

Gasparilla Island Parking Utilization

Dashcam Survey — Wednesday, April 1, 2026 | 12:42 PM – 1:11 PM

Origin: Placida, Charlotte County, Florida | Equipment: AZDOME M550 dashcam

Weather: Sunny, mid-70s with clear skies and warm temperatures

Overview

This report documents parking conditions observed during a dashcam survey of Gasparilla Island (Boca Grande) on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 between 12:42 PM – 1:11 PM. Survey route: southbound on Gasparilla Rd capturing side streets 19th through 7th St W; 5th St public lot (Lee County 3-hour parking); south on Gilchrist capturing 3rd and 1st St W; state park lots at the south end of the island; northbound on Gilchrist; east on 3rd St to Park Ave; north on Park Ave; east on 5th St; south then north on E Railroad Ave to 11th St E public parking (north side only). Full video and complete records are available upon request.

The survey documents two conditions observed simultaneously on a peak-season weekday afternoon: the permit-only street corridor was heavily underutilized — with commercial vehicles occupying permit spaces and 9th St W completely empty — while every designated state park lot and the sole public beach access lot were at full capacity. A 'PARKING AREA FULL' sign was posted at the Sandspur/Lighthouse complex entrance, applying to both lots in that complex. Full conditions at Range Light, Sea Grape, and Sea Wall were confirmed by visual observation. No other state park lots had posted signs.

This survey was conducted on a weekday afternoon during peak season. Commercial vehicles were documented in the permit-only corridor, including an M B Woods contractor van (941-889-9423) and a second white cargo van on 3rd St W with zero passenger vehicles present; a white commercial van on 13th St W; and a Lee County Sheriff SUV parked at the 19th St W street end. The 5th St public lot (Lee County 3-hour parking, the only public lot on the island) was full with vehicles circling. The Sea Grape lot was entered but the surveyor had to back out due to full conditions. The Sea Wall lot was not entered; full conditions were observed while driving past. The Sandspur lot was not entered due to congestion visible from the road. A full loop was completed through the Lighthouse lot. A 'PARKING AREA FULL' sign was posted at the Sandspur/Lighthouse complex entrance, applying to both lots. No other state park lots had posted signs; full conditions at Range Light, Sea Grape, and Sea Wall were confirmed by visual observation.

Key Findings

- The permit-only corridor (19th St W through 1st St W) was heavily underutilized on a peak-season weekday afternoon. 9th St W was completely empty. 7th St W, rated for approximately 50 vehicles, contained only construction equipment with no passenger vehicles. Status ranged from Empty to Low across all observed segments. No pedestrian traffic was observed on any permit-only side street.
- Commercial vehicles occupied permit spaces on multiple segments: a Lee County Sheriff SUV at the 19th St W street end; a white commercial van on 13th St W; an M B Woods contractor van (941-889-9423) and a second white cargo van on 3rd St W with zero passenger vehicles present; and a commercial van on 1st St W.
- The 5th St public lot (Lee County 3-hour parking, the only public beach access lot on the island) was full with vehicles circling.
- Every designated state park lot — Range Light, Sea Grape, Sea Wall, Sandspur, and Lighthouse — was at full capacity. A 'PARKING AREA FULL' sign was posted at the Sandspur/Lighthouse complex entrance only. Full conditions at Range Light, Sea Grape, and Sea Wall were confirmed by visual observation. The surveyor had to back out of Range

Light and Sea Grape lots, could not enter Sea Wall and Sandspur due to road-visible congestion, and completed a full loop through the Lighthouse lot.

- Park Ave and E Railroad Ave business parking were fully occupied. The 11th St E public parking area (north side only; south side is permit only) had 2-3 spaces remaining at time of observation.

Parking Utilization Summary

Location	Type	Time	Status	Notes
Permit-Only Streets 19th – 1st St W	Permit / Permit holders only	12:45–1:11 PM	Empty to Low	Heavily underutilized; commercial vehicles on multiple segments; no pedestrian traffic observed on any side street
5th St Public Lot (Lee County 3-hour) Only public lot on island	Public lot	12:47 PM	Full	Full; vehicles circling; people on foot with beach gear; the only public beach access lot on the island; GPS-confirmed (lat 26.75194, polygon match)
Range Light	State park lot	12:56 PM	Full	Full; vehicles circling; surveyor had to back out; tall Range Light lighthouse tower visible; GPS-confirmed (lat 26.74344, polygon match)
Sea Grape	State park lot	12:56 PM	Full	Entered lot; had to back out due to full conditions; GPS-confirmed (lat 26.72505, polygon match)
Sea Wall	State park lot	12:56 PM	Full	Not entered — full conditions observed while driving past; side camera documents conditions from road
Sandspur	State park lot	12:57 PM	Signed Full	Not entered — congestion visible from road; 'PARKING AREA FULL' sign posted at Sandspur/Lighthouse complex entrance
Lighthouse	State park lot	12:57 PM	Signed Full	'PARKING AREA FULL' sign at complex entrance applies to both Sandspur and Lighthouse lots; full loop completed through lot; no available spaces; GPS-confirmed (lat 26.71787, polygon match)
Park Ave — Village	Public / time-limited	1:04 PM	Full	Village commercial block; fully occupied; GPS lat 26.74933, map confirmed
Park Ave / Hudson's Block	Public / time-limited	1:05 PM	Full	Packed; multiple SUVs and golf carts; active foot traffic; GPS lat 26.75116, map confirmed
Downtown — 5th St E Area	Public / time-limited	1:05 PM	Full	Fully occupied; active commercial area; GPS lat 26.75190, polygon match (5th St East)
E Railroad Ave — Business District	Public / time-limited	1:06 PM	Full	Business parking fully occupied; GPS lat 26.75190, map confirmed
E Railroad Ave — Business District	Public / time-limited	1:06 PM	Full	Second pass confirms fully occupied; map panel confirmed
11th St E — North Side	Public / time-limited	1:11 PM	Moderate	Public parking north side only; 2-3 spaces remaining at time of observation; south side of 11th St E is permit only; GPS-confirmed (lat 26.75704, polygon match)

Photographic Evidence: Permit-Only Corridor

The following images document conditions in the permit-only corridor on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, presented in survey route order (north to south). These streets are restricted to permit holders under Lee County Ordinance 25-16. All locations are GPS or map-panel verified. No pedestrian traffic was observed on any of these streets.

19th St W — Lee County Sheriff Present

A Lee County Sheriff SUV was parked at the 19th St W street end. Parking without a permit carries an approximately \$200 fine.



17th St W

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 12:45:30 PM

17th St W — Permit Only | Utilization: **VERY LOW**



14th St W

Location confirmed by map panel (14th St W label visible). One vehicle at distance; no pedestrian traffic.

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 12:45:58 PM

14th St W — Permit Only | Utilization: **VERY LOW**



12th St W



9th St W — Completely Empty

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 12:46:32 PM

9th St W — Permit Only | Utilization: EMPTY



7th St W — Rated for ~50 Vehicles

7th St W is designated for public beach access and is rated for approximately 50 vehicles. On this survey it carried only construction equipment on a trailer with no passenger vehicles and no pedestrian traffic — while every state park lot was full with beach-goers unable to find parking.



3rd St W — Commercial Vans Only, Zero Passenger Vehicles

At the time of observation 3rd St W contained only two commercial vans: an M B Woods contractor van (941-889-9423) and a white cargo van. No passenger vehicles were present. No pedestrian traffic was observed.

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 12:49:59 PM

3rd St W — Permit Only | Utilization: **LOW**



1st St W

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 12:50:19 PM

1st St W — Permit Only | Utilization: **LOW**



1st St W — Second Pass



Photographic Evidence: 5th St Public Lot — Lee County 3-Hour Parking

The 5th St public lot is the only public beach access lot on Gasparilla Island, operating under a Lee County 3-hour time limit. It was full with vehicles circling at the time of observation.

5th St Public Lot

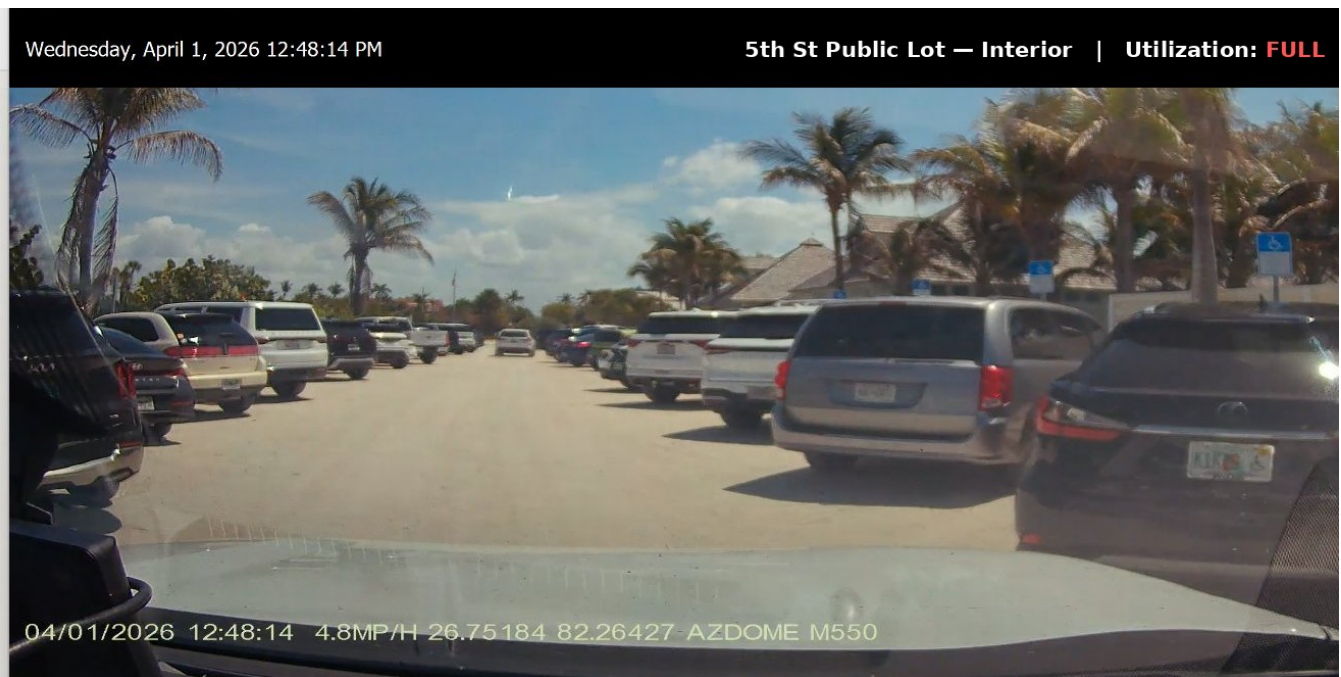
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5th St Public Lot | Utilization: **FULL**



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5th St Public Lot — Interior

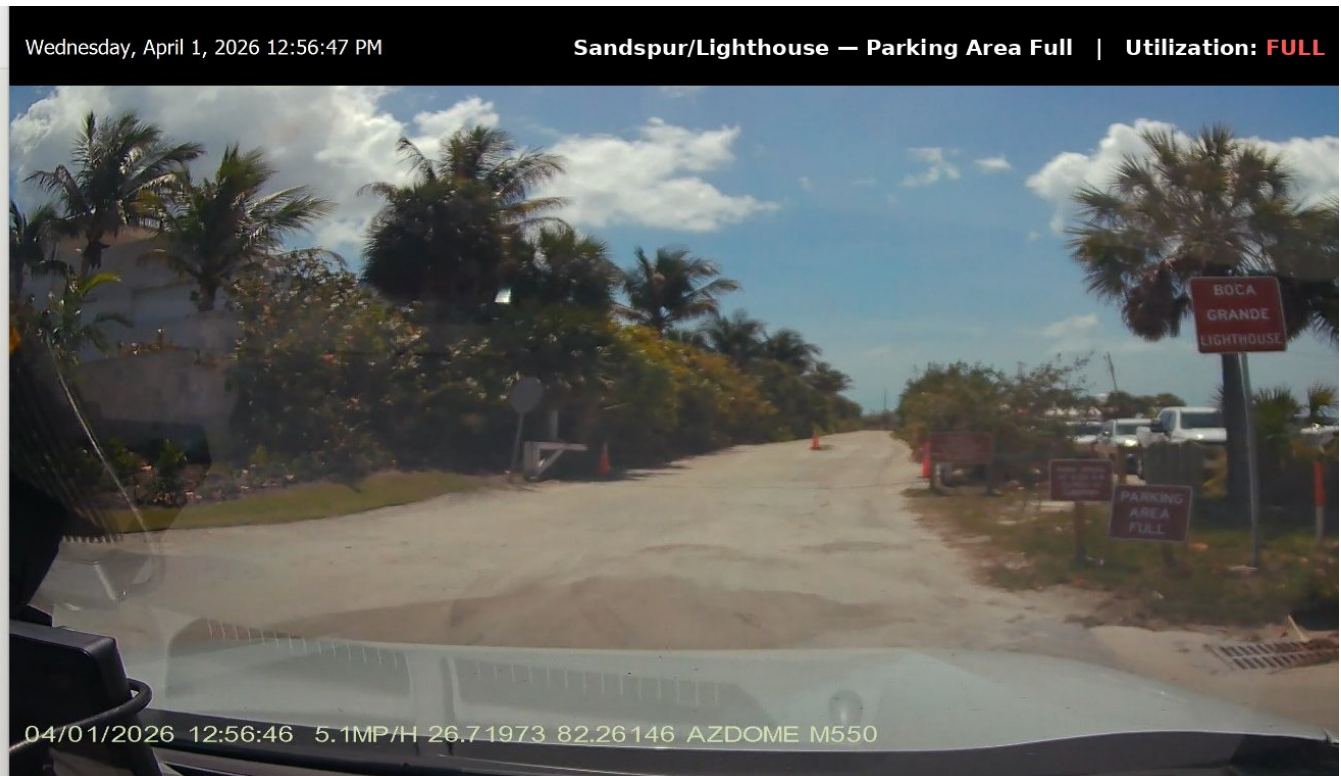


Photographic Evidence: State Park Lots — Full

All five state park lots were at full capacity during the survey. A 'PARKING AREA FULL' sign was posted at the Sandspur/Lighthouse complex entrance only, applying to both lots in that complex. Full conditions at Range Light, Sea Grape, and Sea Wall were confirmed by visual observation.

'PARKING AREA FULL' Sign — Sandspur/Lighthouse Complex Entrance

This sign applies to both the Sandspur and Lighthouse lots. No other state park lots had posted signs.



Gasparilla Island State Park — Entrance

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 12:56:49 PM

Gasparilla Island State Park — Entrance | Utilization: **FULL**



Sandspur Lot — Side View

Side camera view confirms full conditions from the road.



Lighthouse Lot — Entering

GPS-confirmed at lat 26.71787 (polygon match).

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 12:57:50 PM

Lighthouse Lot — Entering | Utilization: **FULL**



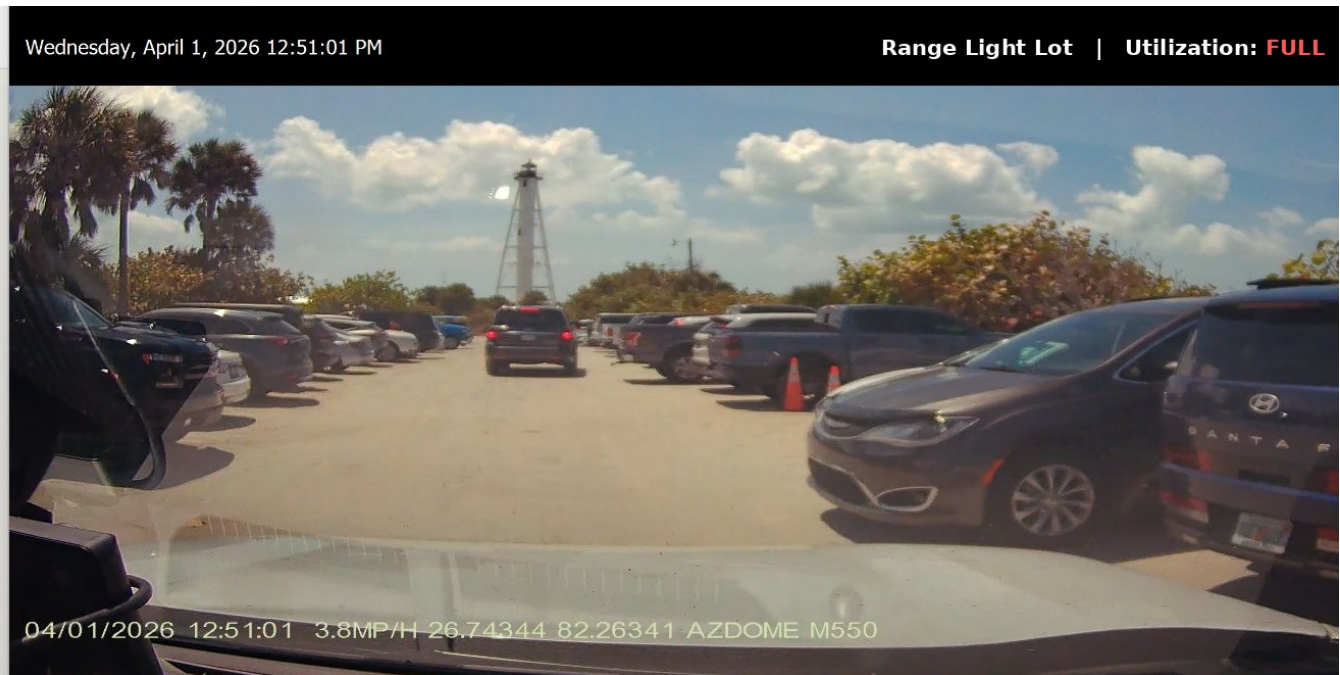
Lighthouse Lot — Exiting

Exiting after completing a full documentation loop.



Range Light Lot

Surveyor entered but had to back out. Tall Range Light lighthouse tower visible. GPS-confirmed at lat 26.74344 (polygon match).



Sea Grape Lot

Surveyor entered but had to back out. GPS-confirmed at lat 26.72505.



Sea Wall Lot — Driving Past

Full conditions observed while driving past. Not entered.

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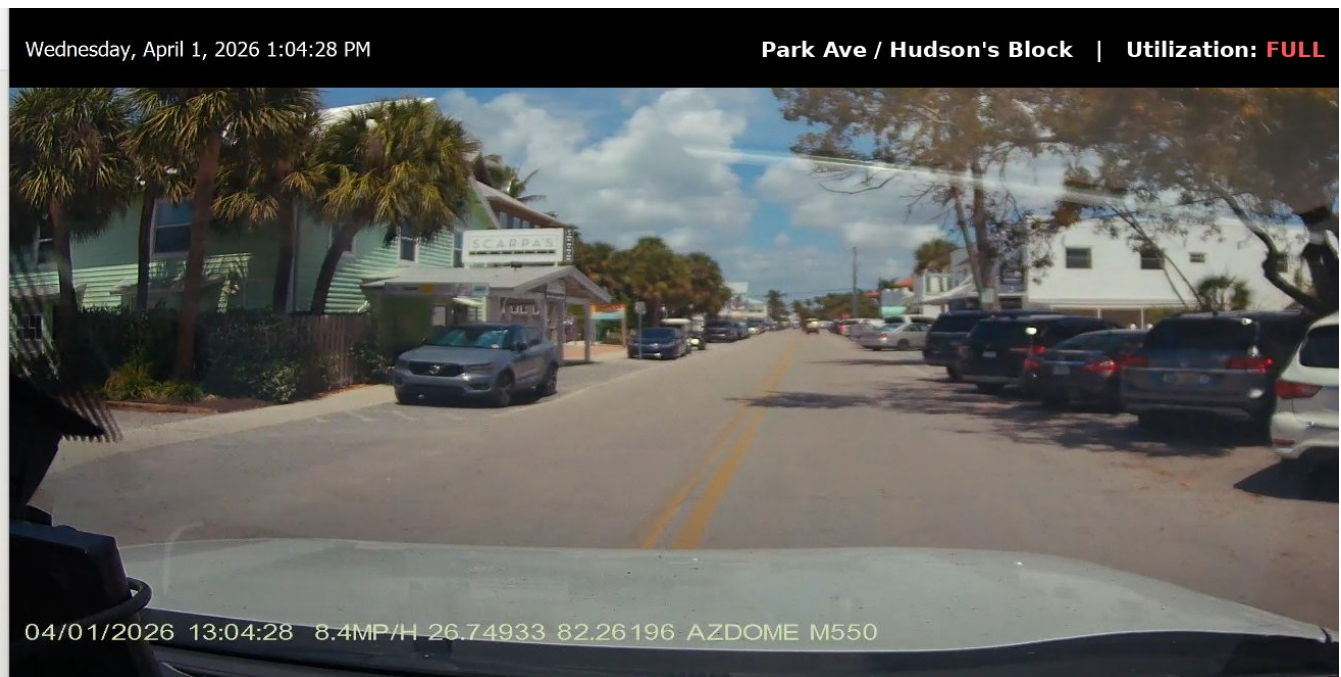
Sea Wall Lot — Driving Past | Utilization: **FULL**



Photographic Evidence: Village / Downtown Area

Park Ave and E Railroad Ave business parking were at full capacity on the same afternoon the permit-only corridor showed Empty to Low status throughout.

Park Ave / Hudson's Block



Downtown — 5th St E Area

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 1:05:41 PM

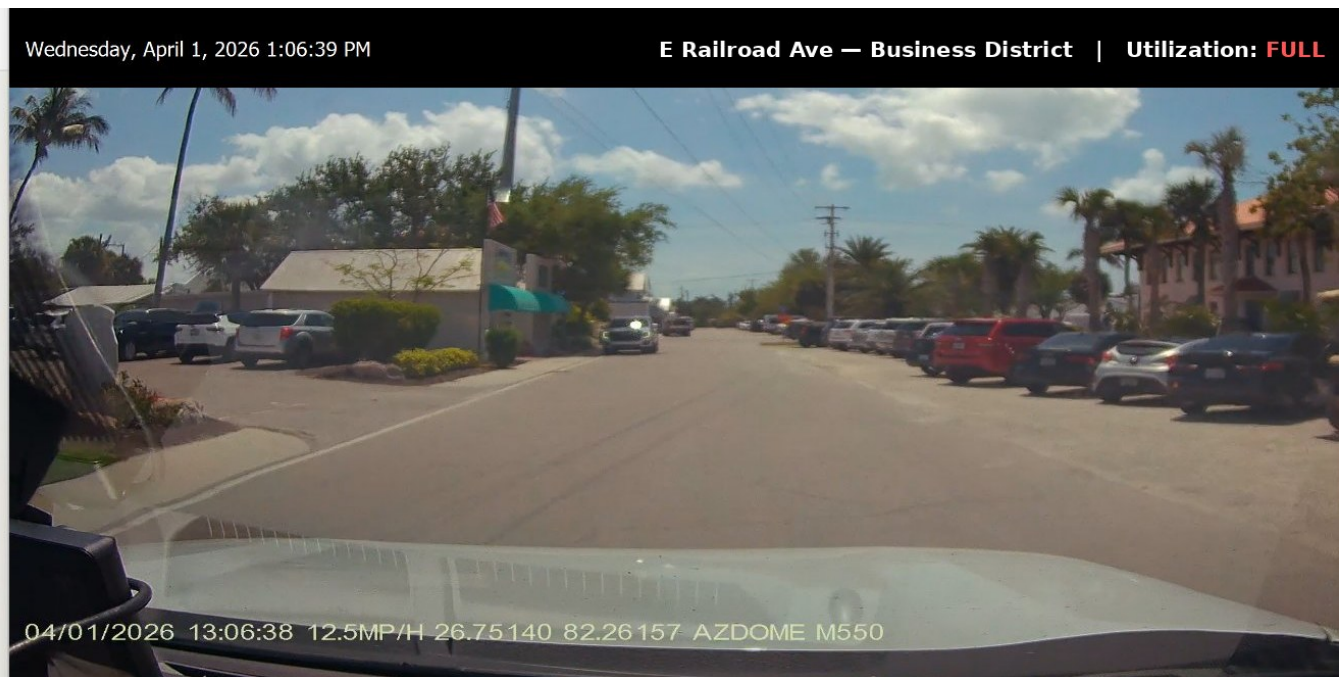
Downtown — 5th St E Area | Utilization: **FULL**



E Railroad Ave — Business District



E Railroad Ave — Business District (Second Pass)



11th St E — Public Parking (North Side Only)

North side: public parking, 2-3 spaces remaining. South side: permit only. GPS-confirmed (lat 26.75704, polygon match).

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 1:11:20 PM

11th St E — Public Parking (North Side) | Utilization: **MODERATE**



Permit-Only / Resident Streets

Under Lee County Ordinance 25-16, parking on these streets is restricted to permit holders. The survey found these streets heavily underutilized. Commercial vehicles occupied permit spaces on multiple segments. No pedestrian traffic was observed on any side street.

Location	Time	Status	Notes
19th St W	12:45 PM	Very Low	Lee County Sheriff SUV parked at street end; 1 passenger SUV; no pedestrian traffic; location confirmed by map panel
17th St W	12:45 PM	Very Low	1 passenger sedan; no pedestrian traffic; location GPS-confirmed (lat 26.76167, polygon match)
14th St W	12:46 PM	Very Low	1 vehicle at distance; no pedestrian traffic; location map-confirmed (14th St W visible on map panel, screenshot 325)
13th St W	12:46 PM	Low	3-4 vehicles including 1 large white commercial van; no pedestrian traffic; location GPS-confirmed (lat 26.75843, polygon match)
12th St W	12:46 PM	Very Low	1 passenger SUV; no pedestrian traffic; location GPS-confirmed (lat 26.75760, polygon match)
9th St W	12:46 PM	Empty	No vehicles; completely empty; no pedestrian traffic; location GPS-confirmed (lat 26.75523, polygon match)
7th St W	12:47 PM	Very Low	Rated for approximately 50 vehicles; construction equipment on trailer observed; no passenger vehicles; no pedestrian traffic; location GPS-confirmed (lat 26.75359, polygon match)
3rd St W	12:50 PM	Low	M B Woods contractor van (941-889-9423) and white cargo van only; zero passenger vehicles; no pedestrian traffic; location GPS-confirmed (lat 26.74933, map panel)
1st St W	12:50 PM	Low	1 white commercial van; 1-2 passenger vehicles; no pedestrian traffic; location GPS-confirmed (lat 26.74622, polygon match)

5th St Public Lot — Lee County 3-Hour Parking

The 5th St public lot is the only public beach access lot on Gasparilla Island, operating under a Lee County 3-hour time limit.

Location	Coordinates	Time	Status	Notes
5th St Public Lot (Lee County 3-Hour Parking)	26.7519, -82.2634	12:47 PM	Full	Full; vehicles circling; people on foot with beach gear; the only public beach access lot on the island; GPS-confirmed (lat 26.75194, polygon match)

Village / Town Area Streets

Location	Time	Direction	Status	Notes
Park Ave — Village	1:04 PM	Northbound	Full	Village commercial block; fully occupied; GPS lat 26.74933, map confirmed

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Park Ave / Hudson's Block	1:05 PM	Northbound	Full	Packed; multiple SUVs and golf carts; active foot traffic; GPS lat 26.75116, map confirmed
Downtown — 5th St E Area	1:05 PM	Northbound	Full	Fully occupied; active commercial area; GPS lat 26.75190, polygon match (5th St East)
E Railroad Ave — Business District	1:06 PM	Southbound	Full	Business parking fully occupied; GPS lat 26.75190, map confirmed
E Railroad Ave — Business District	1:06 PM	Northbound	Full	Second pass confirms fully occupied; map panel confirmed
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Sandspur Lot — 12:57 PM

The Sandspur lot is the larger of two lots in the Sandspur/Lighthouse complex at coordinates 26.7184-26.7196. A 'PARKING AREA FULL' sign was posted at the entrance to the complex, applying to both lots. The lot was not entered due to congestion visible from the road.

Location	Coordinates	Time	Status	Notes
Sandspur	26.7184-26.7196, -82.2620--82.2615	12:57 PM	Signed Full	Not entered — congestion visible from road; 'PARKING AREA FULL' sign posted at Sandspur/Lighthouse complex entrance

Lighthouse Lot — 12:57 PM

The Lighthouse lot is the smaller lot at the end of the Sandspur/Lighthouse complex at coordinates 26.7176-26.7181. The 'PARKING AREA FULL' sign at the complex entrance applies to both lots. A full loop was completed through the lot to document interior conditions.

Location	Coordinates	Time	Status	Notes
Lighthouse	26.7176-26.7181, -82.2612--82.2602	12:57 PM	Signed Full	'PARKING AREA FULL' sign at complex entrance applies to both Sandspur and Lighthouse lots; full loop completed through lot; no available spaces; GPS-confirmed (lat 26.71787, polygon match)
Lighthouse (loop)	26.7176-26.7181, -82.2612--82.2602	12:58 PM	Signed Full	Interior loop pass confirms full condition
Lighthouse (exit)	26.7176-26.7181, -82.2612--82.2602	12:58 PM	Signed Full	Exit pass confirms full condition

Range Light Lot — 12:56 PM

The Range Light lot is the northernmost state park parking lot, adjacent to the tall Range Light lighthouse tower, at coordinates 26.7426-26.7435. The surveyor entered but had to back out due to full conditions.

Location	Coordinates	Time	Status	Notes
Range Light	26.7426-26.7435, -82.2638--82.2631	12:56 PM	Full	Full; vehicles circling; surveyor had to back out; tall Range Light lighthouse tower visible; GPS-confirmed (lat 26.74344, polygon match)

Sea Grape Lot — 12:56 PM

The Sea Grape lot is located at coordinates 26.7245-26.7254. The surveyor entered but had to back out due to full conditions.

Location	Coordinates	Time	Status	Notes
Sea Grape	26.7245-26.7254, -82.2633--82.2628	12:56 PM	Full	Entered lot; had to back out due to full conditions; GPS-confirmed (lat 26.72505, polygon match)

Sea Wall Lot — 12:56 PM

The Sea Wall lot is located at coordinates 26.7209-26.7214. Full conditions were observed while driving past; the lot was not entered.

Location	Coordinates	Time	Status	Notes
Sea Wall	26.7209-26.7214, -82.2636--82.2627	12:56 PM	Full	Not entered — full conditions observed while driving past; side camera documents conditions from road

Complete Chronological Observation Log

All observation points in sequence from oldest to newest.

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Conclusions

The Wednesday, April 1, 2026 survey documents the following conditions:

- The permit-only corridor from 19th St W through 1st St W was heavily underutilized on a peak-season weekday afternoon. 9th St W was completely empty. 7th St W, rated for approximately 50 vehicles, carried only construction equipment. No pedestrian traffic was observed on any permit-only side street.
- Commercial vehicles occupied permit spaces on multiple segments: a Lee County Sheriff SUV at 19th St W; a commercial van on 13th St W; an M B Woods contractor van (941-889-9423) and a second cargo van on 3rd St W with zero passenger vehicles present; and a commercial van on 1st St W.
- The 5th St public lot — the only public beach access lot on the island, operating under a Lee County 3-hour limit — was full with vehicles circling.
- Every designated state park lot was at full capacity. A 'PARKING AREA FULL' sign was posted at the Sandspur/Lighthouse complex entrance only. The surveyor had to back out of Range Light and Sea Grape, could not enter Sea Wall and Sandspur, and completed a full loop through the Lighthouse lot.
- Park Ave and E Railroad Ave were fully occupied. The 11th St E public parking area (north side only) had 2-3 spaces remaining. The permit-only corridor and the state park lots represent a directly observable imbalance: a lightly used restricted corridor with commercial vehicles occupying permit spaces, and designated lots at full capacity with a posted sign, documented simultaneously on a clear weekday afternoon.

Footage captured using an AZDOME M550 dashcam via Dashcam Viewer Pro. The AZDOME M550 records continuous video with embedded date, time, speed, and GPS coordinates. Survey originated in Placida, Charlotte County, Florida. All GPS coordinates verified against GeoJSON coordinate file; map panel reviewed for side-camera shots without GPS overlay. Status assessments are visual estimates from continuous dashcam footage. Full video and complete records are available upon request. All times are local (EST).