

Gasparilla Island Parking Utilization

Dashcam Survey — Sunday, April 26, 2026 | 11:12 AM - 11:38 AM

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

Weather: warm spring temperatures with sunny, clear skies; weather was sunny and clear throughout the survey

Overview

This report documents parking conditions observed during a dashcam survey of Gasparilla Island (Boca Grande) on Sunday, April 26, 2026 between approximately 11:12 AM - 11:38 AM. 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, clear skies. 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. The 5th St public lot had some available spaces, however 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
11:12:06 AM	19th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.76329-26.76378, -82.26587 to -82.26425	Very Low	One vehicle visible at far west end near beach; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 19th St W polygon
11:12:20 AM	17th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.76167-26.76208, -82.26570 to -82.26409	Very Low	One distant vehicle near beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 17th St W polygon
11:12:40 AM	14th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75915-26.75969, -82.26535 to -82.26374	Very Low	One distant vehicle near beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 14th St W polygon
11:12:46 AM	13th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75843-26.75885, -82.26517 to -82.26366	Empty	No parked vehicles observed; clear sand street. Side cam; map-located against 13th St W polygon

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11:12:53 AM	12th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75760-26.75804, -82.26508 to -82.26356	Very Low	One dark wagon and one white sedan parked on the south side; traffic cone present. Side cam; map-located against 12 St W polygon
11:13:00 AM	11th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75687-26.75720, -82.26499 to -82.26347	Very Low	One distant vehicle near beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 11th St W polygon
11:13:07 AM	10th St W (library block)	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75606-26.75637, -82.26486 to -82.26328	Low	Multiple vehicles parked along north side adjacent to Johann Fust Community Library; busiest segment of permit corridor. Side cam; map-located against 10th St W polygon
11:13:15 AM	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
11:13:30 AM	7th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75359-26.75377, -82.26461 to -82.26251	Very Low	One vehicle visible at far west end near beach; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 7th St W polygon
11:14:23 - 11:15:18 AM	5th St public lot	GPS verified: 26.7 5183-26.75195, -82.26424 to -82.26341	Moderate	Lot was busy with activity but had plenty of available spaces. All four ADA-designated handicap spaces were vacant at the time of observation. The beach access ramp at the lot was closed: traffic cones were placed across the ramp near the trash barrels at the west edge of the lot, blocking pedestrian and beach-cart access to the beach. The closure means available spaces had no practical utility for beach visitors at the time of the survey.
11:16:14 AM	4th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75041-26.75063, -82.26452 to -82.26321	Very Low	Two vehicles parked at far west end near beach access; two pedestrians on foot. Side cam; map-located against 4th St W polygon
11:16:31 AM	3rd St W (southbound)	Polygon bounds: 2 6.74900-26.74920, -82.26445 to -82.26320	Very Low	One black SUV parked on south side; street otherwise empty. Side cam; map-located against 3rd St polygon. 3rd St W (west of Gilchrist Ave) is a designated public beach access street.
11:16:47 AM	Banyan St	Polygon bounds: 2 6.74760-26.74780, -82.26440 to -82.26317	Empty	No parked vehicles observed; one golf cart in transit. Side cam; map-located against Banyan St polygon
11:17:07 AM	1st St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.74622-26.74639, -82.26442 to -82.26310	Very Low	Three vehicles parked at far west end near beach; pedestrians walking on foot. Side cam; map-located against 1st St W polygon

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11:17:40 AM	Range Light (entry approach)	Map position: 26.7 4261-26.74355, -82.26381 to -82.26313	Full	Lot was too congested to safely drive into. Vehicles tightly packed and people on foot with beach gear visible at the entrance. Side cam; map-located against Range Light polygon
11:17:53 AM	Range Light (departure)	Map position: 26.7 4261-26.74355, -82.26381 to -82.26313	Full	Continued from approach. Vehicles tightly packed along the visible edge of the lot. Side cam; map-located
11:20:21 AM	Sea Grape (entry)	GPS verified: 26.72505, -82.26299	Full	Lot was full at time of observation; vehicles tightly packed across all rows
11:20:25 AM	Sea Grape (interior)	GPS verified: 26.72500, -82.26305	Full	Continued from entry. Full row of parked vehicles, all spaces taken
11:21:41 AM	Sea Wall (entry)	GPS verified: 26.72118, -82.26284	Full	Lot was full; State Park welcome sign visible at entrance, traffic cone present
11:21:51 AM	Sea Wall (interior)	GPS verified: 26.72123, -82.26297	Full	Vehicles tightly parked
11:22:16 AM	Sea Wall (exit)	GPS verified: 26.72108, -82.26330	Full	Vehicles parked closely together
11:23:30 AM	Sandspur (entry)	GPS verified: 26.71917, -82.26151	Full	Flagpole visible at lot; all spaces filled
11:23:54 AM	Sandspur (interior)	GPS verified: 26.71946, -82.26182	Full	Person walking with beach gear; lot full
11:24:25 AM	Sandspur (south end / departure)	GPS verified: 26.71862, -82.26154	Full	White Jeep Gladiator and multiple vehicles parked tightly; lot full
11:25:29 AM	Lighthouse (interior)	GPS verified: 26.71810, -82.26079	Full	Traffic cones placed; vehicles parked, view toward beach access
11:25:39 AM	Lighthouse (beach access)	GPS verified: 26.71793, -82.26068	Full	Pedestrians on foot at beach access signs; lot full
11:25:47 AM	Lighthouse (east edge)	GPS verified: 26.71787, -82.26053	Full	Vehicles parked along east edge of lot

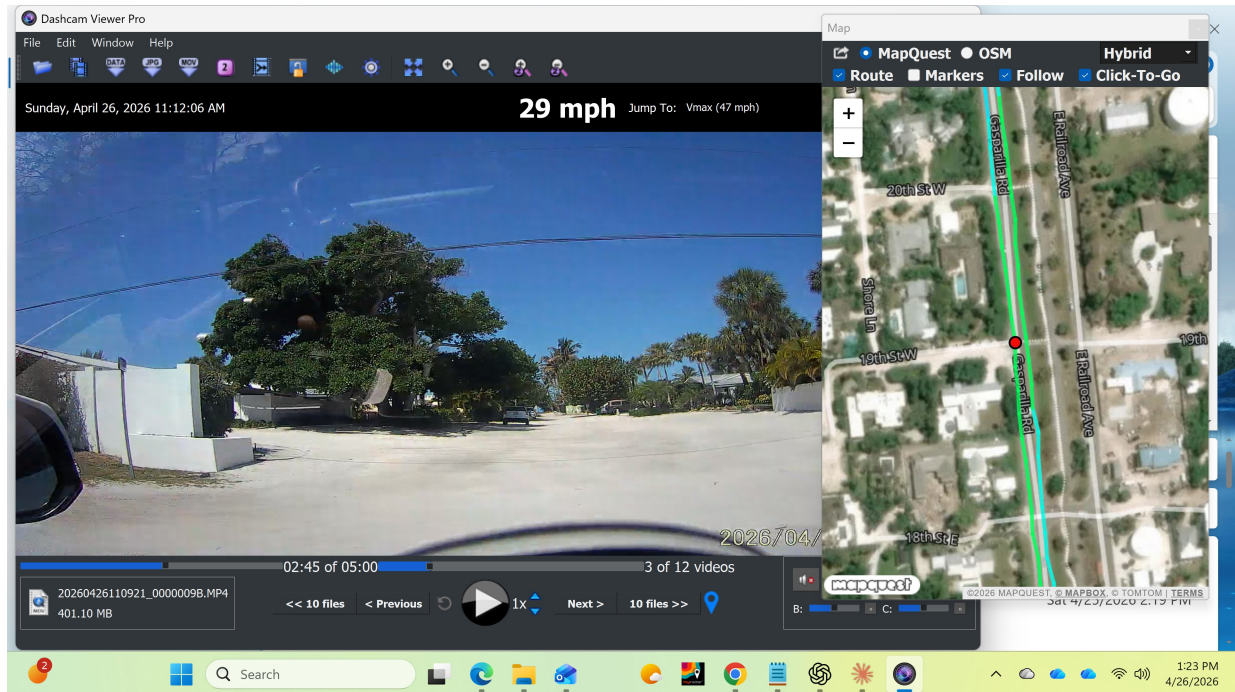
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11:31:27 AM	3rd St W (eastern segment, northbound return)	GPS verified: 26.74916, -82.26300	Very Low	Northbound; Two vehicles parked (silver SUV on north side, black VW on south side); street otherwise empty. GPS verified: 26.74916, -82.26300 -- on the eastern segment of 3rd St W (between Gilchrist Ave and Park Ave). This segment of 3rd St W is not a designated public beach access (the beach access portion of 3rd St W lies west of Gilchrist Ave); the eastern segment historically functioned as overflow parking for beach visitors when designated lots were full and as church parking on Sunday mornings. Survey route used this segment to reach Park Ave for the northbound return through the downtown commercial corridor; the route did not enter 3rd St E (which lies east of Park Ave). Under Ordinance 25-16's permit-only restriction, neither overflow use is currently permitted on this segment. This survey was conducted on a Sunday morning when church overflow parking would historically have been most visible.
11:31:52 AM	Park Ave (Hudson's block)	GPS verified: 26.74917, -82.26200	Moderate	Northbound; Commercial block north of 3rd St W intersection (Park Ave runs along the eastern edge of 3rd St W's eastern segment); vehicles parked along east side near restaurants and businesses; golf cart traffic; moderate use observed. GPS verified: 26.74917, -82.26200
11:31:59 AM	Park Ave (village commercial)	GPS verified: 26.74940, -82.26196	Moderate	Northbound; Commercial corridor; both sides of street have parked vehicles including cars and golf carts; bike rental shop visible; moderate use observed. GPS verified: 26.74940, -82.26196
11:32:34 AM	Park Ave at 5th St E (Hudson's market)	GPS verified: 26.75098, -82.26193	Moderate	Northbound; Commercial intersection at Hudson's beverages and market; multiple vehicles parked across the area, golf carts, pedestrians on foot; moderate use observed. GPS verified: 26.75098, -82.26193
11:33:02 AM	E Railroad Ave (5th St E intersection)	GPS verified: 26.75192, -82.26175	Low	Northbound; Multiple vehicles parked along east side of E Railroad Ave at the 5th St E commercial intersection (business parking). GPS verified: 26.75192, -82.26175
11:33:11 AM	E Railroad Ave (continued)	GPS verified: 26.75157, -82.26162	Low	Northbound; Vehicles parked along east side (business parking continues). GPS verified: 26.75157, -82.26162
11:37:39 AM	11th St E	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75704-26.75720, -82.26332 to -82.26220	Full	Northbound; North side of 11th St E was completely full of parked vehicles including red Ford Raptor, blue convertible, and additional cars; full row of parking observed. The north side of 11th St E is the only unposted public access parking on the island per County records, but contains only approximately 10 spots and is shared with employees and Inlet customers. The Army Corps of Engineers has determined this location is not a suitable replacement for the parking access lost under Ordinance 25-16.

Photographic Evidence

The following images document representative conditions observed during the Sunday, April 26, 2026 survey. Each image is a frame from the dashcam recording with timestamp visible. Images are presented in route order (chronological).

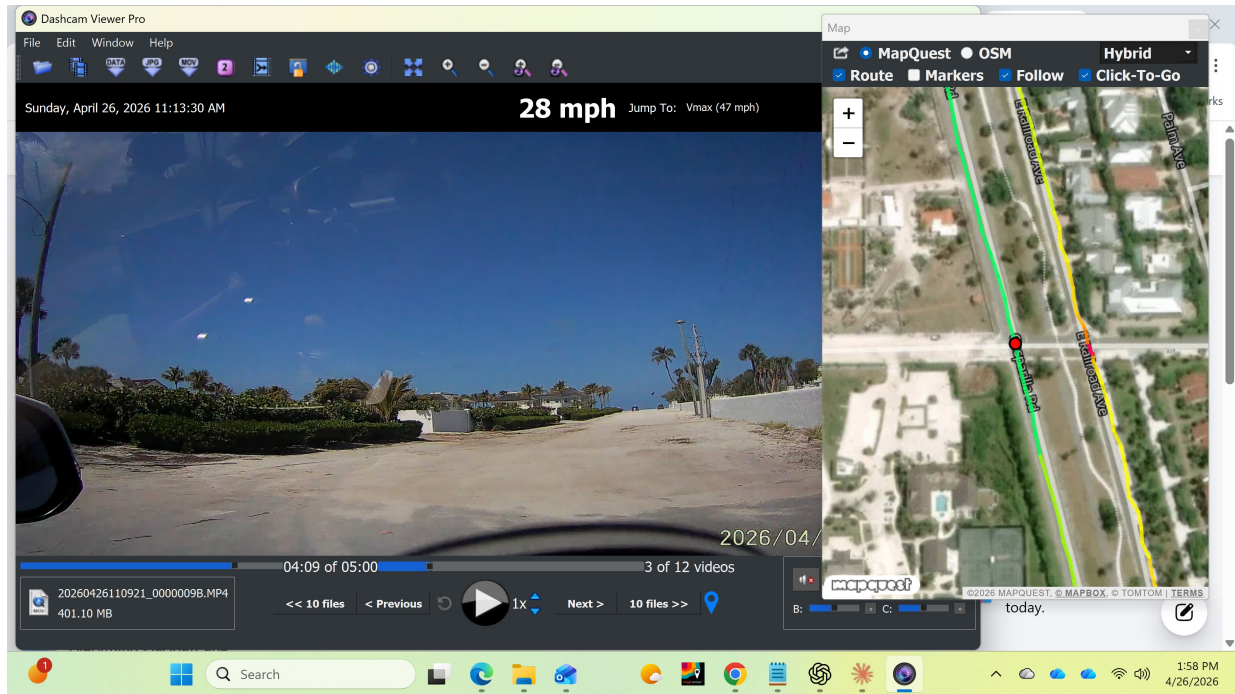
19th St W -- Permit-Only Corridor, Very Low

11:12:06 AM. Side cam looking west toward beach. Map-located against 19th St W polygon. One distant vehicle near the beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Representative of the permit-only corridor on the survey, which carried only a small number of vehicles across the entire length.



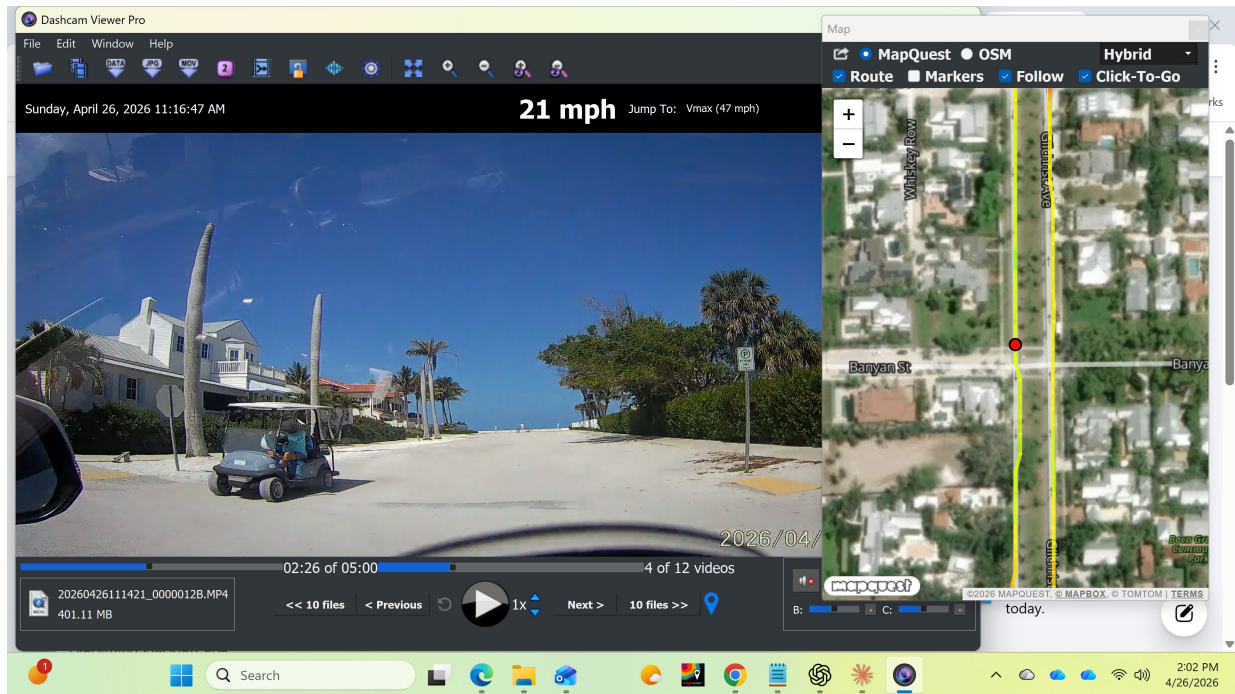
7th St W -- Designated Beach Access, Very Low

11:13:30 AM. Side cam looking west toward beach. Map-located against 7th St W polygon. One vehicle visible at far west end near beach; otherwise no parked vehicles. 7th St W is one of the platted public beach access streets on the island, restricted to permit holders under Ordinance 25-16.



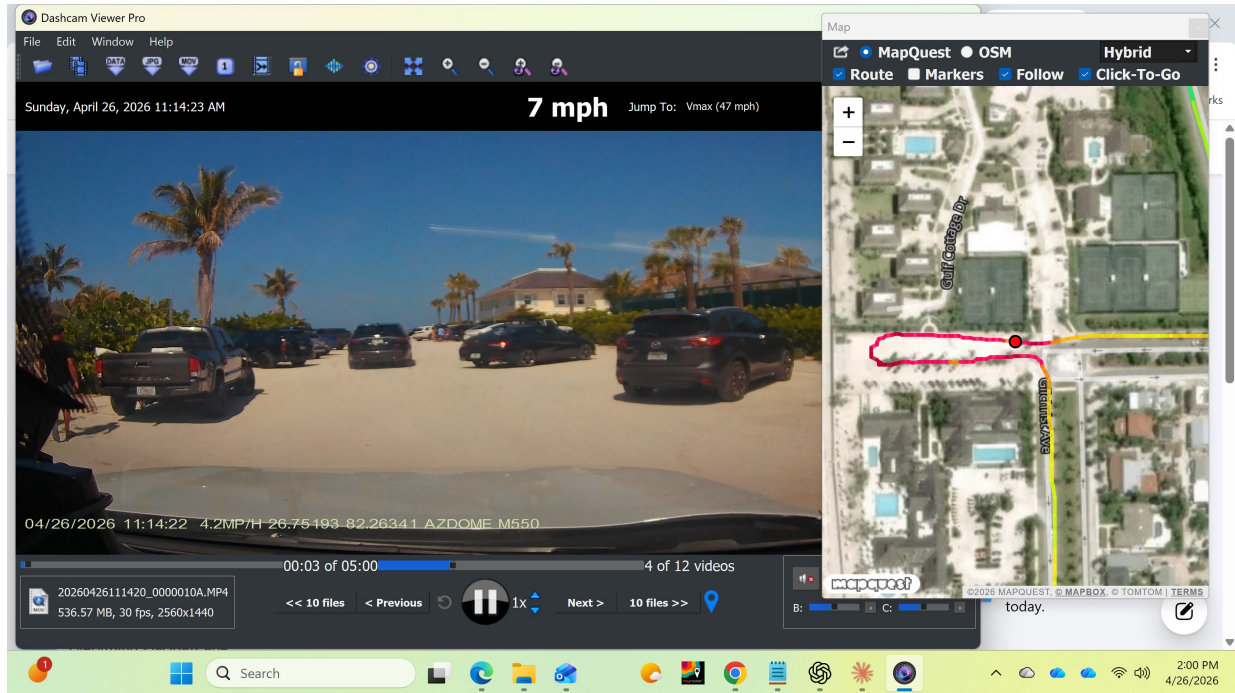
Banyan St -- Permit-Only, Golf Cart Traffic Only

11:16:47 AM. Side cam. Map-located against Banyan St polygon. No parked vehicles observed; one golf cart in transit. The block was empty of parked cars at the time of observation.



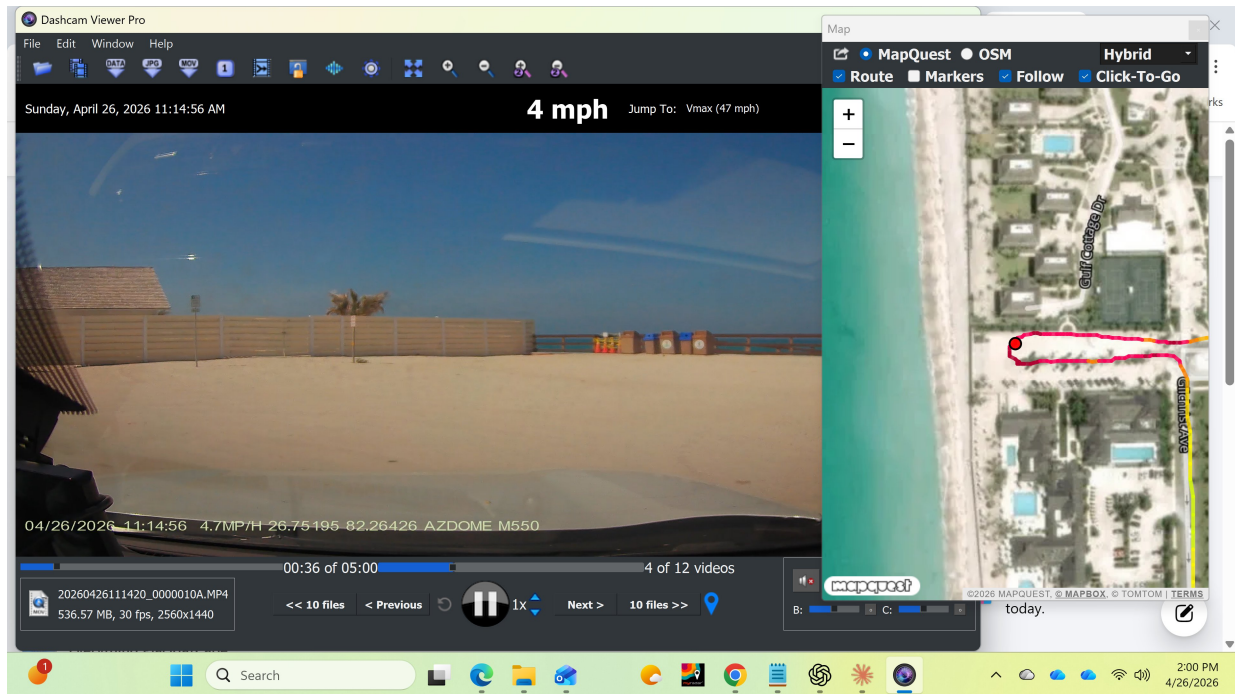
5th St Public Lot -- Interior, Busy with Vehicles

11:14:23 AM. Front cam, GPS verified at 26.75193, -82.26341. Lot was busy with activity, however the lot still had available spaces and all four ADA-designated handicap spaces were vacant. The 5th St lot is the only Lee County 3-hour public parking on the island.



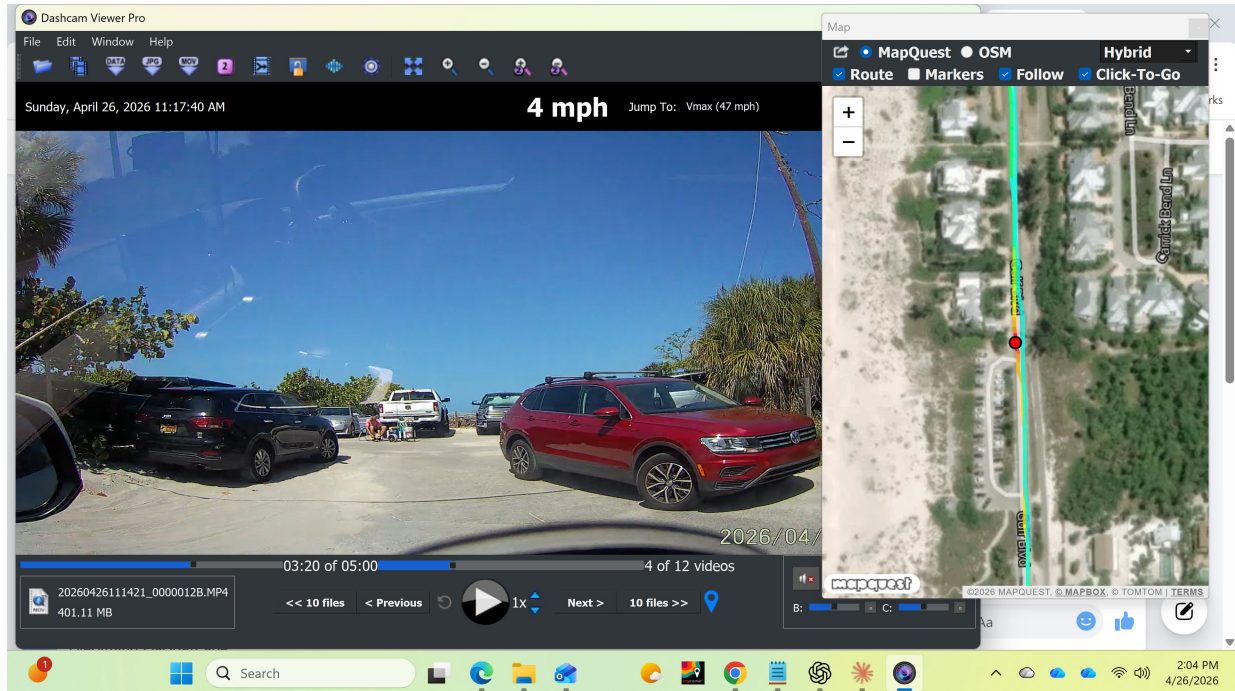
5th St Public Lot -- Beach Access Ramp Closed

11:14:56 AM. Front cam, GPS verified at 26.75195, -82.26426. The west edge of the lot at the beach access ramp; trash barrels visible at the boardwalk. The beach access ramp was closed at the time of survey, with traffic cones placed across the ramp -- limiting the practical utility of available spaces in the lot for beach visitors.



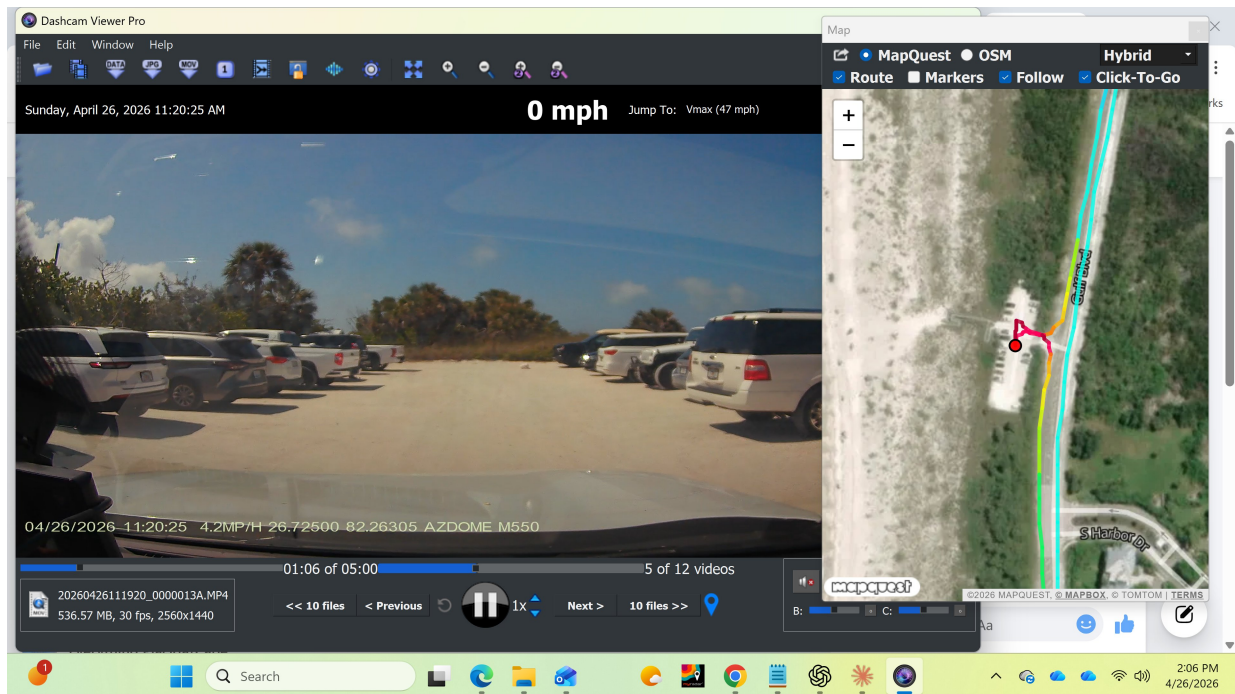
Range Light Lot -- Too Congested to Enter

11:17:40 AM. Side cam from the entry approach. Vehicles tightly packed and people on foot with beach gear visible at the entrance. The lot was too congested to safely drive into during the survey.



Sea Grape Lot -- Full

11:20:25 AM. Front cam, GPS verified at 26.72500, -82.26305. Lot was full at time of observation; vehicles tightly packed across all rows.



11:24:25 AM. Front cam, GPS verified at 26.71862, -82.26154. South end of the Sandspur lot before transition to the Lighthouse area. Multiple vehicles parked tightly including a white Jeep Gladiator. The Sandspur/Lighthouse complex is the southernmost set of state park lots on the island.



The screenshot displays the Dashcam Viewer Pro application. The main window is split into two sections. The left section shows a live dashcam feed of a street scene with a red pickup truck and other vehicles parked along the side. The right section shows a map overlay with a route highlighted in green and yellow. The map includes labels for streets such as 11th St W, 10th St W, 11th St E, and 10th St E. The interface also features a top menu bar with File, Edit, Window, and Help options, and a bottom status bar showing the current time as 2:31 PM on 4/26/2026.

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).