

Gasparilla Island Parking Conditions

Field Survey Summary | Tuesday, May 5, 2026 | 10:41 AM - 11:05 AM

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

Weather: low 80s with partly cloudy with a light breeze; weather was partly cloudy with a light breeze throughout the survey

Core Finding

This survey documents two conditions observed simultaneously on a peak-season Tuesday morning: the permit-only street corridor from 1st through 19th St W was heavily underutilized, while every designated state park lot showed Moderate status despite partly cloudy with a light breeze. No pedestrian traffic was observed on any of the side streets from 1st through 19th St W -- including on blocks where vehicles were parked -- while people were visibly on foot with beach gear at every state park lot.

The permit-only corridor and the designated state park lots represent two sides of a directly observable imbalance: a lightly used restricted corridor running the length of the island, and a set of designated lots showing Moderate status -- documented simultaneously on a partly cloudy with a light breeze Tuesday morning.

Conditions at a Glance

Location	Time	Status	Notes
Permit-Only Streets 1st – 19th St W	10:41 AM–10:44 AM	Empty to Low	No pedestrian traffic on any side street; small number of vehicles across entire corridor
5th St Public Lot (3-hour limit)	10:43:13 - 10:43:21 AM	Very Low	Lot largely unoccupied; beach access ramp closed (barriers in place)
Range Light (entry/exit)	10:45:26 - 10:45:46 AM	Moderate	Lot was at moderate occupancy; multiple vehicles present including in front of the lighthouse tower, with orange traffic cones visible. Available spaces observed. GPS verified from front-cam overlay
Sea Wall (entry)	10:49:48 AM	Moderate	Lot at moderate occupancy; dark SUV, white SUV, and red Jeep visible; vehicles present but lot not packed. GPS verified from front-cam overlay
Sea Wall (continued)	10:50:14 AM	Moderate	Gray SUV and silver sedan visible; lot at moderate utilization throughout. GPS verified from front-cam overlay
Lighthouse (deeper interior)	10:53:00 AM	Moderate	Large white commercial flatbed truck observed inside the lot at this location, occupying space within the Lighthouse lot interior. GPS verified from front-cam overlay
Lighthouse (south edge)	10:53:05 AM	Moderate	Active beach use observed: pedestrians with beach chairs and cart visible at south edge loading up for beach access. Vehicles including yellow and red cars parked in adjacent spaces. Lot at moderate utilization throughout the complex. GPS verified from front-cam overlay
E Railroad Ave (northbound)	11:00:20 AM	Low	Red car and dark SUV parked on right side near 5th St W intersection; vehicles parked along east side (business parking). GPS verified: 26.75188, -82.26169
11th St E	11:04:52 AM	Very Low	One red convertible parked on south side; street otherwise clear at time of observation. Side cam; map-located against 11 St E polygon

Source: Dashcam field survey, Tuesday, May 5, 2026. Origin: Placida. 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). A detailed technical companion report is available.