

In and Around Naples  
A Series of Presentations  
for the Collier County Library  
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Wonder Gardens

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## Wonder Gardens

Website:

[www.wondergardens.org](http://www.wondergardens.org)

Where: 27180 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

Get There: I-75 Exit 116 Bonita Beach Rd. West 1.75 miles to Old 41. North on Old 41 one mile.

When: Daily 10am to 4pm.

Admission: Adults \$12. Seniors \$10.

What: "Old Florida"

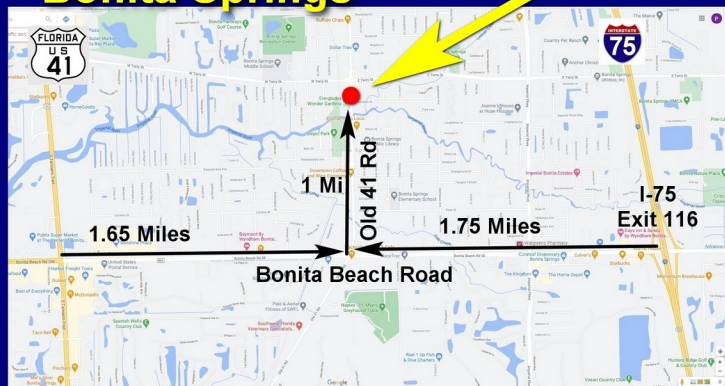
- Started in 1936 by the Piper family as "The Reptile Gardens".
- On newly built Tamiami Trail.
- Name changed to Everglades Wonder Gardens as attractions grew.
- Early 21st century fell on hard times.
- Purchased by City of Bonita Springs 2014. Renamed "Wonder Gardens".

Attractions:

- 300 resident animals:
- Birds, including peafowl, ibis, flamingos, ducks, parrots.
- Reptiles, including alligators, tortoises, iguanas, snakes, tegu.
- Banyan trees and other plantings.
- Small museum.



## Wonder Gardens Bonita Springs



## Wonder Gardens Entrance on Old 41



## Wonder Gardens Juvenile Alligator



## Wonder Gardens Gopher Tortoise





**Wonder Gardens  
Argentine Black and White Tegu**



**Wonder Gardens  
Green Iguana**



**Wonder Gardens - Alligators**



**Wonder Gardens  
Alligator**



**Wonder Gardens  
White Macaw**



**Wonder Gardens  
Python**



**Wonder Gardens  
Albino Boa**



**Wonder Gardens  
White Parrot**





Visitors Can Hold Some Birds



Visitors Can Hold Some Birds



Wonder Gardens  
Ibises and Flamingoes



Wonder Gardens  
Flamingoes



Wonder Gardens  
White Peacock



Wonder Gardens  
Sulcata Tortoises



Wonder Gardens  
Small Museum - Bobcat



Wonder Gardens  
Small Museum





**Wonder Gardens  
Gator Jaw**



**Wonder Gardens  
Whale Skull**



**Personal Recommendation:  
Maria's Mexican Restaurant  
Right Next Door to Wonder Gardens**

