

**Barefoot Beach Preserve**  
**Website:** [www.collierparks.com](http://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.
- 1-mile walking loop trail.
- 1.6 miles of beach on Gulf of Mexico.
- Lots of gopher tortoises, other wildlife.
- Exhibition center.

**Barrier islands protect the mainland from coastal storms.**



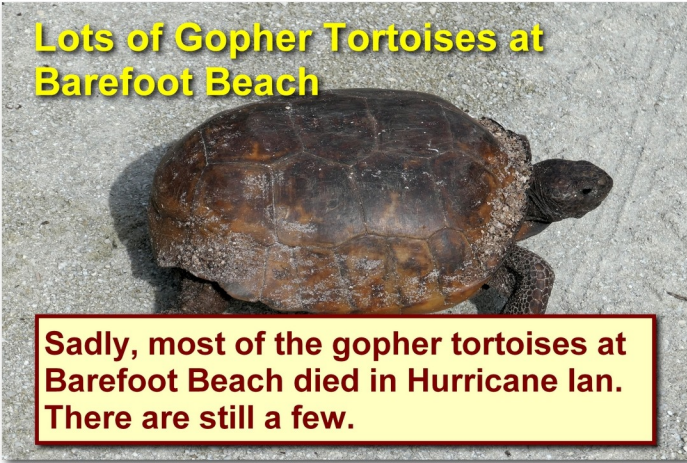


**Barefoot Beach County Preserve  
8,200 feet of pristine Gulf beach**



**Barefoot Beach - Saylor Nature Trail  
One-mile Loop**

The Trail was destroyed by Hurricane Ian (Sept 2022) and remains closed. The beach is open. You can walk the beach all the way to Wiggins Pass.



**Lots of Gopher Tortoises at  
Barefoot Beach**

Sadly, most of the gopher tortoises at Barefoot Beach died in Hurricane Ian. There are still a few.



**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.



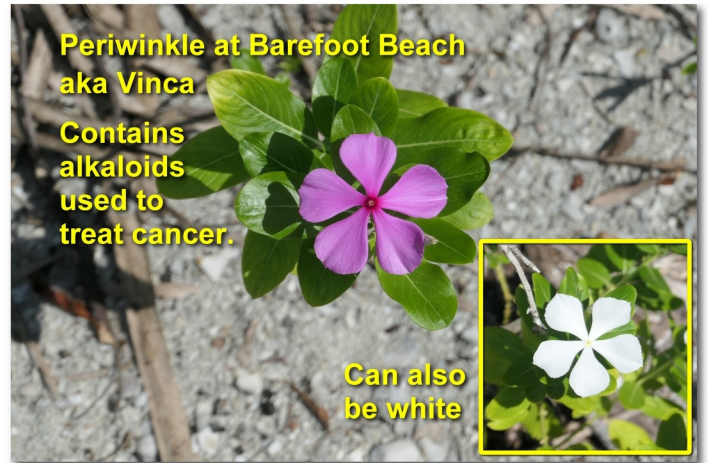
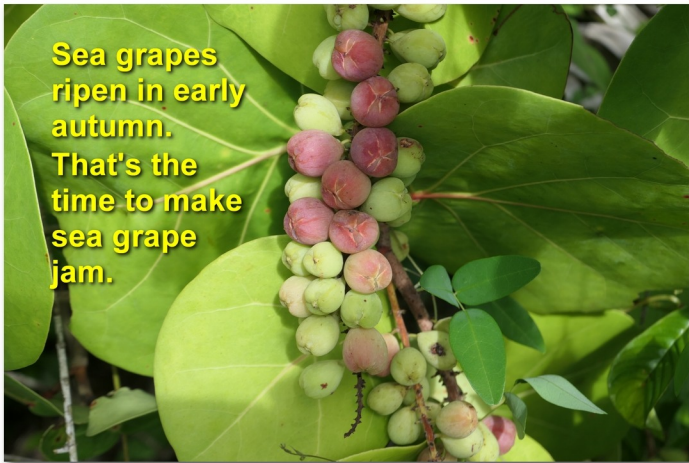
Gopher tortoises cannot swim. They use their front legs for digging.



**Lots of Shells at Barefoot Beach**



**Osprey Nest at Barefoot Beach**





**Derelict (Abandoned) Boats in Florida**

- Obstruct waterways.
- Leak fuel and fluids.
- Destroy seagrass.

**Total boat registrations in Florida: 985,000.**

**Derelict boats under active investigation by FWC Aug 1, 2021: 643.**

**State budget to remove: \$3,500,000 annually. Legal action.**

**Early action needed: Very costly to remove if completely submerged.**





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



**Barefoot Beach Preserve  
Estuary and Mangrove Forest**



**Barefoot Beach Learning Center**



**Barefoot Beach Parking Lot**

**Look For  
Gopher Tortoises  
Under Your Car**



**You really must look under your car**



**Barefoot  
March 31,  
2021**