

Gasparilla Island Parking Conditions

Field Survey Summary | Wednesday, April 1, 2026 | 12:42 PM – 1:11 PM

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

Weather: Sunny, mid-70s; clear peak-season conditions

Core Finding

This survey documents two conditions observed simultaneously on a peak-season weekday afternoon: the permit-only corridor from 19th through 1st St W was heavily underutilized — with commercial vehicles occupying permit spaces, 9th St W completely empty, and 7th St W (rated for ~50 vehicles) carrying only construction equipment — 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. Full conditions at Range Light, Sea Grape, and Sea Wall were confirmed by visual observation.

The permit-only corridor and the designated state park lots represent a directly observable imbalance: a lightly used restricted corridor — with commercial vehicles occupying permit spaces — and a set of designated lots at full capacity with a posted sign, documented simultaneously on a clear weekday afternoon.

Conditions at a Glance

Location	Time	Status	Notes
Permit-Only Streets 19th – 1st St W	12:45–1:11 PM	Empty to Low	9th St W completely empty; 7th St W (rated ~50 vehicles) carried only construction equipment; commercial vehicles on 19th, 13th, 3rd, 1st St; no pedestrian traffic on any segment
5th St Public Lot (Lee County 3-hour) Only public lot on island	12:47 PM	Full	Full; vehicles circling; beach-goers on foot
Range Light	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	12:56 PM	Full	Entered lot; had to back out due to full conditions; GPS-confirmed (lat 26.72505, polygon match)
Sea Wall	12:56 PM	Full	Not entered — full conditions observed while driving past; side camera documents conditions from road
Sandspur	12:57 PM	Signed Full	Not entered — congestion visible from road; 'PARKING AREA FULL' sign posted at Sandspur/Lighthouse complex entrance
Lighthouse	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	1:04 PM	Full	Village commercial block; fully occupied; GPS lat 26.74933, map confirmed
Park Ave / Hudson's Block	1:05 PM	Full	Packed; multiple SUVs and golf carts; active foot traffic; GPS lat 26.75116, map confirmed
Downtown — 5th St E Area	1:05 PM	Full	Fully occupied; active commercial area; GPS lat 26.75190, polygon match (5th St East)
E Railroad Ave — Business District	1:06 PM	Full	Business parking fully occupied; GPS lat 26.75190, map confirmed

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E Railroad Ave — Business District	1:06 PM	Full	Second pass confirms fully occupied; map panel confirmed
11th St E — North Side	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)

Source: Dashcam field survey, Wednesday, April 1, 2026. 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). A detailed technical companion report with photographic evidence is available upon request.