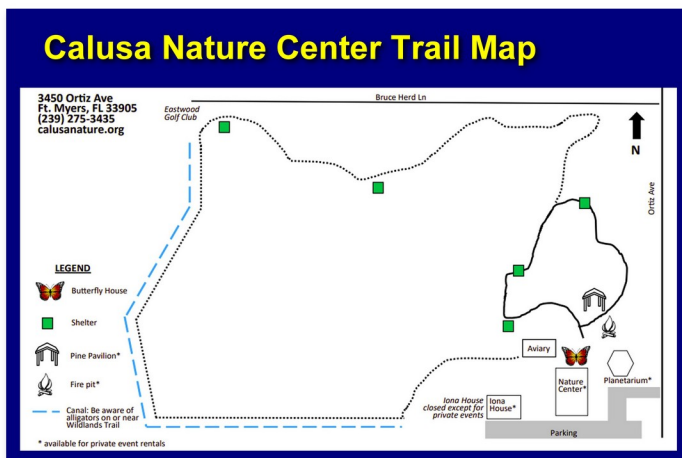


Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium
 Not-for-profit organization dedicated to environmental education and preservation.
Website: www.calusanature.org
Where: 3450 Ortiz Ave. Fort Myers, FL.
Get There: I-75 Colonial Blvd Exit #136. Then west on Colonial ½ mile. Right on Ortiz Ave. ½ mile.
When: 10 am - 4 pm Tuesday – Sunday. Closed Mondays.
Admission: Adult \$10. Children \$5.



What:

- 105-acres.
- Natural history museum.
- Home to many rescue animals, including birds, snakes, turtles, alligators.
- Two nature trails:
 - **Wildlands Trail 1.3 miles.**
 - **Pine Loop Trail: One-third mile.**
- Planetarium theater.
- Bird aviary.
- Butterfly garden.



Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium
Typical Event Schedule:

- Butterfly talks 11:15 am.
- Planetarium shows usually 12:15 pm and 2:15 pm.
- Live animal talks usually daily 1:15pm.
- Many nights: Movies in the planetarium.





**Calusa Nature Center
Fort Myers**



Florida White-Tailed Deer

**Males (antlers) average 115 pounds
Females average 90 pounds**



Largemouth (Black) Bass

**Florida State Freshwater Fish.
Found in lakes and rivers.
State record 17 pounds.
Most popular game fish in North America.**



**African spurred tortoise
Sulcata tortoise**



Cane Toad

**Native to South and Central America.
Invasive in Florida.
Highly poisonous glands (bufotoxin) and toxic
skin. Deadly to dogs and cats.**



Argentine Black and White Tegu

**Omnivorous
Pets Released into the Wild
Invasive in FL, GA, SC
Threat to Native Birds and Reptiles**



Wild Boar (Wild Hog)

**Native to Europe.
Brought to Florida 1539 as food
for Spanish explorer DeSoto and his troops.
Now wild in all counties of Florida.
5-6 feet long. 150 pounds.
May be hunted, generally without permit or limit.**



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Calusa Nature Center Planetarium

The only planetarium in SW Florida
2020 surround-sound Digitarium Lambda Plus
laser projection system.
One-hour shows 12:15 pm and 2:15 pm daily.

Calusa Nature Center Planetarium

87 seats.
Dome 44 feet in diameter.