

Gasparilla Island Parking Utilization

Dashcam Survey — Sunday, March 15, 2026 | 12:55 PM - 1:21 PM

Origin: Placida | Equipment: AZDOME M550 dashcam with side-view camera

Weather: low to mid-70s with sunny with scattered clouds; weather was sunny with scattered clouds throughout the survey; surfaces dry

Overview

This report documents parking conditions observed during a dashcam survey of Gasparilla Island (Boca Grande) on Sunday, March 15, 2026 between approximately 12:55 PM - 1:21 PM. The survey originated in Placida. Full video and complete records are available upon request.

The survey documents two conditions observed simultaneously: the permit-only street corridor from 1st through 19th St W was heavily underutilized, while every designated state park lot was full despite sunny with scattered clouds. A "PARKING AREA FULL" sign was posted at the Sandspur/Lighthouse complex entrance. No pedestrian traffic was observed on any of the side streets from 1st through 19th St W, including on blocks where vehicles were parked -- in contrast to the state park lots, where people were visibly on foot with beach gear moving between vehicles and the beach area.

Front-camera observations include GPS coordinates burned into footage; side-camera observations of the permit-only corridor were located using Dashcam Viewer Pro map position cross-referenced against the GeoJSON coordinate file for each named street polygon. The state park lots were observed in the standard southbound order: Range Light, Sea Grape, Sea Wall, Sandspur, Lighthouse. A 'PARKING AREA FULL' sign was posted at the Sandspur/Lighthouse complex entrance at the time of the survey.

Complete Chronological Observation Log

All observation points in sequence from oldest to newest.

Time	Location	Coordinates	Status	Notes
12:57:53 - 12:58:30 PM	5th St public lot	GPS verified: 26.7 5189-26.75194, -82.26431 to -82.26349	Full	Lee County 3-hour public parking lot off Gilchrist Ave. Lot was full at time of observation with vehicles occupying available parking spaces and pedestrian activity visible (people on foot with beach gear). Vehicle entered the lot, drove the interior loop, and exited.
12:55:50 PM	19th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.76329-26.76378, -82.26587 to -82.26425	Low	Multiple vehicles parked along the side observed from side cam as vehicle passed southbound on Gasparilla Rd. Side cam; map-located against 19th St W polygon
12:56:00 PM	17th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.76167-26.76208, -82.26570 to -82.26409	Empty	No parked vehicles observed. Side cam; map-located against 17th St W polygon

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12:56:17 PM	14th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75915-26.75969, -82.26535 to -82.26374	Very Low	A small number of distant vehicles visible toward the beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 14th St W polygon
12:56:23 PM	13th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75843-26.75885, -82.26517 to -82.26366	Very Low	A couple of vehicles visible toward the beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 13th St W polygon
12:56:30 PM	12 St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75760-26.75804, -82.26508 to -82.26356	Empty	No parked vehicles observed. Side cam; map-located against 12 St W polygon
12:56:36 PM	11th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75687-26.75720, -82.26499 to -82.26347	Very Low	A golf cart and very limited parking visible near the beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 11th St W polygon
12:56:44 PM	10th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75606-26.75637, -82.26486 to -82.26328	Very Low	A few vehicles visible at the end of the street near the beach; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 10th St W polygon
12:56:52 PM	9th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75523-26.75541, -82.26465 to -82.26301	Empty	No parked vehicles observed. Side cam; map-located against 9th St W polygon
12:57:05 PM	7th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75359-26.75377, -82.26461 to -82.26251	Empty	Wide beach access street, no parked vehicles observed. Rated for approximately 50 vehicles by Lee County Parks. Side cam; map-located against 7th St W polygon
12:59:42 PM	4th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75041-26.75063, -82.26452 to -82.26321	Low	A small number of vehicles visible mid-block, well below capacity. Side cam; map-located against 4th St W polygon
12:59:56 PM	3rd St	Polygon bounds: 2 6.74900-26.74920, -82.26445 to -82.26320	Very Low	One white sedan visible toward the beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Designated public beach access (western segment of 3rd St W, off Gilchrist Ave). Side cam; map-located against 3rd St polygon
1:00:10 PM	Banyan St	Polygon bounds: 2 6.74760-26.74780, -82.26440 to -82.26317	Empty	Wide beach access street with whale-bone arch at entrance, no parked vehicles observed. Side cam; map-located against Banyan St polygon
1:00:29 PM	1st St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.74622-26.74639, -82.26442 to -82.26310	Very Low	A few vehicles visible toward the beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 1st St W polygon

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1:01:08 PM	Range Light	GPS verified: 26.74342, -82.26338	Full	Lighthouse range tower visible in the distance. Lot was full at time of observation with vehicles tightly packed across all rows; orange traffic cones placed in the drive aisle. Pedestrian activity visible at the lot entrance.
1:04:16 PM	Sea Grape	GPS verified: 26.72506, -82.26300	Full	Lot was full at time of observation; vehicles tightly packed across all rows.
1:05:56 PM	Sea Wall (entry)	GPS verified: 26.72115, -82.26296	Full	Lot was full at time of observation. Pedestrian activity visible — beachgoers loading and unloading beach gear (umbrellas, beach bags) at vehicles.
1:06:15 PM	Sea Wall (interior)	GPS verified: 26.72128, -82.26331	Full	Lot interior fully occupied with vehicles parked tightly in rows. Two portable toilets visible at the perimeter.
1:06:29 PM	Sea Wall (exit)	GPS verified: 26.72109, -82.26331	Full	Lot exit pass confirmed full conditions throughout — vehicles tightly packed across all visible rows.
1:07:20 PM	Sandspur (entrance approach)	GPS verified: approach via Belcher Rd	Signed Full	Sandspur/Lighthouse complex entrance. 'PARKING AREA FULL' sign posted at the entrance alongside the 'BOCA GRANDE LIGHTHOUSE' and 'PARK CLOSES AT SUNDOWN' signs. Orange traffic cones placed at the entry.
1:07:51 PM	Sandspur (interior)	GPS verified: 26.71911, -82.26177	Full	Lot was full at time of observation; vehicles tightly packed across all rows. Designated beach pavilion / boardwalk visible. 'Gulf of America' banner observed on the boardwalk structure.
1:08:13 PM	Sandspur (continued)	GPS verified: 26.71864, -82.26156	Full	Continued full conditions through the Sandspur lot interior; vehicles tightly packed.
1:09:10 PM	Lighthouse	GPS verified: 26.71810, -82.26077	Full	Small lot at the south end of the Sandspur/Lighthouse complex (south of Sandspur, near the Boca Grande Lighthouse keeper's house). Lot was full with vehicles tightly packed; pedestrian activity visible (a person on foot in the lot).
1:09:29 PM	Lighthouse (continued)	GPS verified: 26.71789, -82.26053	Full	Continued full conditions through the Lighthouse lot; vehicles tightly packed with porta-potty units visible at the perimeter.
1:15:46 PM	3rd St W (eastern segment, northbound return)	GPS verified: 26.74915, -82.26305.	Very Low	Northbound; Only one vehicle observed parked along the eastern segment of 3rd St W (between Gilchrist Ave and Park Ave). GPS verified: 26.74915, -82.26305. This segment historically functioned as church and beach overflow parking and is no longer permitted under Ordinance 25-16.
1:16:15 PM	Park Ave (Hudson's block)	GPS verified: 26.74947, -82.26196.	Moderate	Northbound; Commercial block heading northbound through the village. Multiple vehicles parked along both sides of Park Ave with active commercial activity, pedestrians, and bicycle traffic. GPS verified: 26.74947, -82.26196.
1:17:07 PM	5th St E commercial intersection (Hudson's market)	GPS verified: 26.75115, -82.26193.	Moderate	Northbound; Hudson's Market commercial corner. Vehicles parked along the perimeter with active commercial and pedestrian activity. GPS verified: 26.75115, -82.26193.

Time	Location	Coordinates	Status	Notes
1:17:38 PM	5th St E commercial intersection (continued)	GPS verified: 26.75194, -82.26175.	Moderate	Northbound; Continued moderate use through the 5th St E commercial intersection; multiple vehicles parked along the available curbside spaces with pedestrian activity visible. GPS verified: 26.75194, -82.26175.
1:17:42 PM	5th St E / Park Ave / E Railroad Ave area	GPS verified: 26.75184, -82.26170.	Moderate	Northbound; Commercial intersection area continuing moderate use. GPS verified: 26.75184, -82.26170.
1:20:36 PM	E Railroad Ave (bus/RV parking area)	GPS verified: 26.75201, -82.26174.	Moderate	Northbound; Designated bus and RV parking on E Railroad Ave. Public-use parking but restricted to buses and RVs only; no overnight parking permitted. GPS verified: 26.75201, -82.26174.
1:21:54 PM	11th St E	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75704-26.75720, -82.26332 to -82.26220	Moderate	Northbound; 11th St E (north side only) is unposted public access parking with approximately 10 spots, shared with employees and Inlet customers. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has stated this is not a suitable replacement for the public parking eliminated by Ordinance 25-16. Side cam; map-located against 11 St E polygon.

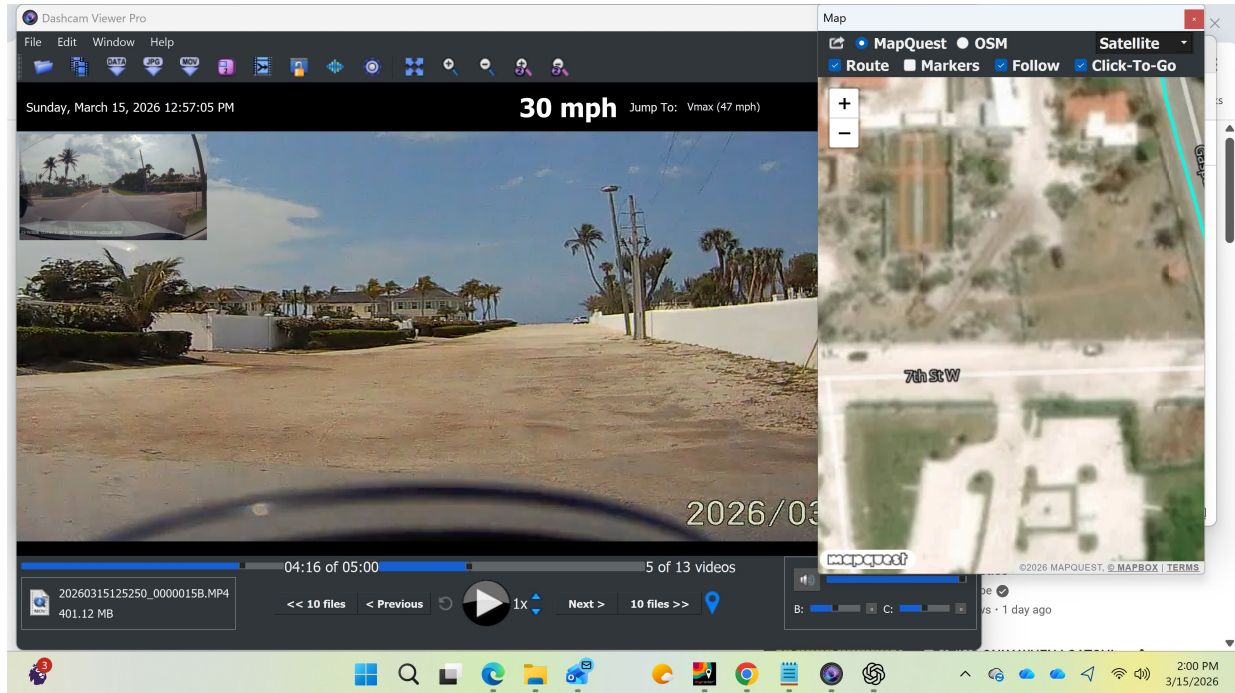
Photographic Evidence

The following images document representative conditions observed during the Sunday, March 15, 2026 survey. Each image is a frame from the dashcam recording with timestamp visible. Images are presented in route order (chronological).

Photographic Evidence: Permit-Only Corridor

7th St W — Permit-Only Corridor, Empty

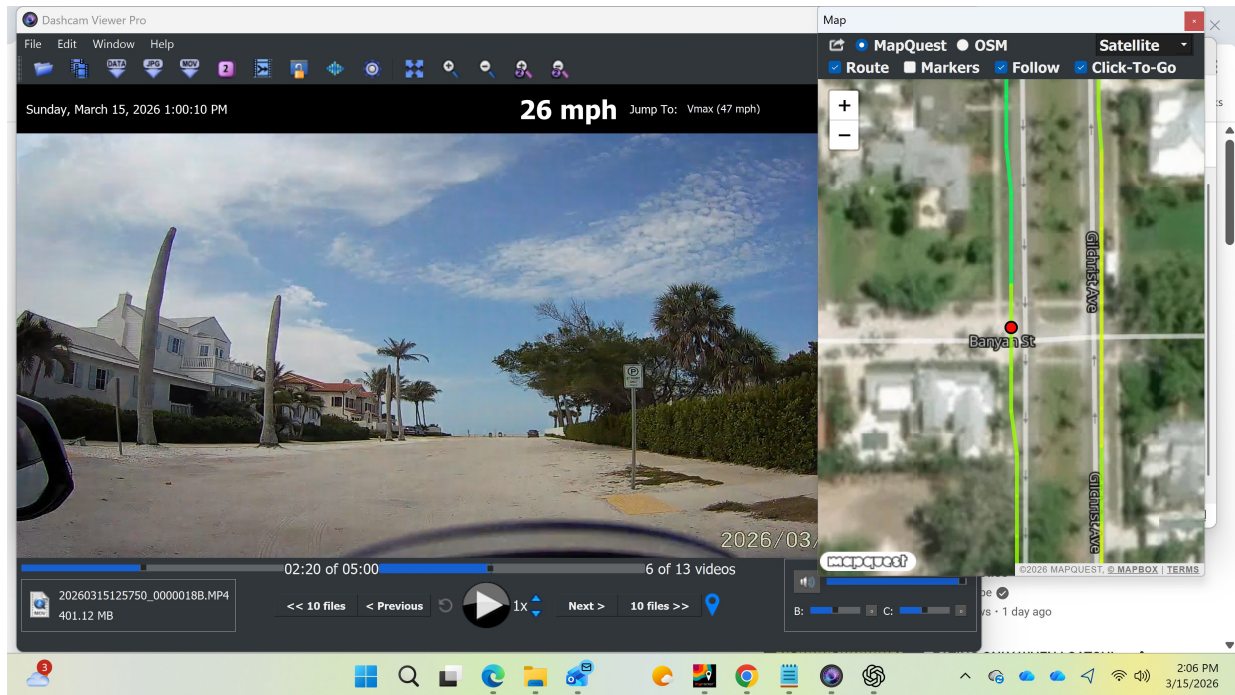
12:57:05 PM. Side cam looking west toward the beach on 7th St W. Designated public beach access street rated for approximately 50 vehicles by Lee County Parks; observed empty at time of survey. Map-located against 7th St W polygon.



Photographic Evidence: Permit-Only Corridor

Banyan St — Designated Beach Access, Empty

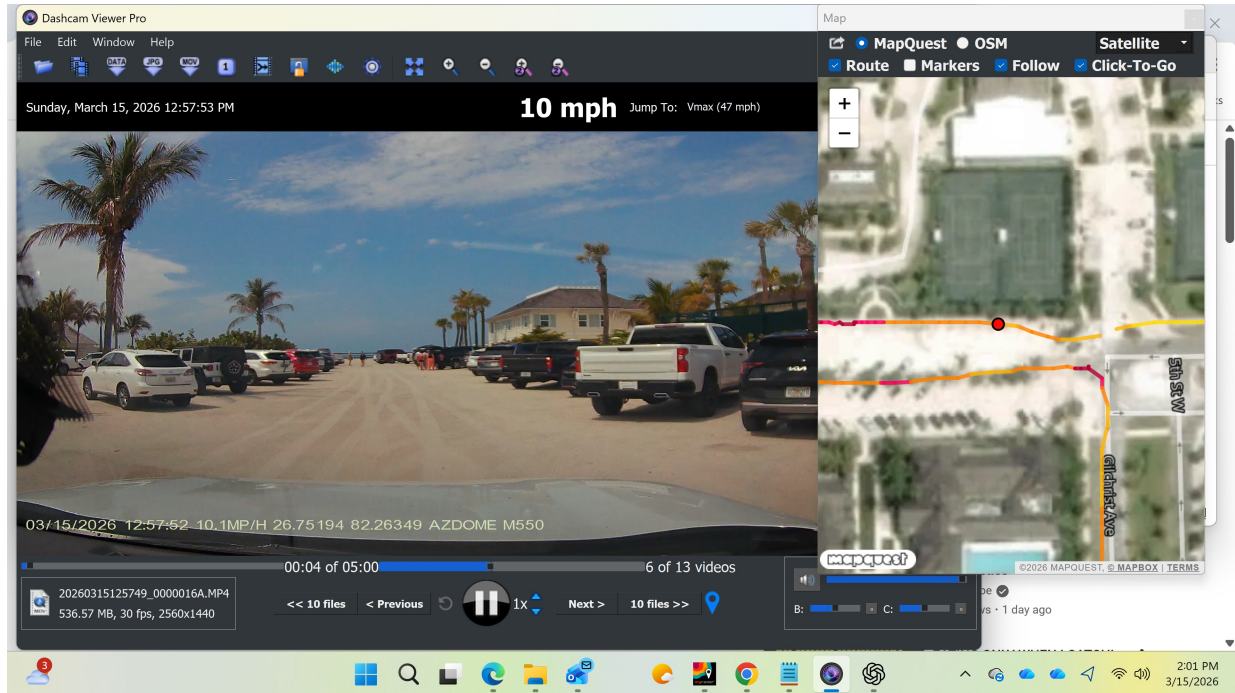
1:00:10 PM. Side cam looking west on Banyan St (off Gilchrist Ave). Wide designated beach access street with whale-bone arch at entrance; no parked vehicles observed. Map-located against Banyan St polygon.



Photographic Evidence: Lots at Capacity

5th St Public Lot — Full

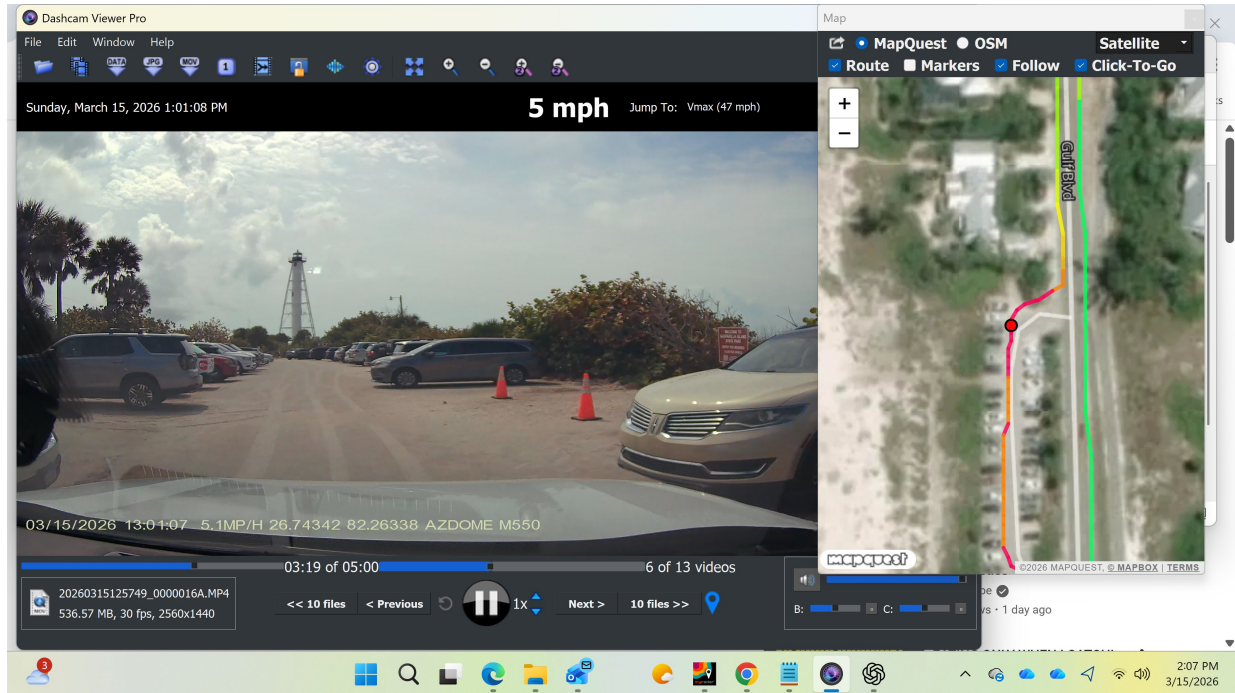
12:57:53 PM. Front cam, GPS verified 26.75194, -82.26349. Lee County 3-hour public parking lot off Gilchrist Ave. Lot was full with visible pedestrian beach activity.



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Range Light Lot — Full

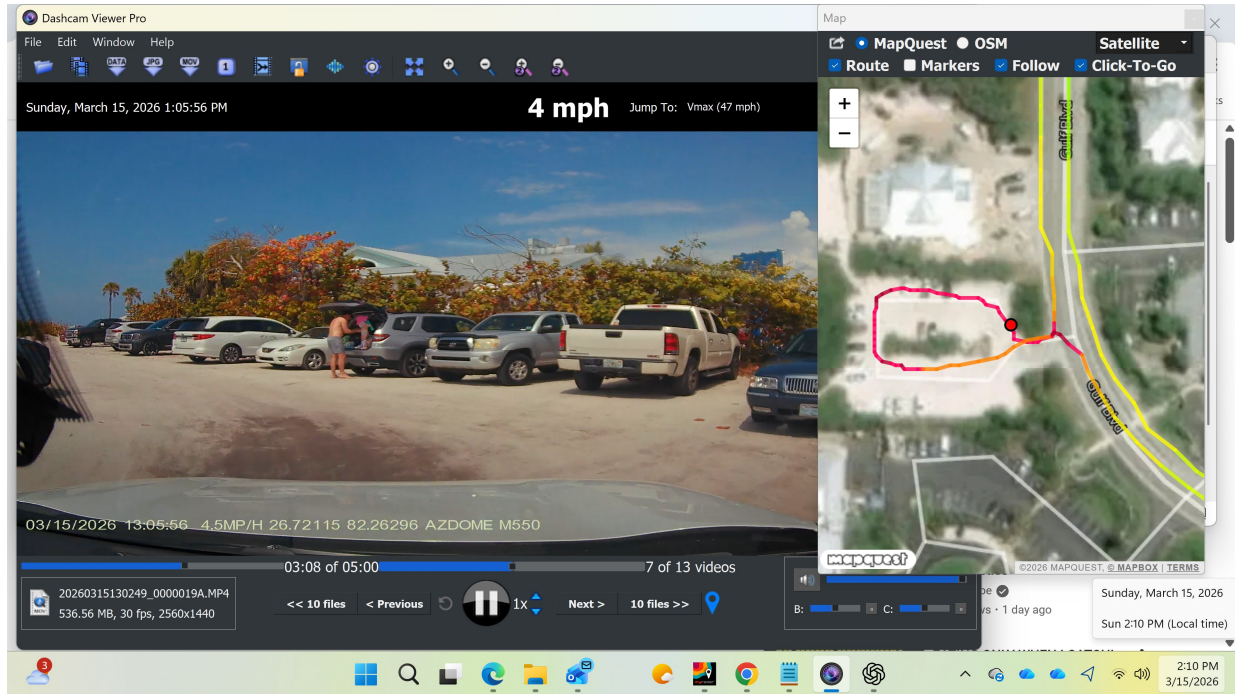
1:01:08 PM. Front cam, GPS verified 26.74342, -82.26338. Lighthouse range tower visible in the distance. Vehicles tightly packed across all rows with cones placed in the drive aisle.



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Sea Wall Lot — Full

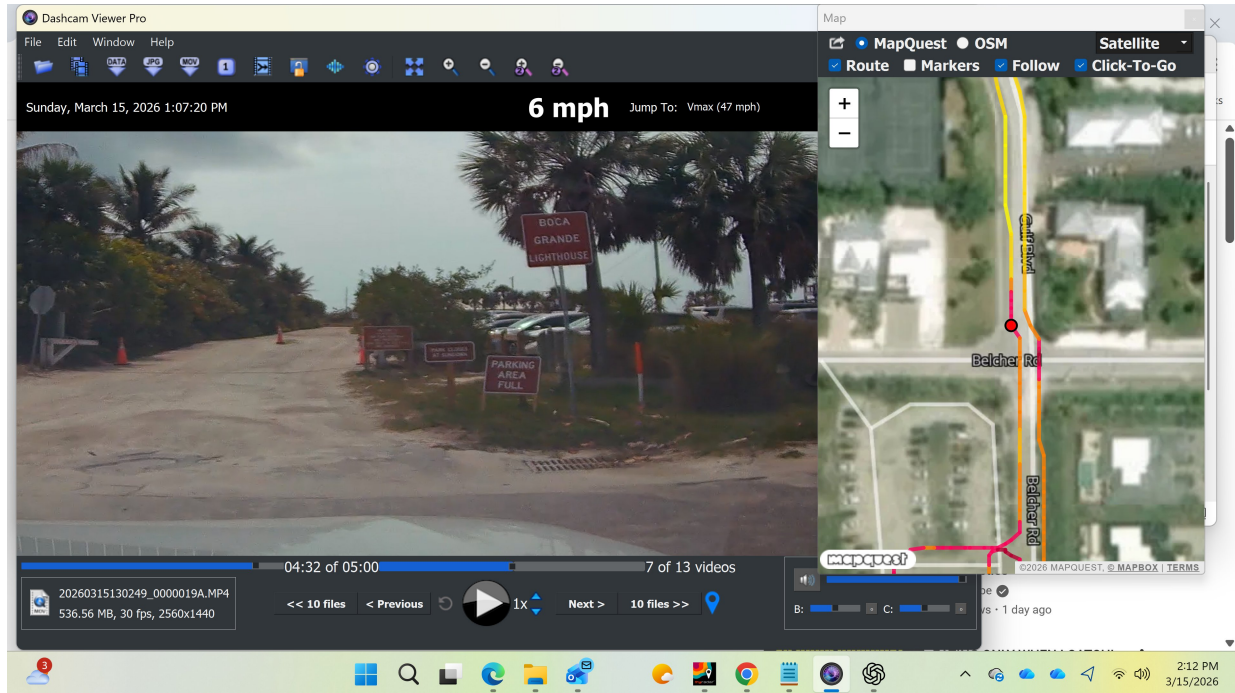
1:05:56 PM. Front cam, GPS verified 26.72115, -82.26296. Lot full with beachgoers loading and unloading beach gear at vehicles.



Photographic Evidence: Lots at Capacity

Sandspur/Lighthouse Complex — Signed Full

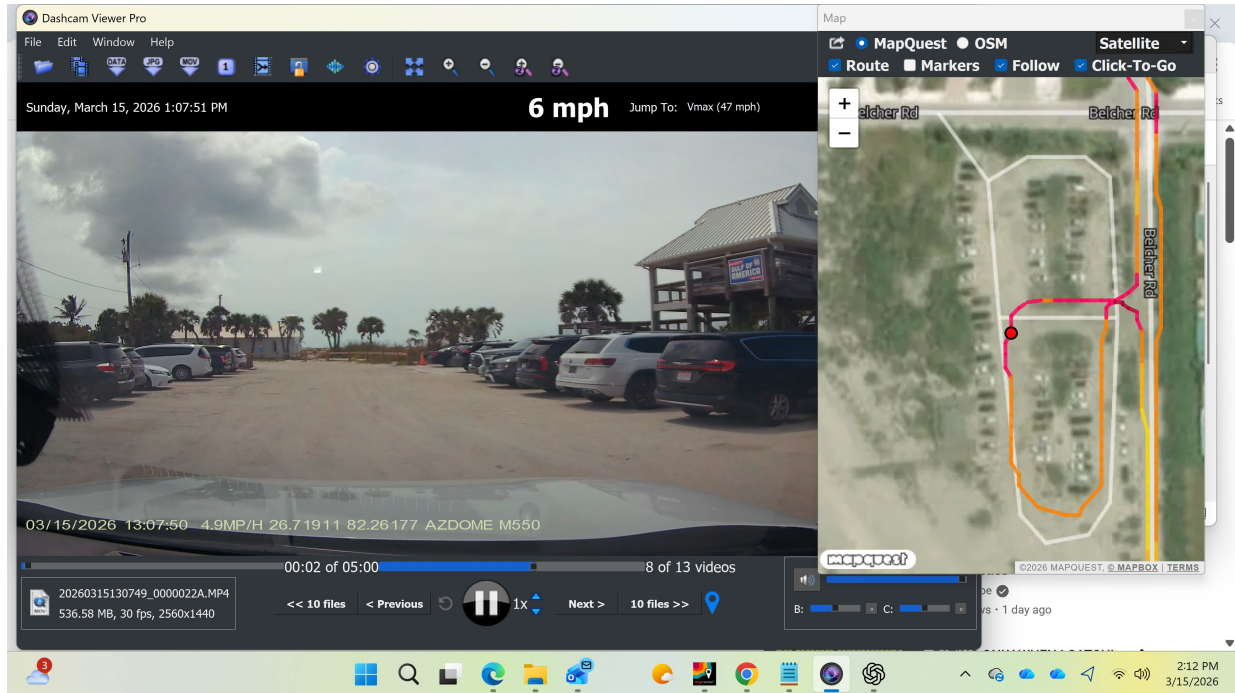
1:07:20 PM. Approach to the Sandspur/Lighthouse complex entrance. 'PARKING AREA FULL' sign posted alongside the 'BOCA GRANDE LIGHTHOUSE' and 'PARK CLOSURES AT SUNDOWN' signs. Cones placed at entry.



Photographic Evidence: Lots at Capacity

Sandspur Lot Interior — Full

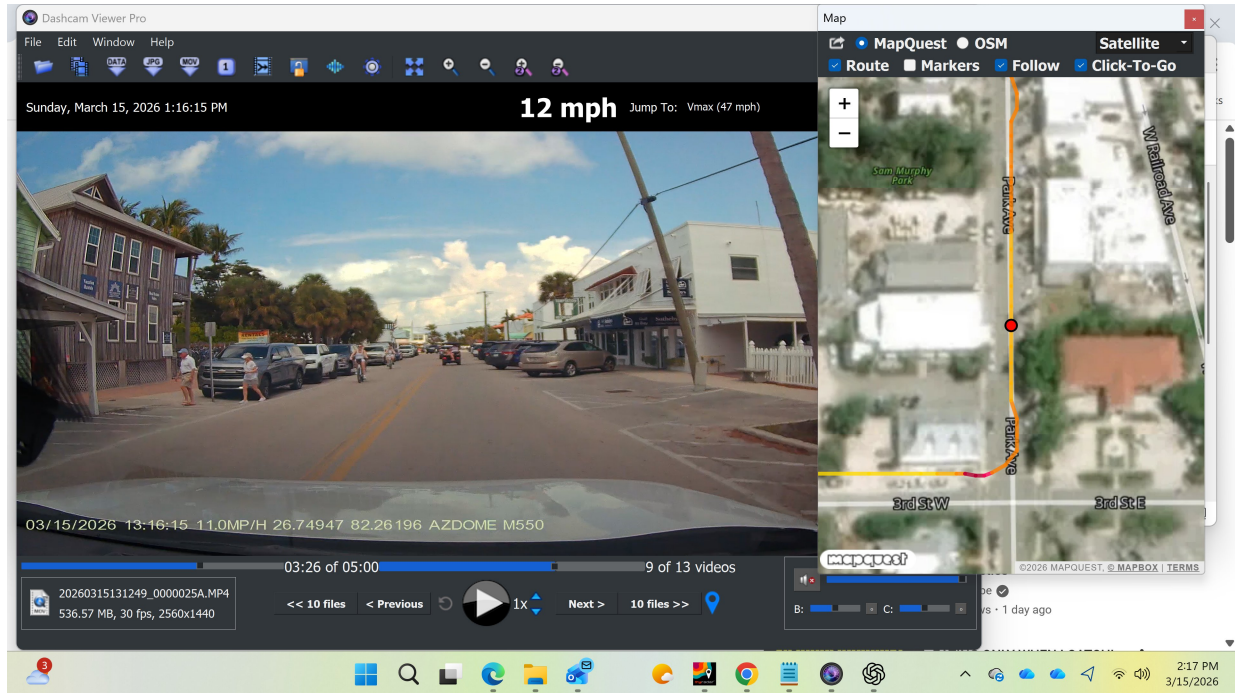
1:07:51 PM. Front cam, GPS verified 26.71911, -82.26177. Sandspur lot interior fully occupied with vehicles tightly packed; designated beach pavilion and boardwalk visible.



Photographic Evidence: Village Conditions

Park Ave (Hudson's Block) — Moderate

1:16:15 PM. Front cam, GPS verified 26.74947, -82.26196. Northbound return through the village commercial block; active commercial, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic.



Footage captured using an AZDOME M550 dashcam with side-view camera via Dashcam Viewer Pro. The AZDOME M550 records continuous video with embedded date, time, speed, and GPS coordinates, and includes a side-view camera that captures cross streets looking west toward the beach. Survey originated in Placida. GPS coordinates confirmed against provided GeoJSON coordinate file. Status assessments are visual estimates from continuous dashcam footage. Full video and complete records are available upon request. All times are local (EST).