



LOVERS KEY STATE PARK

Lovers Key is a 712-acre tropical bliss widely recognized by lovers as a personal hideaway with its remote and solitary beach. It consists of 4 barrier islands: Lovers Key, Inner Key, Long Key and Black Island, and is located at 8700 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach.

Lovers Key is blessed with gorgeous and uncontaminated white sand.

Favorite [activities](#) at Lovers Key State Park include hiking, bicycling, boating, kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, sunbathing, swimming, picnicking, boating, [shelling](#) and it is a haven for wildlife. Lovers Key provides opportunities to view the wonderfully diverse wildlife which include marsh rabbits, dolphins, manatees and over 40 bird species (including bald eagles, woodpeckers, owls, hawks, etc.) Lovers Key State Park is open from 8:00 am till sundown year round.

BOWDITCH POINT PARK

Bowditch Point Park is 17-acres of gorgeous white sand beach and inland park located at the northern tip of Estero Island, with panoramic views of Estero Bay. This beautiful beach was widened recently and now wraps around the end of the island. Activities you can engage in include picnicking, bird watching, strolling along the beach, swimming and sunbathing.

You'll find restroom facilities, picnic tables and snack stands at the park. Kayaks and other activities are available for rent from the tour operator, Calusa Ghost Tours. There is also disabled access and an accessible boat dock. Unless there is an event happening, there is plenty of parking.



TIMES SQUARE

Times Square is located at the intersection of San Carlos Boulevard and Estero Boulevard, and is surrounded by gorgeous, white sandy beaches, palm trees, and the Gulf of Mexico. Times Square is saturated with its nightlife, [shopping](#) and entertainment, considered the heartbeat of Estero Island's downtown.



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Times Square is recognized as the busiest area for tourists, and features outdoor dining and talented street performers. There are also plenty of spots to sit down and relax.

LYNN HALL MEMORIAL PARK

Lynn Hall Memorial Park is a small, popular beachside park with a fishing pier, restrooms, showers & parking, plus picnic & grill facilities. If you love swimming, sunbathing, volley ball or fishing, you'll love to hang out here. It is the ideal location if you'll be going shopping, getting some food or have children.

The park provides a range of amenities for its guests, including bathrooms, children playgrounds, picnic shelters, outside showers and a nature kiosk that contain information about animals and plants. In addition, the pier offers a fantastic spot for fishing which is a licensed fishing pier. There are wheel chair accessible washrooms, and the beach is also wheel chair accessible.

CRESCENT BEACH FAMILY PARK

Crescent Beach Family Park is a little south of the pier on Fort Myers Beach. It is a family-friendly beachfront park that is a minute walk from Times Square and the parking lot at Lynn Hall Park.

There is lots of open space, air conditioned restrooms, two handicap parking spaces, a gorgeous landscaped picnic area which houses three picnic shelters, and a large sandy part of the park reserved for beach volleyball. Note however that there is no alcohol allowed.

DOLPHIN NATURE CRUISE

We are truly blessed to have such a richly diverse variety of wildlife on our doorstep, the most renowned of which being the resident colony of Bottlenose Dolphins and West Indian manatees.

So, come along and experience the best of what Fort Myers Beach has to offer with an exhilarating dolphin tour that will take you through the beautiful coastal areas of Southwest Florida. This trip will show you just how beautiful the world is.

Fort Myers Beach Dolphin Tours : (239) 218-8014 4765 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach

FORT MYERS BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fort Myers Beach Library is located on the Gulf of Mexico in beautiful Estero Boulevard. This top-notch, spectacular library has lots of intriguing [pictures](#) and posters to look at, with everything you could ever want from a library.

You can get a guest card that will last you for a month for \$10, and you can donate books to or get books from this wonderful library. The third-floor cafe has some of the most delicious sandwiches of any eatery in town, and the prices are incredibly low

DOG BEACH

Even though there are dog parks in the area, if your dog loves the water, it will have more fun at the beach. It's not illegal to take your dog to Fort Myers Beach, and dogs are allowed off the leash at this area of the beach. It is significant to note that cleanup stations are provided. Be sure to pick up after your dog.

Note however, that you will need to have a copy of health records with you at all times. The beach is run by Lees County Parks and Recreation. Note however, that dogs are not allowed in state parks, which means no dogs inside Lovers Key State Park. Don't confuse this with Lovers Key Dog Park where dogs are welcome, as mentioned above.

ADVENTURE GOLF

Smugglers Cove Adventure Golf course at Fort Myers Beach is an 18-hole Adventure style miniature golf course situated on the fantastic Barry Island promenade and features a live educational alligator exhibit.

It is a big favorite of the kids, but there are different levels of difficulty to keep everyone interested. You can visit at any time because it is open to the public every day 9 a.m – 11 p.m., and is open every day, even on Christmas Day.

You can check out 18-holes of mini golf in the midst of a tropical scene set between 25 real American Alligators, lakes, waterfalls, pirates, rock gardens and caves. One big favorite activity for everyone is feeding the alligators with an old style bamboo cane fishing pole. The course is very clean and well maintained with beautiful grounds.

PARASAILING – THERE ARE MANY BEACH VENDORS THAT OFFER PARASAILING. CHECK GOOGLE

Estero Island Parasailing 5550 Estero Blvd, (239) 765-0965

Parasailing, otherwise known as parascending or parakiting, is a popular recreational watersport activity where an individual is hauled behind a speeding boat, car or truck all the time being connected to a specially designed canopy wing by a tow rope. The canopy is reminiscent of a parachute, and is known as a parasail wing.

The manned kite's moving anchor may be a vehicle, truck, or boat, but in Fort Myers Beach, it is almost always a motor boat. Two or three people can parasail at the same time if the boat is powerful enough. Parasailing in Fort Myers Beach allows you to capture the beautiful scenes of Fort Myers Beach and Sanibel Island from 1200. When looking for thrilling vacation things to do, Parasailing is a watersports activity you don't want to miss!

MOUND HOUSE 451 Connecticut St (239) 765-0865

Mount House is a very nice, fully operational museum with archeological artifacts situated on beautiful, peaceful grounds with bay views. Historically and archeologically significant, Mount House has been developed to gain more insight into the history of the area.

This museum and grounds are well worth a few hours of your family's vacation. At \$10 a pop, membership is reasonably priced and worth every dollar to support this fascinating archaeological exhibit owned by the city of Fort Myers Beach.



MATANZAS PASS PRESERVE 199 Bay Rd FMB



Matanzas Pass Preserve is a 60-acre area of protected land located on the seven-mile long barrier island of Estero in Lee County, Florida. The 60 acre preserve runs along Matanzas Pass and is one of the few undeveloped, protected areas on the island. Essentially, it offers visitors the rarest of opportunities to experience Estero Island as it was before it became the popular beach resort that it is today.

There is also a diversity of wildlife including raccoons, rabbits, hawks, owls, turtles, snakes, herons, fish, and songbirds. You can see all of this while traversing the 1.25 miles of boardwalks and trails within the 60 acre preserve.

The Matanzas Pass Preserve also provides a diverse variety of educational opportunities including guided walks, volunteer training, tours led by an ethnobotanist, stress detox tours and the new children's educational program featuring Earth Ed.

OSTEGO BAY MARINE SCIENCE CENTER 718 FISHERMANS WHARF ON SAN CARLOS ISLAND

Ostego Bay Marine Science Center is a little, out of the way, sea museum located at 718 Fishermans Wharf on San Carlos Island in Fort Myers Beach and completely focused around the local aquatic life. The center has been providing a Marine Science Experience through interactive exhibits, aquariums, touch tank, one of kind collections and unique displays. Drop in for an hour to get educated on the local aquatic life.

The friendly and personable staff are eager to share stories and information. There is a large shell collection and a few tanks with native fish. The center is a great spot to stop on your way out to the beach, especially if you have inquisitive kids who love nature. The staff try to make use of all the space they have are always looking for [feedback](#) to improve the space and make it even more welcoming for visitors

MOVIE THEATRE 6425 Estero Boulevard - Ft Myers Beach FL 33931 www.fmbtheater.com

Beach Theater is the right place to go grab dinner and a movie, with different menu items that are served in the theater when the movie is running, along with the regular popcorn, soft drinks and pretzels. They also offer beer and wine. Showtimes are generally at 3, 6 and 9 pm.

FLYBOARDING 18400 SAN CARLOS BLVD (239) 898-4063

Fort Myers Beach is one of the top destinations for water sports and other exciting activities, and if one aqua activity that's tearing up the surf in Fort Myers Beach is Flyboarding. If you love watersports, you will find flyboarding a big thrill. A Flyboard allows the rider to use water pressure to effectively 'fly' over the water.

The rider adorns a helmet as well as a life jacket to be safe and stands erect and connected by straps to a board. There is a jet-ski engine that effectively supplies the power to pump the water into the board, and this is what tends to propel it upwards. The instructor will be on the jet-ski controlling the pressure.

KAYAKING/STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING

Kayaking is one of the most popular watersports that involves paddling using a double-bladed oar and a small boat known as a kayak in a wide variety of waterways. The boat sits low in the water and usually only accommodates a single paddler, but there are kayaks that hold or three people.

Kayaks are specialized boats which take a number of forms, which depends on the specific function for which they have been designed. You can take a kayaking trip on rivers, along white water courses, the ocean, and in surf zones. The great thing about kayaking is that you can really enjoy yourself even if you have minimal skills. If you are interested in kayaking and this is your first time, you can easily rent a kayak or take part in guided kayaking trips at a destination.

Standup paddle boarding is a combination of kayaking and surfing, and is currently the fastest-growing water sport globally with gear sales up by about 200% in the past year according to retailers. Even though paddle boarding provides a total-body workout, it is a sport that can be tried by people of all ages and fitness levels.

You don't need waves to paddleboard unlike surfing, and if you're a beginner, you need very calm, flat water. The beauty of paddle boarding is that, unlike surfing, you can do it on an ocean, lake, and even a river," says White.

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By the Carl E Johnson Boat Ramp at Lovers
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Mid Island Water Sports at The Wyndham
Canoe & Kayak Rental Service
Fort Myers Beach, FL

Holiday Water Sports, at DiamondHead Beach
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Canoe & Kayak Rental Service
Fort Myers Beach, FL

SEA SHELLING

Shelling is one of the most popular recreational activities for visitors to Fort Myers Beach, which is one of the most bountiful regions in the world for shelling. Generally speaking, beaches around Fort Myers offer some of the best shelling in the world. A seashell also known simply as a shell, is a hard, protective outer layer created by an animal that lives in the sea. Note that the shell is actually part of the body of the animal.

If you are shelling, you may come across an empty shell. What you should realize about empty shells is that they are empty because the animal has died and the soft parts have been eaten by another animal or may have rotted out. If you're new to shelling, it is the easiest thing for you to learn. All it takes is to walk across the beach where there are shells, find a shell and pick the ones that you are interested in.

SEA LIFE

Being surrounded by so many beautiful waterways, Fort Myers Beach allows you to discover the best of the area by boat, and you charter a boat tour to check out the most wildlife.

A boat tour will enable you to get educated about the richly diverse environment and some of the local sea life, including sea horses, conchs, sea urchins, brittle stars and more.

BAY OAKS RECREATION CENTER 2731 OAK ST, FORT MYERS BEACH (239) 765-4222

Bay Oaks Recreation Center is an awesome nice recreational complex with everything you would ever want in a leisure center. It is the only place on Fort Myers Beach with public tennis courts, with a playground, basketball courts, drop-in basketball, drop-in volleyball, drop-in pickleball, senior softball, and bocce ball. It also features a renovated fitness room which is the largest fitness center on the beach, frisbee golf course, athletic fields, and picnic areas.

For just a few dollars per person you can swim in the outdoor pool to your heart's content, slide down the water slide, play water basketball or simply relax in a lounge chair under a sunbrella. There are yoga classes and other activities at the field house.

BEACH BAPTIST FARMERS MARKET

130 Connecticut St, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 WEDNESDAYs 8am

Beach Baptist Farmers Market is a local farmers' market in Fort Myers Beach, Florida directly across from beach access that is open on Wednesdays open between 9 a.m and 2 p.m. There's a very wide selection of Fresh vegetable and produce vendors offering fresh cut flowers and fruit cups, hotdogs, European pastries, handmade candles, soaps, art, raffia hats, pet clothes, gourmet cheeses, Famous SWFL BBQ, crepes, European Bakery, bagels, Guatemalan Coffee, Smoothies, Essential Oils, Handmade jewellery, hats and bags, artists on site, local photography, Gourmet Pet Treats, Used Books, Beach Items and more.

FORT MYERS BEACH ART ASSOCIATION 3030 SHELL MOUND BLVD (239) 463-3909

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association is a member-operated, not-for-profit working artist gallery with a continuously changing display of local art for sale and for exhibitions. It provides the opportunity for you to take a piece of Fort Myers Beach back home with you. You can buy most of the original artwork which are highly affordable.

There are small matted original works and mini masters all on sale for as little as \$10. If you're lucky, you could find artists actually painting, or you might see a workshop in progress. Some artists also give short art classes, teaching oil, watercolor, acrylic, and other mediums.

JET SKIING

Jet skiing is an exhilarating watersport A Jet Ski is part water skiing device and part speedboat that uses an enclosed gas-powered motor to literally push water out in a jet stream. Someone sits at the back of you for your safety but you get to do all the driving. A jet ski is very much like a motorcycle, and acceleration is provided by a hand-powered throttle located on the right-side grip.

Simply by twisting the throttle, the driver can increase power to machine's motor. To steer the machine, you need to point the front-mounted grips and maneuver the body. However, unlike an actual motorbike, this machine often requires a high degree of acceleration to complete sharp turns in the water.

Closest -Mid Island Water Sports at The Wyndham- 6890 Estero Blvd, (239) 707-2901

BEACH BOWL AND PELICAN'S ARCADE 17651 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers Beach

If you love bowling, you'll want to make sure you check out the Beach Bowl and Pelican's Arcade. The arcade has 12 clean, sleek lanes with automatic scoring and open bowling. If you have a special event

coming up such as a birthday, anniversary of other event, the owners and staff can help you plan and execute and make your day special.

Everything, including the service, food, drinks, music, lighting and bowling will all combine to make it a super fun event for you and your crowd.

HEALTH/FITNESS CLUBS & GYMS

If you're looking for the perfect gym to work out while vacationing at Ft. Myers Beach, be sure to check out Hammerhead Beach Gym, which is the best gym on the beach. The gym has reasonable rates and is spotlessly clean with an extremely friendly staff and upbeat, welcoming atmosphere.

Hammerhead Beach Gym is conveniently located and has all of the equipment you need for an excellent workout. Although it is not a large gym, and there are no locker rooms, it has weights, treadmills, elliptical machines and bikes. There's also a personal trainer that does a great job with clients. **Hammerhead Beach Gym Phone: (239) 765-7867 3015 Estero Blvd**

SANTINI MARINA SHOPPING PLAZA – 7205 ESTERO BLVD

Santini Marina Plaza is the largest shopping center in Fort Myers Beach with as many as 30 shops, including boutiques, restaurants, pizza parlor, ice cream shop, real estate offices and specialty stores.

There's also a seasonal farmer's market where you can pick up up flowers, fresh produce including beans, corn, tomatoes and seafood.

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FISHING

If you love to fish, you should know that the waters around Fort Myers Beach truly offer some of the most exciting fishing opportunities across the State of Florida. Whether you're an avid angler, a weekend fisherman, or just want to chill out in the relaxation of a fishing boat, you will discover a diverse variety of amazing fishing near your Ft Myers Beach vacation rental. Regardless of where you have come from, all you need to do is to buy a non-resident fishing license.

With this license, you'll be able to enjoy fishing from the docks, beach, or public fishing pier on Fort Myers Beach. Note that this pier stretches hundreds of feet into the Gulf of Mexico at the Beach's Lynn Hall Memorial Park. You can also find some great fishing from the Lighthouse Pier on the eastern tip of Sanibel.

[Fort Myers Beach Marinas | Bait/Fishing Charters/Boat Rentals](#)

Fishing charters are a great way to not only have a great day on the water, but potentially hold the key to a fantastic dinner when you return. The Gulf and Estero Bay waters surrounding Fort Myers Beach hold a bounty of Redfish, Trout, Snapper, Sheepshead, Grouper, and Shark, among other species, many of which are fantastic eating. Typically your charter captain will clean and fillet your catch, and can recommend a [restaurant](#) that will cook your fish for you.

Charter options range from Offshore aka "Deep Sea Fishing" and Inshore "Flats Fishing" for half day, full day and night charters. "Head Boats" which are larger vessels that carry anywhere from 20 and up anglers are a budget option. Be sure to read additional [Fort Myers Beach Fishing](#) information including licenses if you plan to fish on your own.

Be sure to read up on the latest [Estero Bay fishing report](#) to see what's biting and which Captains are reporting success.

[Fishtale Marina](#)



Fishtale is a full service marina located in the south end of Estero Island. They have a ship's store, fuel dock, storage, service and boat sales.

Boat rental fleet consists of 18-25 foot pontoons, 17 & 18 foot Grady White center consoles, 20 foot Grady White dual console, and 16 & 21 foot skiff boats. Rates for larger boats from \$225 per day and the 16 skiff at \$150 per day.

[Snook Bight Marina – SUP/Boat Rentals/ Charters/ Mid Island behind Publix](#)

4765 Estero Blvd.

Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 239-765-4371

Snook Bight is a full service marina located in the middle of Estero Island. They have a ship's store, fuel dock, storage, service and boat sales.

[Seatrek Fishing Charter](#)

Seatrek offers a number of different [fishing charters](#) aboard their 65-foot boat which sails from [San Carlos Island](#) next to Bonita Bill's [restaurant](#). The boat has 50



designated [fishing](#) spots, an air conditioned inside cabin, 2 restrooms, and a galley for overnight trips.

They run 1/2 day [fishing trips](#) which depart at 9:30 am and return at 4:00 pm. 1/2 day means you get about 4 hours fishing and the remainder of the time is transit to and from the fishing reefs. Also available are private whole-boat charters, night shark fishing, and their weekend overnight trips to the Dry Tortugas.

Prices are \$45 for night shark fishing, \$60 for the 1/2 day fishing trip, and \$400 for the overnight weekend Dry Tortugas trip.

[Getaway Marina](https://www.getawaymarina.com/) [HTTPS://WWW.GETAWAYMARINA.COM/](https://www.getawaymarina.com/)

Deep water marina located near the north end of Fort Myers Beach, Florida. While fishing is our specialty - half day, full day, private charters, 12-hour fishing extravaganza and our famous **Night Snapper Trips**, all day flyboarding, kayaking and stand up paddleboards.

We are located at 18400 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, Florida. 1/2 Mile north of the Matanzas Pass bridge and two miles south of Summerlin Boulevard - next door to Pincher's Crab Shack.

BOAT LAUNCH/ RAMP

Lovers Key Boat Ramp – Carl E Johnson Park
8700 Estero Blvd

Just off the south end of Ft Myers Beach.

Offers Bait and Kayak/Canoe Rentals



Key West Express Ferry <https://www.keywestexpress.net/>



One great part about a visit to Fort Myers [Beach](#) is that you can easily add on a trip to Key West for a very reasonable price, most of the time cheaper than even driving. If you've come a long way to Florida, a trip to Key West would be a shame to leave for another time. Key West is bustling with [restaurants](#), bars, [shopping](#), quaint [hotels](#) and generally just very active. The ferry dock is only a few blocks from famous Duvall St, making it easy to get from the ferry to everything else. You can even take your bike on the ferry if you desire, although at \$34 round trip it only makes sense if you plan to stay a few days and really need it for getting around.

Day Trip vs Overnight:

I highly recommend an overnight stay in Key West, as there is so much to do and a day trip will only give you 4-5 hours to explore – hardly enough for Key West as you don't even get to experience

one night in town. There is no additional charge for either parking or the ticket price to return on another day, although their website doesn't really advertise that you can return on another day.

Important Security Information:

When leaving Fort Myers Beach, the Key West Express leaves from a private dock, and is not required to screen passengers in the same manner as when they leave from Key West, a government operated port facility. As such, you and your luggage for the return portion of your trip will be inspected in a similar manner as at the airport. With this in mind, make sure you don't bring firearms, knives and other similar items which may be subject to confiscation.

Ferry Schedule:

The Key West Express ferry boat to Key West leaves Fort Myers Beach on a daily basis during peak season, and Wednesdays through Sundays during the summer months.

- Departure from Fort Myers Beach is 8:30 am, ticketing begins at 7 am.
- Departure from Key West is 5 pm, ticketing begins at 5 pm.
- Travel time from Fort Myers Beach to Key West is about 3 1/2 hours once underway

Pieces of Eight Pirate Cruise <https://www.floridapiratecruise.com/>



The Pirate cruise sails aboard "Pieces of Eight" which is a replica of a Spanish Galleon pirate ship leaves from Salty Sam's Marina out into the Gulf of Mexico in front of Fort Myers [Beach](#).

The staff aboard the ship are dressed and act like [pirates](#) (in a good way, not in the booty-grabbing way) which makes the trip fun for young and old alike. If you have kids, this is a really fun thing to do with them.

Prices are \$29.95 for adults and children under 14 are \$24.95. There is food and beverages including a bar available.



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OUR LIST OF LOCAL THINGS TO DO