

Gasparilla Island Parking Utilization

Dashcam Survey — Saturday, May 23, 2026 | 12:03 PM - 12:26 PM

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

Weather: warm late-spring temperatures, around 90°F with partly cloudy; weather was warm and partly cloudy throughout the survey, approximately 90°F

Overview

This report documents parking conditions observed during a dashcam survey of Gasparilla Island (Boca Grande) on Saturday, May 23, 2026 between approximately 12:03 PM - 12:26 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 partly cloudy. 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.

Range Light lot could not be entered during this survey because the lot was too congested to safely drive into. Sea Grape lot was full with no open spaces visible and was verbally confirmed to have no spots available. Sea Wall lot was traversed in full -- entering from the north going west, proceeding south through the interior, and exiting going east -- and was completely full throughout. The Sandspur/Lighthouse complex was not entered: a queue of 4-5 vehicles was stacked at the entrance and the 'PARKING AREA FULL' sign was posted at the complex entrance; the driver turned back to avoid becoming trapped in the queue. The 5th St public lot had activity but retained available spaces; the beach access ramp at the lot was closed -- traffic cones were placed across the ramp near the trash barrels -- limiting the practical utility of those spaces for beach visitors. 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.

Complete Chronological Observation Log

All observation points in sequence from oldest to newest.

Time	Location	Coordinates	Status	Notes
12:03:06 PM	19th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.76329-26.76378, -82.26587 to -82.26425	Very Low	Two to three vehicles parked along the block; street otherwise open. Side cam; map-located against 19th St W polygon
12:03:18 PM	17th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.76167-26.76208, -82.26570 to -82.26409	Very Low	One silver vehicle parked at the far beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 17th St W polygon
12:03:37 PM	14th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75915-26.75969, -82.26535 to -82.26374	Very Low	One vehicle visible at the far beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 14th St W polygon

Time	Location	Coordinates	Status	Notes
12:03:42 PM	13th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75843-26.75885, -82.26517 to -82.26366	Very Low	One red vehicle visible at the far end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 13th St W polygon
12:03:49 PM	12th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75760-26.75804, -82.26508 to -82.26356	Empty	No parked vehicles observed; orange traffic cone visible at beach end. Side cam; map-located against 12 St W polygon
12:03:55 PM	11th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75687-26.75720, -82.26499 to -82.26347	Very Low	One white SUV parked mid-block; two pedestrians and a moped-type vehicle visible on foot. Side cam; map-located against 11th St W polygon
12:04:01 PM	10th St W (library block)	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75606-26.75637, -82.26486 to -82.26328	Empty	No parked vehicles observed; Johanna Fike Community Library visible on left; golf cart passing through. Side cam; map-located against 10th St W polygon
12:04:09 PM	9th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75523-26.75541, -82.26465 to -82.26301	Empty	No parked vehicles observed; dense vegetation both sides. Side cam; map-located against 9th St W polygon
12:04:22 PM	7th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75359-26.75377, -82.26461 to -82.26251	Very Low	One white vehicle visible at the far beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. 7th St W is rated for approximately 50 vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 7th St W polygon
12:05:19 PM	5th St public lot	GPS verified: 26.7 5191-26.75192, -82.26351 to -82.26431	Moderate	Approximately 45 vehicles observed in the lot with parking still available; the exit side of the lot was more congested but was not captured on camera. Three beachgoers visible on foot carrying beach gear. The beach access ramp at the west edge of the lot was closed: traffic cones placed across the ramp near the trash barrels, blocking pedestrian access to the beach. A 'NO' sign was visible on the ramp barrier. The closure limits the practical utility of available spaces for beach visitors.
12:06:45 PM	4th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75041-26.75063, -82.26452 to -82.26321	Low	Approximately 9 vehicles parked along the block, including a possible law enforcement vehicle at the beach end; open spaces remain. Side cam; location confirmed by scrolling Dashcam Viewer Pro map to 4th St E as the 4th St W polygon label does not appear in the side cam view for this block.
12:07:00 PM	3rd St W (western segment)	Polygon bounds: 2 6.74900-26.74920, -82.26445 to -82.26320	Empty	No parked vehicles observed; clear view to beach. Flamboyant tree in red bloom visible. 3rd St W west of Gilchrist Ave is a designated public beach access street. Side cam; map-located against 3rd St polygon
12:07:17 PM	Banyan St	Polygon bounds: 2 6.74760-26.74780, -82.26440 to -82.26317	Very Low	One dark vehicle visible at the far end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against Banyan St polygon

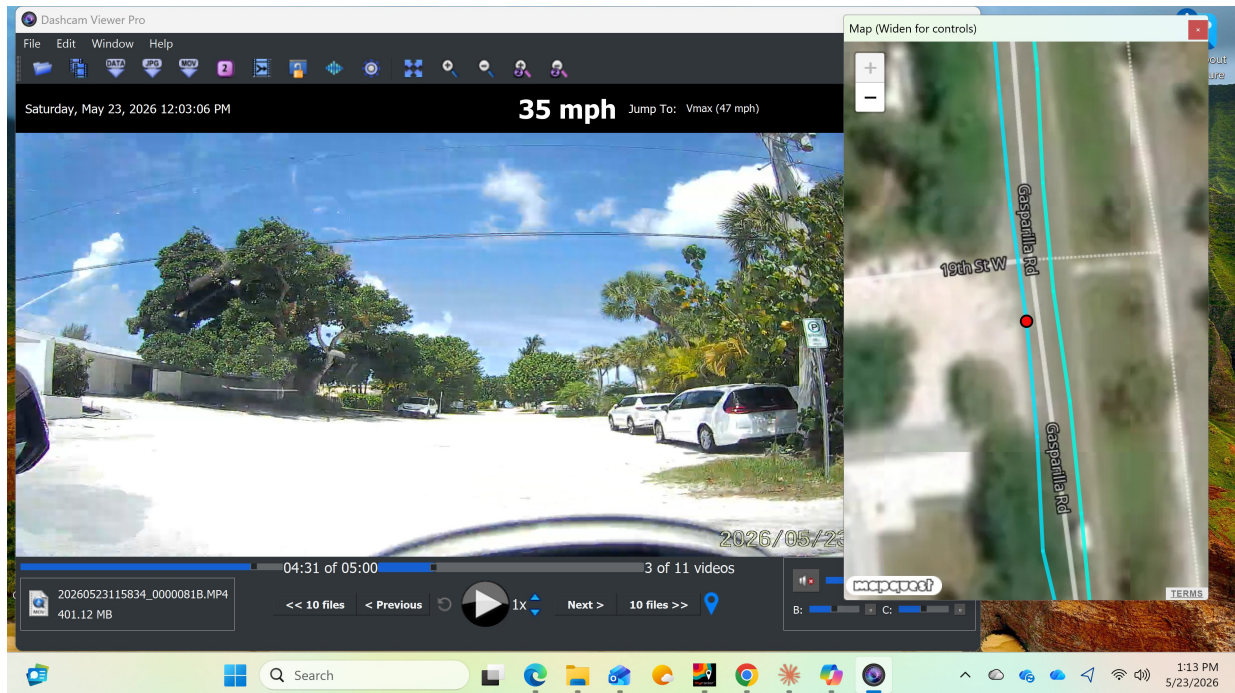
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12:07:39 PM	1st St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.74622-26.74639, -82.26442 to -82.26310	Very Low	One vehicle and possibly a golf cart visible at the far beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Permit sign visible. Side cam; map-located against 1st St W polygon
12:08:47 PM	Range Light	GPS verified: 26.74340, -82.26336	Full	Lot was too congested to safely drive into; driver backed out. Vehicles tightly packed and visible through the entrance at 1 mph. Front cam, GPS verified inside Range Light polygon
12:11:39 PM	Sea Grape	GPS verified: 26.72497-26.72502, -82.26287 to -82.26300	Full	Lot was full at time of observation; vehicles tightly packed across all rows. Red Ford Explorer prominent at entry; no open spaces visible. Verbally confirmed no spots available. GPS verified inside Sea Grape polygon
12:13:42 PM	Sea Wall	GPS verified: 26.72107-26.72120, -82.26333 to -82.26335	Full	Lot traversed in full -- entering from the north going west, proceeding south through the interior, and exiting going east -- completely full throughout. Portable toilets and beachgoers on foot visible. GPS verified inside Sea Wall polygon on all frames
12:13:57 PM	Sea Wall (south end)	GPS verified: 26.72107, -82.26333	Full	South end of lot full; red pickup truck prominent; orange cone visible. GPS verified inside Sea Wall polygon
12:14:54 PM	Sandspur/Lighthouse complex	Side cam; map position near Belcher Rd / complex entrance	Signed Full	'PARKING AREA FULL' sign clearly visible at the complex entrance along with Boca Grande Lighthouse and Gasparilla Island State Park signage. A queue of 4-5 vehicles was stacked ahead at the entrance; driver turned back to avoid becoming trapped. Lighthouse lot not reached.
12:20:35 PM	Park Ave (northbound)	GPS verified: 26.74914, -82.26200	Very Low	Northbound; Two to three vehicles parked on left side; residential and commercial mix. GPS verified: 26.74914, -82.26200
12:21:22 PM	Park Ave at Hudson's market (5th St E intersection)	GPS verified: 26.75102, -82.26198	Moderate	Northbound; Hudson's Beverages/Ice/Food/Dairy visible on left; multiple vehicles parked along Park Ave including golf carts; active commercial area. GPS verified: 26.75102, -82.26198
12:21:56 PM	E Railroad Ave	GPS verified: 26.75176, -82.26170	Low	Northbound; Three to four vehicles parked on right side including white SUV and red vehicle; E Railroad Ave / 5th St E intersection. GPS verified: 26.75176, -82.26170
12:22:27 PM	E Railroad Ave (4th St E block)	GPS verified: 26.75057, -82.26117	Very Low	Northbound; Golf cart and light commercial activity; green-awning shops visible; minimal parking on street. GPS verified: 26.75057, -82.26117
12:26:15 PM	11th St E	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75704-26.75720, -82.26332 to -82.26220	Full	Northbound; North side of 11th St E completely full; vehicles packed bumper to bumper including black SUV and additional cars. Parking sign visible. Side cam; map-located against 11 St E polygon

Photographic Evidence

The following images document representative conditions observed during the Saturday, May 23, 2026 survey. Each image is a frame from the dashcam recording with timestamp visible. Images are presented in route order (chronological).

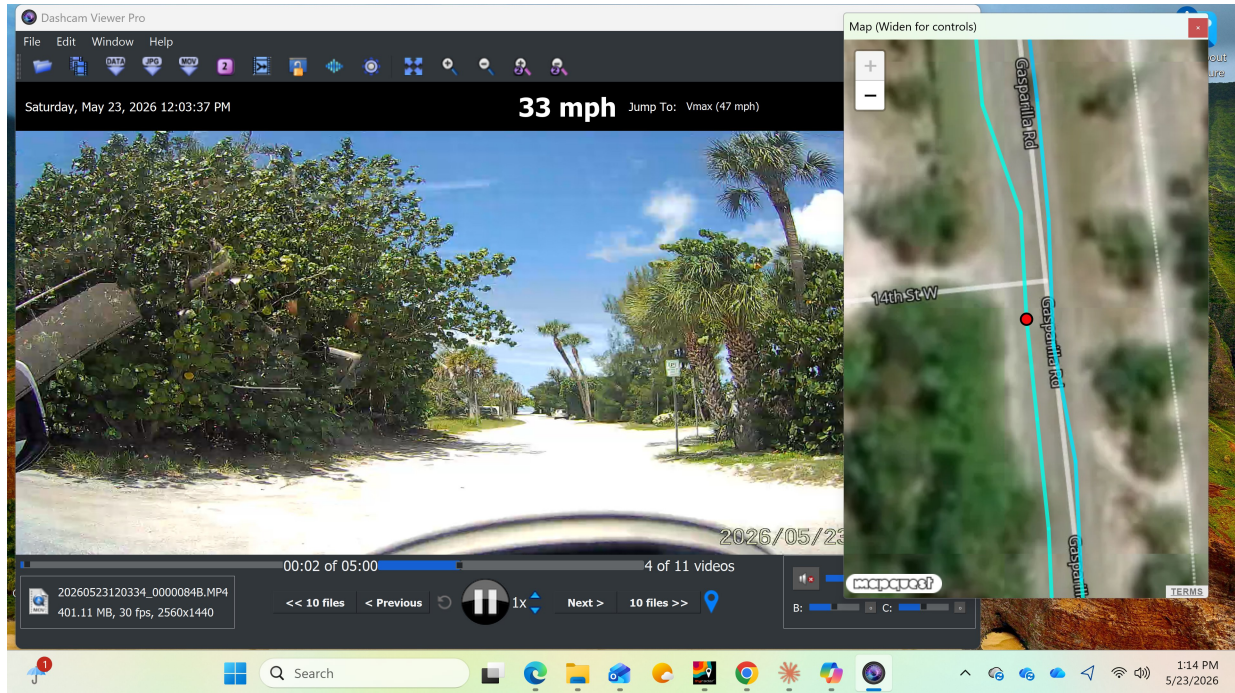
19th St W -- Permit-Only, Very Low

12:03:06 PM. Side cam. Map-located against 19th St W polygon. Two to three vehicles along the block; street otherwise open. Permit-only under Ordinance 25-16.



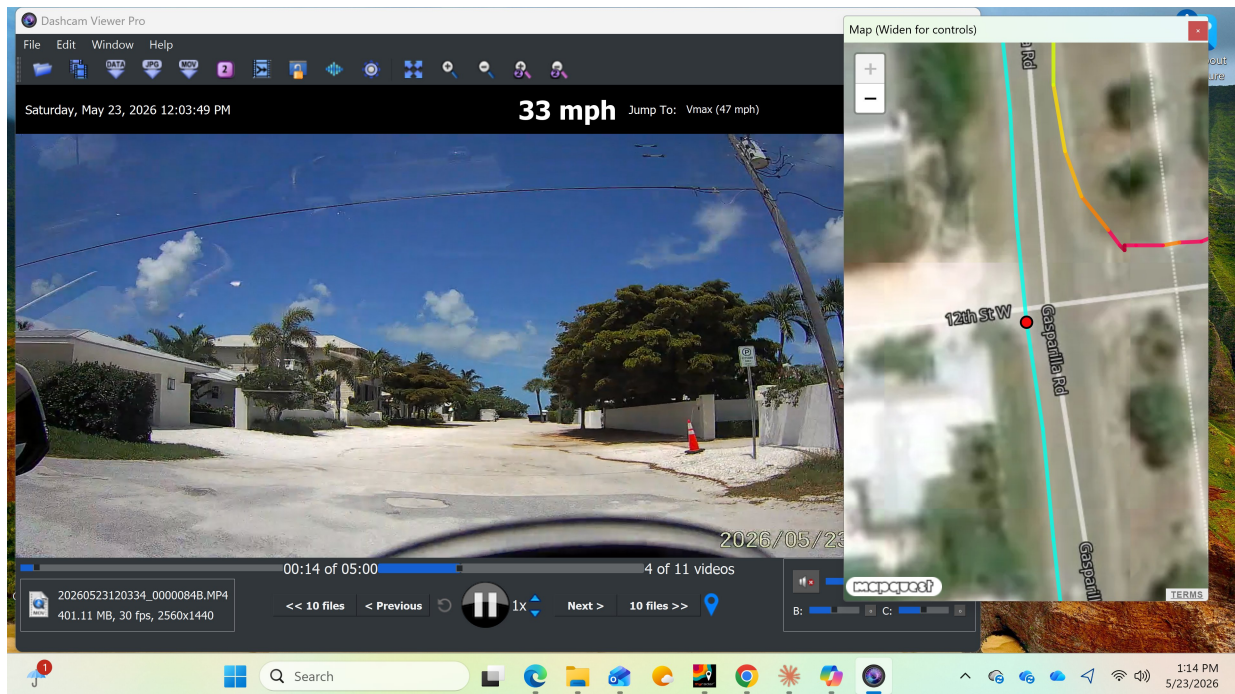
14th St W -- Permit-Only, Very Low

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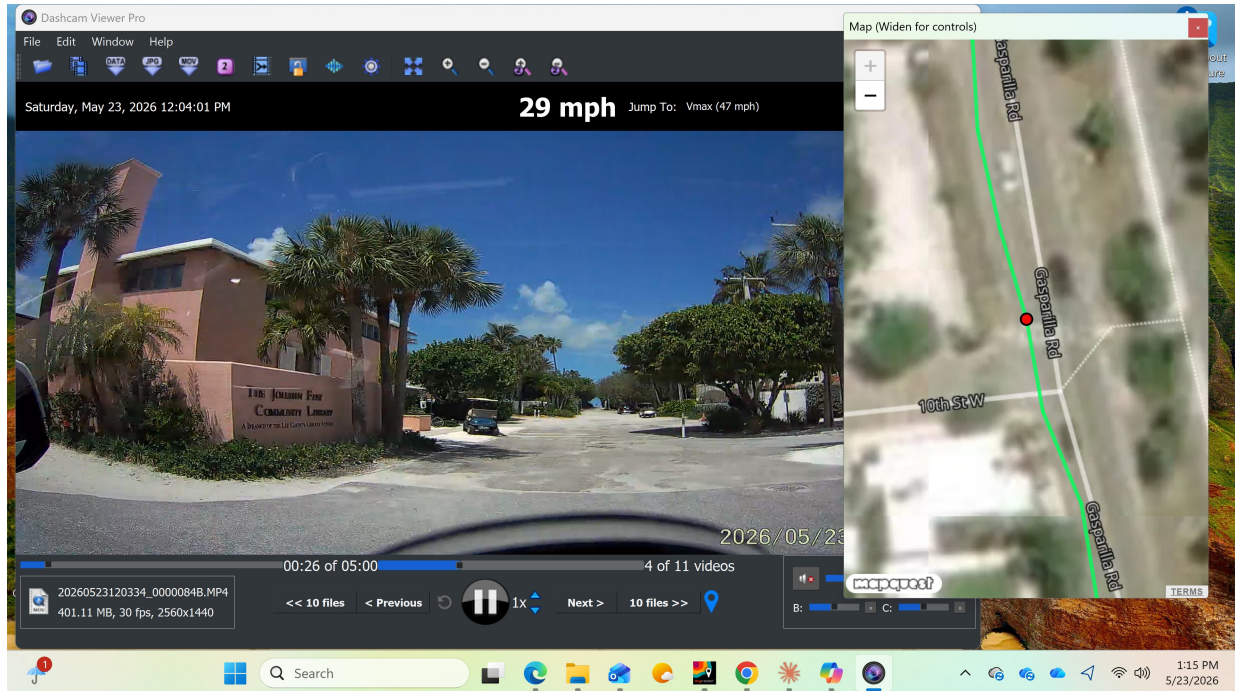
12th St W -- Permit-Only, Empty

12:03:49 PM. Side cam. Map-located against 12 St W polygon. No parked vehicles observed; orange traffic cone visible at beach end. Street completely empty. Permit-only under Ordinance 25-16.



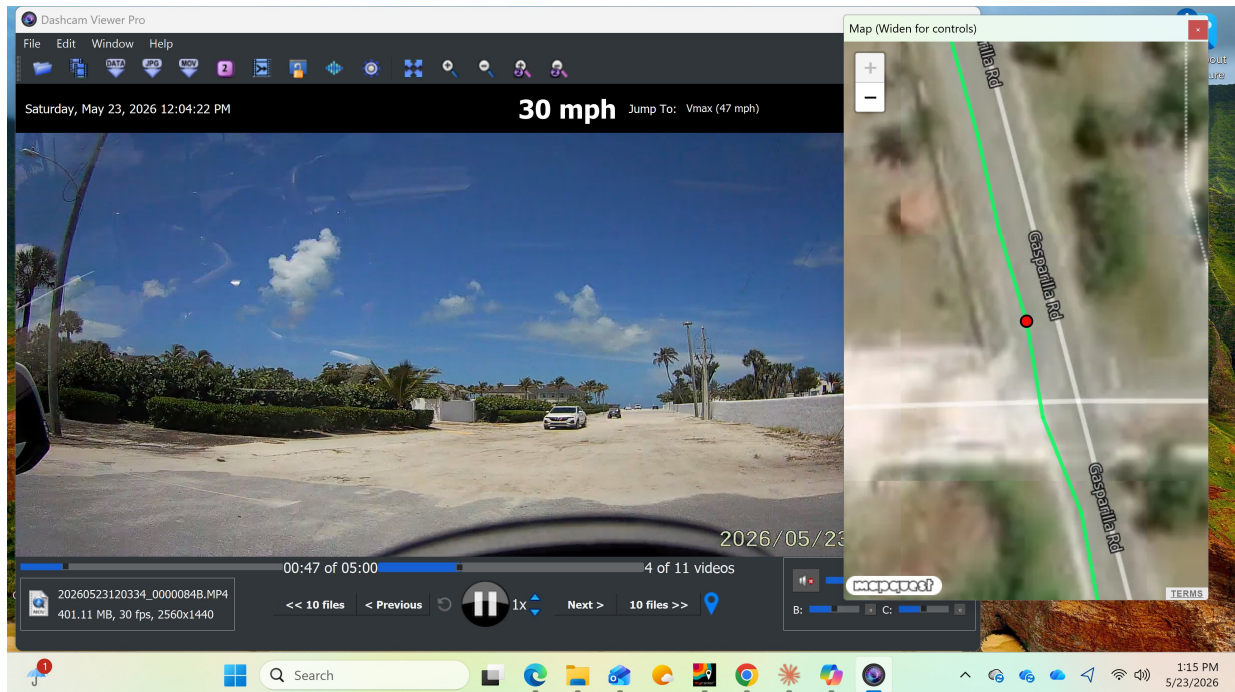
10th St W (Library Block) -- Permit-Only, Empty

12:04:01 PM. Side cam. Map-located against 10th St W polygon. No parked vehicles observed. Johanna Fike Community Library visible on left. Street completely empty. Permit-only under Ordinance 25-16.



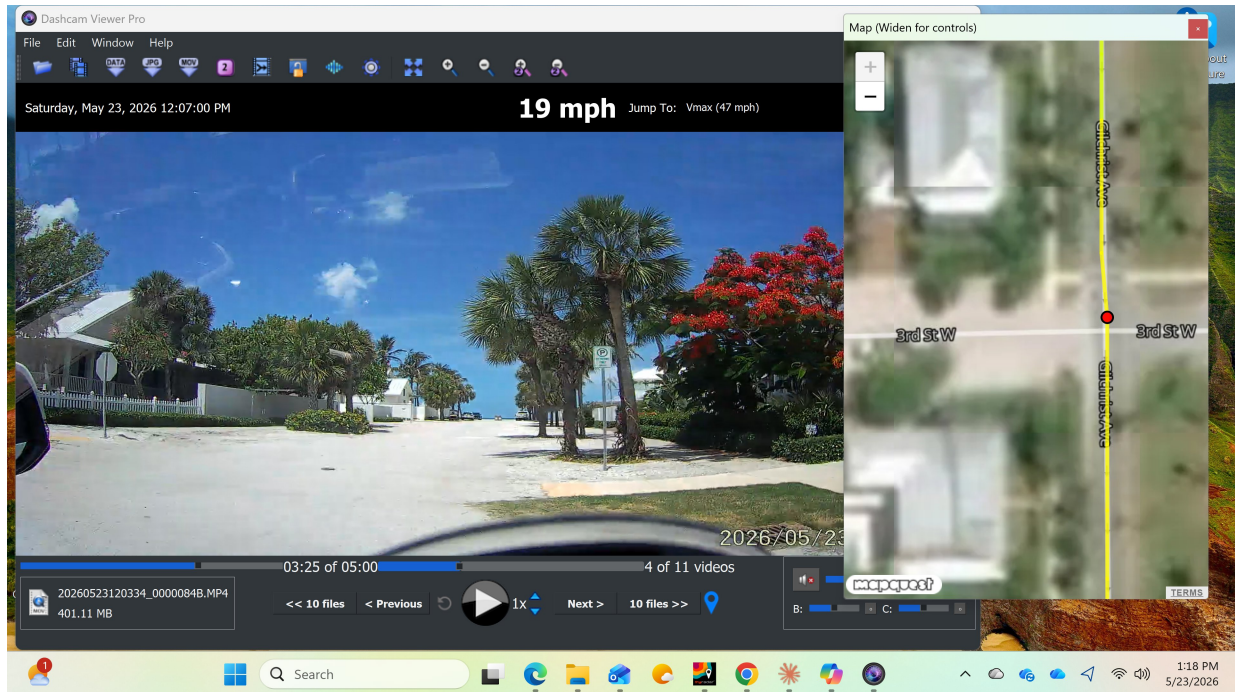
7th St W -- Designated Beach Access, Very Low

12:04:22 PM. Side cam. Map-located against 7th St W polygon. One vehicle at the far beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. 7th St W is rated for approximately 50 vehicles and is one of the platted public beach access streets restricted to permit holders under Ordinance 25-16.



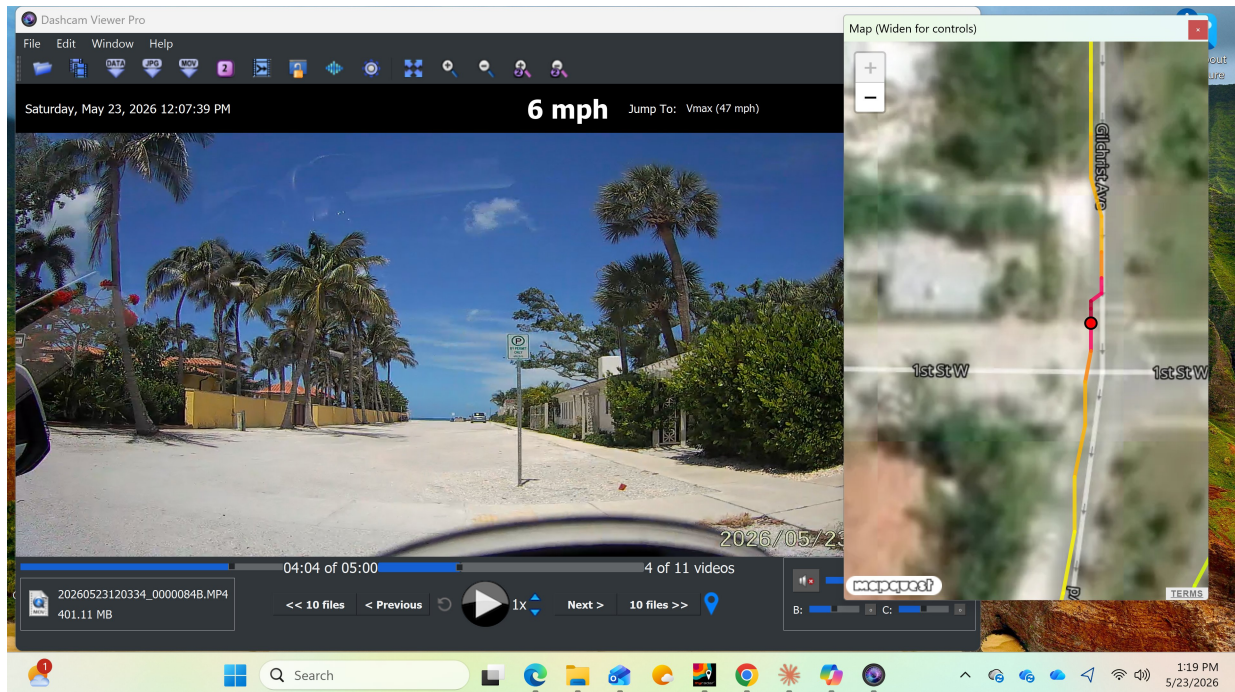
3rd St W -- Designated Beach Access, Empty

12:07:00 PM. Side cam. Map-located against 3rd St polygon. No parked vehicles observed; clear view to beach. Flamboyant tree in red bloom visible. 3rd St W (west of Gilchrist Ave) is a designated public beach access street restricted to permit holders under Ordinance 25-16.



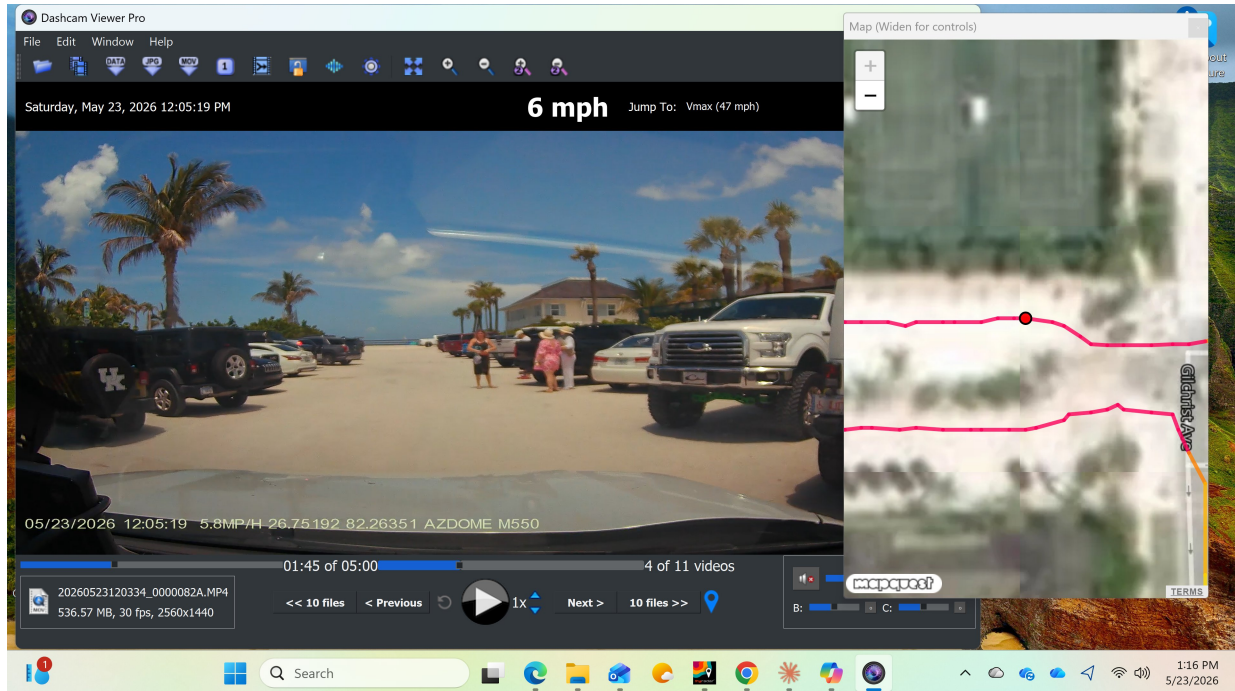
1st St W -- Permit-Only, Very Low

12:07:39 PM. Side cam. Map-located against 1st St W polygon. One vehicle and possibly a golf cart visible at the far beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Permit-only under Ordinance 25-16.



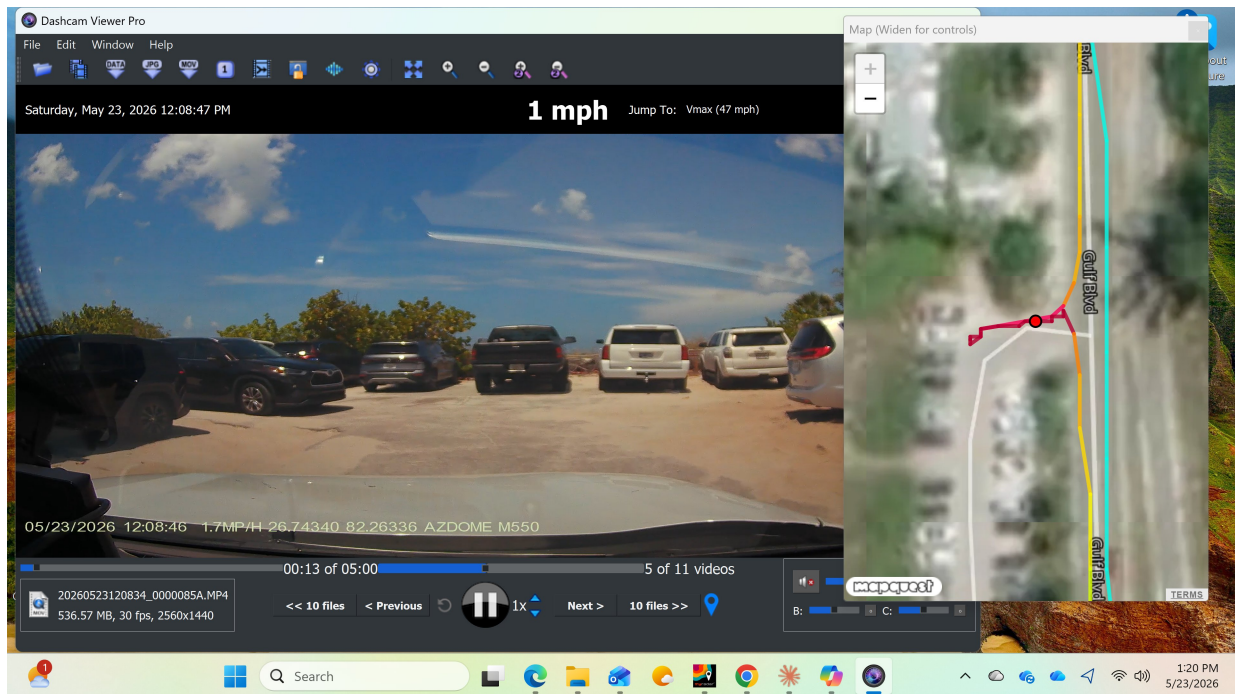
5th St Public Lot -- Moderate, Beach Ramp Closed

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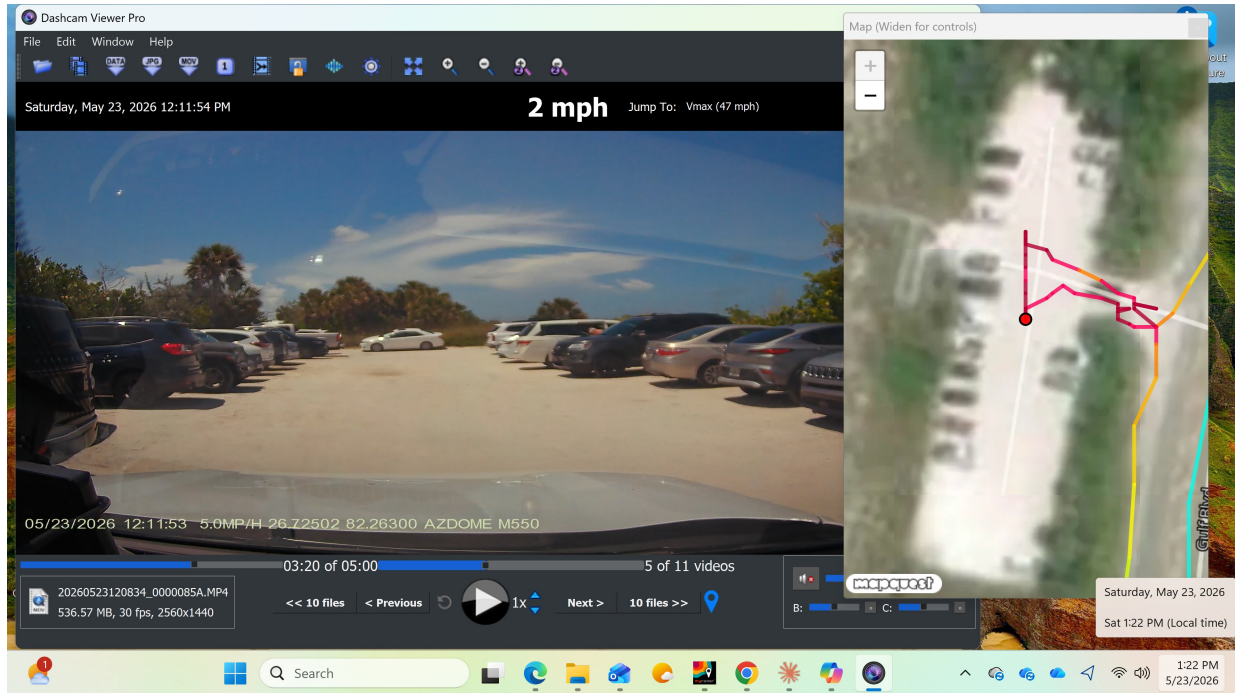
Range Light Lot -- Too Congested to Enter

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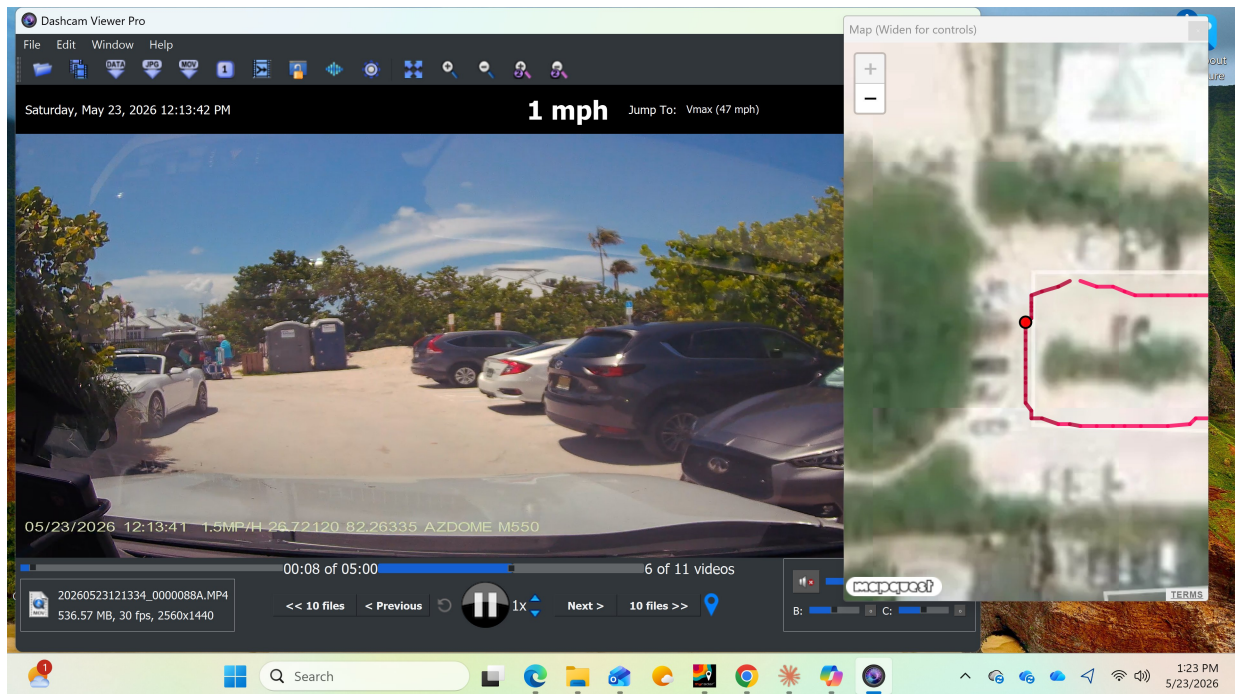
Sea Grape Lot -- Full

12:11:54 PM. Front cam, GPS verified at 26.72502, -82.26300. Lot full; vehicles tightly packed across all rows. No open spaces visible; verbally confirmed no spots available.



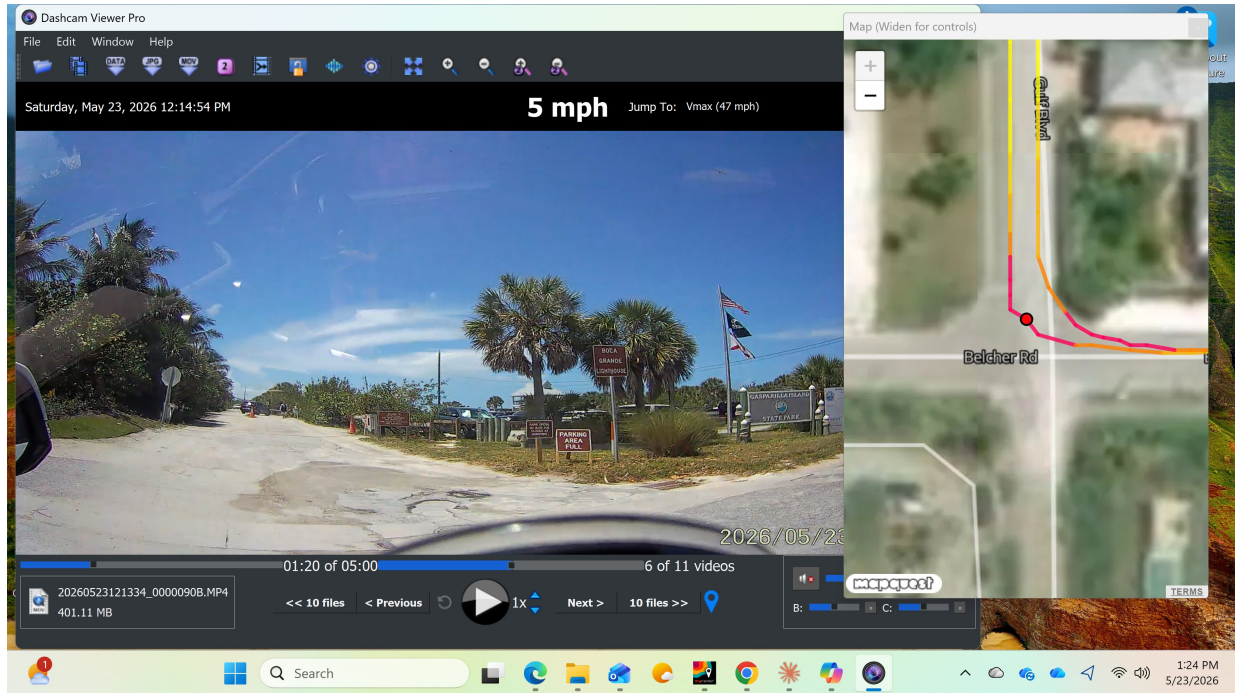
Sea Wall Lot -- Full

12:13:42 PM. Front cam, GPS verified at 26.72120, -82.26335. Lot completely full throughout a full traversal -- entering west, proceeding south, exiting east. Beachgoers on foot visible.



Sandspur/Lighthouse Complex -- PARKING AREA FULL

12:14:54 PM. 'PARKING AREA FULL' sign clearly visible at the complex entrance alongside Boca Grande Lighthouse and Gasparilla Island State Park signage. Queue of 4-5 vehicles stacked at entrance; driver turned back to avoid becoming trapped.



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).