Sandhill Crane
Tall bird with a long neck; can live to the age of 20



**Ibis**Probes for large insects on lawns



**Sandpiper** Smallest Sandpiper known as "peeps"



**Double-Crested Cormorant**Experts at diving to catch fish



**Great White Egret**Strikes prey with a jab
of their bill



Herring Gull
Special glands allow them
to excrete salt



**Cattle Egret**Head erect, walks behind cattle & tractors for food



**Great Blue Heron**Curls their neck to S
shape to catch prey



**Laughing Gull**At beaches & parking lots waiting for food



Osprey
Nests on Poles, dead trees & channel markers



**Black Skimmers** Drags lower bill through water for fish

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