



Barefoot Beach Preserve
Website: www.collierparks.com
Then click Parks and Beaches.
Where: 505 Barefoot Beach Boulevard, Naples, FL 34134.
Get There: Bonita Beach Rd West of US-41 then Left on Barefoot Beach Blvd past private housing to the park.
When: Daily 8am to 6pm.
Admission: Collier County Beach Permit (free) or \$10.

Barefoot Beach Preserve, continued
What:

- One of the last undeveloped barrier islands on Florida's southwest coast.
- 342 acres.
- 3/4 mile wooded hiking trail.
- 1.6 miles of beach on Gulf of Mexico.
- Lots of gopher tortoises, other wildlife.
- Kayak and paddleboard rentals.

Barrier islands protect the mainland from coastal storms.





**Barefoot Beach
Gopher Tortoise
Shell 6 to 16"
Weight 4-13 lbs
Terrestrial
Herbivores
Live up to 40 years**



**Barefoot Beach – Gopher Tortoises
Are Burrowing Reptiles**

Burrows are up to 50 ft long.



**Gopher tortoises cannot swim.
They use their front legs for digging.**



Lots of Shells at Barefoot Beach



Osprey Nest at Barefoot Beach



**Barefoot Beach Preserve Hiking Trail
3/4 mile from SE corner of Parking Lot #3 to Wiggins Pass. Walk back to parking lot by trail or along the beach.**

At Barefoot Beach side of Wiggins Pass you can look across to Delnor-Wiggins State Park



**Barefoot Beach Preserve
Hiking Trail Lot #3 to Wiggins Pass**



Barefoot Beach Preserve Hiking Trail



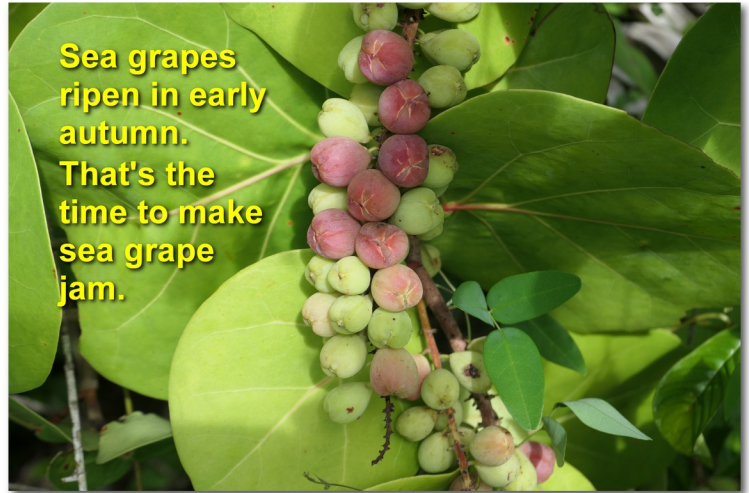
Gumbo Limbo Tree



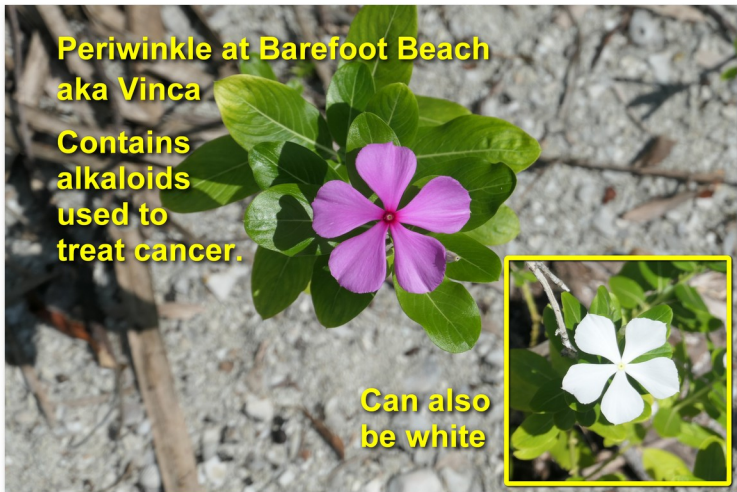
aka "Tourist Tree": Skin is red and peeling.



Seagrape Tree Caribbean and Southern Florida Grapes edible or make jam



Sea grapes
ripen in early
autumn.
That's the
time to make
sea grape
jam.



Periwinkle at Barefoot Beach aka Vinca Contains alkaloids used to treat cancer.

Can also
be white



Yellow Necklace Pod Nectar for Bees, Butterflies



Cocoplum Fruit and seed are edible



Sea Turtles spawn at Barefoot Beach

**Tracks of Sea Turtle
Crawling to Land to Spawn**



**North Tip of Delnor-
Wiggins State Park**

**Wiggins Pass
Cocohatchee River**

South Tip of Barefoot Beach Preserve



**Toward the southern end, you will often
have a lot of Barefoot Beach to yourself!**

**Sometimes you may have to share Barefoot Beach
with others – such as terns and sandpipers**



**Barefoot Beach
Seven-Year Apples: Edible
when black-ish. NOT green.
Many seeds, which are NOT
edible.**



**Near-ripe, edible seven-year
apple. Only eat the pulp,
not the seeds. Tastes like
prune.**

One year from green to black.



**False Sisal or Florida Agave
Native only to Florida coasts.**



**Barefoot Beach Preserve
Estuary and Mangrove Forest**



Barefoot Beach Parking Lot

**Look For
Gopher Tortoises
Under Your Car**



You really must look under your car



Sunset at Barefoot Beach

