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*Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach*



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**PUNTA GORDA  
ENGLEWOOD BEACH**

The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast

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# LIFE ON THE *Sunny Side*

Ready for an escape that's off the beaten path, laid-back and filled with every kind of outside fun imaginable? Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is that pure Florida experience you're longing for, from relaxing on pristine beaches to boating across sparkling waterways. You'll also discover secluded islands, fascinating wildlife, scenic trails, top-ranked golf courses, world-class fishing and so much more. There's no greater place to enjoy the great outdoors.

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The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast

# Seaside

*Discover the prettiest and most peaceful beaches on the planet, perfect for relaxing and reconnecting.*



**You won't find big crowds on our beaches.** Just plenty of white sand, gentle waves and native wildlife, from pelicans gliding across the sky to the occasional dolphins emerging from the Gulf to say hello. Swimming and snorkeling are a joy in the clear waters and if you love seashells, you'll find more sandy treasures than you've ever seen. Another fun activity is hunting for fossilized shark teeth – you won't believe how many you'll find along our shores.




 Check out our live beach cam at Englewood Beach at [PureFlorida.com/Beach-Cam](http://PureFlorida.com/Beach-Cam)

# Seaside

## **DON PEDRO ISLAND STATE PARK**

This amazing offshore island park is accessible only by boat or kayak. Dock on the mangrove-lined bayside and explore untouched nature on its hiking trails. The Gulf side of the island is home to a mile of almost deserted white-sand beach. Enjoy swimming in the crystal clear water.



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## **ENGLEWOOD BEACH PARK**

You'll love the absolutely beautiful views here. In addition to powder white sand and thousands of seashells and fossilized shark teeth, there's a kids' playground, convenient facilities and rentals for beach chairs, umbrellas and more.



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## **STUMP PASS BEACH STATE PARK**

Rumored to be the luckiest place on earth, it's tradition here to add a shell to the driftwood stumps on the beach and make a wish. Hike the trail for a gorgeous view of the Gulf on one side and Lemon Bay on the other.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING *Seaside*

### **ENGLEWOOD BEACH WATERFEST**

Join the party in November for the Offshore Powerboat Association's World Championships. Enjoy a weekend of races, live music and more. See details and all events at [PureFlorida.com/Events](http://PureFlorida.com/Events).



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**KNIGHT ISLAND (PALM ISLAND)**

Discover a true island paradise here with an unbelievable beach and views, accessible only by boat, water taxi (behind Leverock’s Restaurant) or the car ferry. Your best bet to experience this magical place is to book a vacation rental at Palm Island Resort.



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**LITTLE GASPARILLA ISLAND**

Get the true Little Gasparilla experience by staying on the island at one of many lovely vacation rentals scattered gulfside and bayside. No roads, no traffic, no high rises and no regrets.



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**GASPARILLA ISLAND STATE PARK**

Enjoy a beautiful, dune-lined beach and the historical Port Boca Grande Lighthouse, the only lighthouse open to the public on Florida’s West Coast. It’s home to a museum where you can tour the lighthouse and learn about the island’s rich history.

**PORT CHARLOTTE BEACH PARK**

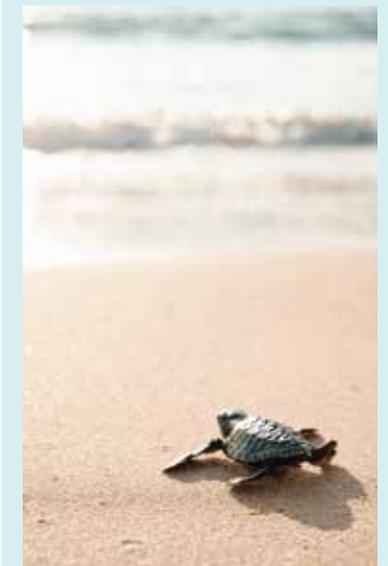
This inland harborside park is conveniently located and easy to reach. A man-made beach offers a calm swimming area along with park amenities including a play area for kids, heated swimming pool, bbq grills, picnic tables, fishing pier and lots of shade.



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*Sidetracks*

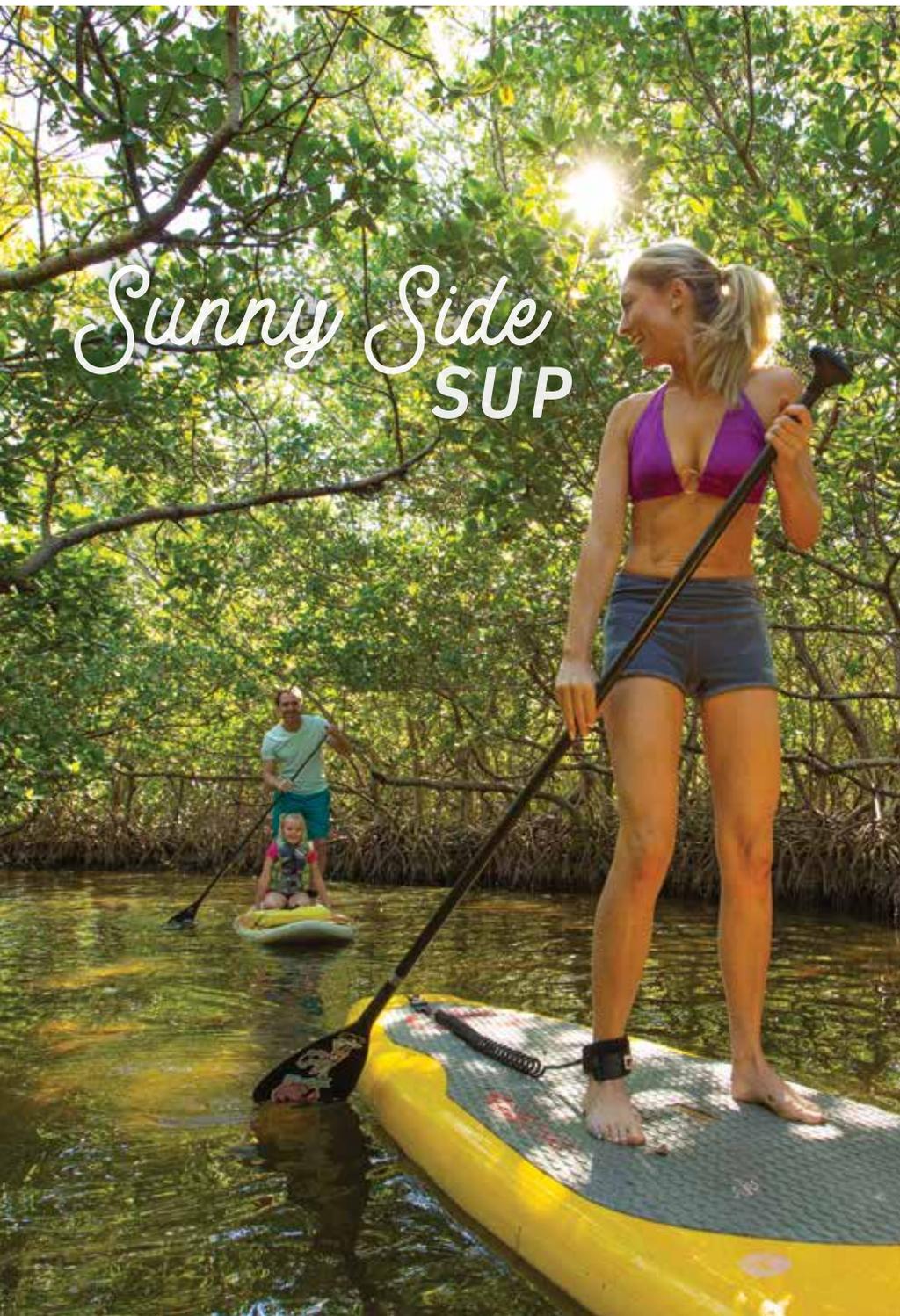
*Sea turtle nesting season runs May through October on our beaches. Please remember to respect turtle nests, which are usually marked with stakes and flags, and fill in any holes dug on the beach. If on the beach at night, do not use flashlights or cell phone lights as they can deter nesting or confuse hatchlings heading to the water.*



**MEET AN Outsider**

*How does a kid from Maryland end up as “The Beach Guy”? Scan to find out!*



## Paddle Board and Kayak to Pristine Coastal Destinations



Join SUP Englewood for a Paddle Board or Kayak Eco Tour. Guided paddling trips are perfect for beginners. Instructors help first-time paddlers to develop skills needed for navigating local waterways safely and efficiently.

SUP Englewood offers guided tours in several Charlotte County Parks for access to the most pristine paddling areas. Expect to learn about the coastal ecosystem as you view marine life up-close.



SUP Englewood also offers paddle board and kayak rentals. Delivery and pick up is always free to local Charlotte County Parks and State Park locations. Call us to reserve your next paddling adventure.



**ENGLEWOOD**

[SUPEnglewood.com](http://SUPEnglewood.com)

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# Waterside

*A water wonderland awaits in 830 miles of shoreline and the Peace and Myakka rivers, which converge in Charlotte Harbor, Florida's second-largest estuary. 80% of its shoreline is preserved to remain a breeding ground for marine life and protected natural environment.*



Whether it's boating, fishing, paddling or swimming, we offer more ways to make a splash with your Florida vacation. If you're an "old salt," you can bring your own boat or rent one. Or if you prefer to let someone else do the driving, kick back and relax on one of the area's many cruises or guided tours. Amazing fishing, dolphin-spotting and sunsets are just a few of the delights in store.



Water.  
Water.  
Everywhere!



# Waterside

## CRUISE IT

Whether you want to rent a motorboat, sailboat or jet ski, there are dozens of marinas and rental places throughout the area that'll ensure you and your passengers are comfortable operating the rental vessels. They'll also provide a map of the area if you bring your own boat. You can find many first-class marinas and boat ramps online.

## PADDLE IT

The Blueway Trail system has nearly 200 miles of paddling trails, from freshwater rivers and creeks to saltwater coastal areas. Whether in a kayak, canoe, or on a stand-up paddleboard, you'll get a fascinating look at wildlife and breathtaking natural beauty.

## TOUR IT

Attractions like **Riding the Waves** in Englewood give you the experience of piloting your own private catamaran while following a trusted tour guide through area waterways. Or for a completely laid-back experience, enjoy a narrated boating excursion by **King Fisher Fleet** in Punta Gorda. Visit the **Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves** for an eco-venture – snorkeling in the spring/summer and nature boat tours in the fall/winter. Take a trip to an isolated island, see dolphins in the wild and get lost in the beauty of a sunset. Plenty of guided tours await to give you the experience of a lifetime.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING Waterside

### CHRISTMAS LIGHT CANAL CRUISES

Experience a Punta Gorda tradition throughout December on a one-hour cruise around residential canals filled with Christmas lights on homes, boats, seawalls and docks. See details and all events at [PureFlorida.com/Events](http://PureFlorida.com/Events).

# Find the Fish

Anglers of all skill levels will love the variety of fishing found here – freshwater, saltwater, back bay, offshore and pier fishing. Hundreds of fish species thrive in Charlotte Harbor from the blending of saltwater from the Gulf of Mexico with the freshwater from the Peace, Myakka and Caloosahatchee rivers. Getting on the fish is easy with plenty of guides, charters, marinas and convenient launch areas. Learn more at [PureFlorida.com/Fishing](http://PureFlorida.com/Fishing).



## **THE TARPON CAPITAL OF THE WORLD**

Boca Grande was named #1 on the list of The World's Best Tarpon Fishing by *Sport Fishing Magazine* in 2019. This spectacular game fish puts up a challenging fight and is on many an angler's bucket list to catch. Visit between April and October and prepare for a battle unlike any other.

## Side Trips

### **SIGHTSEEING CRUISES & FISHING CHARTERS**

*King Fisher Fleet invites you to explore our beautiful estuary on a trip with our knowledgeable crew. Enjoy action-packed fishing charters, romantic sunset cruises, picturesque river tours, off-the-beaten path island trips to Cabbage Key, Cayo Costa, and Boca Grande, private events, and more.*



Located in Fisherman's Village  
1200 W. Retta Espl.  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
941.639.0969  
[KingFisherFleet.com](http://KingFisherFleet.com)

# Get on Board



We offer hourly, daily and multi-day rentals for center console boats, deckboats, pontoon boats, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards. Enjoy a relaxing day on the water or on a secluded beach, or fish in one of the most prominent fishing destinations in the U.S.



HolidazeBoatRental.com  
 941.505.8888  
 1200 W. Retta Esplanade  
 Punta Gorda, FL 33950



## FISHERMEN'S VILLAGE DINE | STAY | PLAY



Located on scenic Charlotte Harbor, Fishermen's Village offers all-new, spacious suites with waterfront views and full kitchens. Whether you stay at the resort or visit for the day, you'll discover amazing shopping, dining and entertainment, including:

- Dozens of one-of-a-kind shops offering everything from fashion and beachwear to home décor and gifts
- A variety of waterfront restaurants and bars for any occasion and appetite, many featuring fresh seafood
- Live music Thursday through Sunday
- Rentals for boats, paddleboards, kayaks and surrey bikes
- Charters for fishing excursions, harbor tours, sunset cruises and more



Fishermen's Village  
 1200 W. Retta Esplanade  
 Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
 800.639.0020  
 FishermensVillage.com

### MEET AN *Outsider*

*Aaron Koher invites you to see amazing sea life aboard a glass bottom kayak. Scan to learn more.*



## Southwest Florida's Premier Waterfront Destination

# Trailside



***Punta Gorda offers a free bike loaner program. Just check out a bike at one of the pickup locations along the Harborwalk and start exploring any number of planned trails through this quaint, harborside town.***



Discover hiking and biking trails in more than 70 parks, nature preserves and recreational areas, from the Gulf Coast on Manasota Key in the north to wet pine flatwoods in the south. Breathtaking tropical beauty and fascinating wildlife await along the Great Florida Birding Trail, 60 Blueway paddling trails, remote beaches and more. Or follow your bliss along harbor-front trails, historic neighborhoods and downtown areas filled with colorful murals, cafes and shops.



*Happy Trails to You*

# Trailside

Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is home to seven sections of the **Great Florida Birding Trail**, featuring Florida's best wildlife viewing sites. The **Cedar Point Environmental Park** is located in the Lemon Bay portion of the trail and offers an easily walkable 3.5-mile hike with ample opportunities to see native wildlife, such as armadillos and nesting bald eagles, in their natural habitats. In Port Charlotte, the trail crosses through **Tippecanoe Environmental Park**, offering 380 acres of uplands and wetlands along the rim of Tippecanoe Bay. Keep an eye out for the Florida Scrub-Jay, an endangered species that's the only bird species unique to Florida. **Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park** is also a part of the Great Florida Birding Trail and Florida's third-largest state park, with more than 43,400 acres of wilderness. Enjoy a hike with a guide along six miles of trails or discover the area by the water via kayak and the two paddle trail systems running through it. The park's shallow water and mangrove forests provide the chance to see wading birds, dolphins, manatees and more.



## Meet the Locals

A visit to the **Peace River Wildlife Center**, which specializes in the rehabilitation of our local wildlife, is a great way to meet native birds and reptiles, up close and personal. And don't miss one of the area's most spectacular wildlife encounters at **Babcock Ranch Eco-Tours**. This guided group tour will take you deep into Florida wilderness and swampland where you'll meet Bacon Bits, resident hog, and other native wildlife, including alligators, deer, cows and turkeys.



### READY TO REALLY GET OFF THE BEATEN PATH?

Several attractions offer exciting tracks and trails for ATVs, UTVs, motocross and bicycles - some with on-site camping, lakes and more. **The Sandlot Off-Road Adventure Park** has 25 miles of world-class tracks ranging from pro to pee wee with twists, turns and jumps built to thrill. **Redneck Mud Park** is 800 acres, miles of trails and four mud holes to choose from depending on your riding preferences and experience. **74 MX And Offroad** is a family- and pet-friendly motocross park. And **Charlotte BMX** is a premier racing facility that hosts state and national races while supporting the local growth of young riders.



### WHAT'S HAPPENING *Trailside*

#### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CELEBRATION AT SANDLOT OFF-ROAD ADVENTURE PARK

Enjoy live music and DJs, food trucks and carnival games, Beach Bash & Floatopia and more! See details and all events at [PureFlorida.com/Events](http://PureFlorida.com/Events).

# A Fascinating Look at Wildlife



See native wildlife up close and learn how to keep them safe in their natural environments at our free education center. Any donation or gift shop purchase goes directly to the care of our wildlife patients and residents.

Bella, a great horned owl (above), and Luna, an eastern screech owl (left), are just two of many species of raptors, songbirds and shorebirds who reside at our center. You may also see resident opossums, squirrels and turtles.

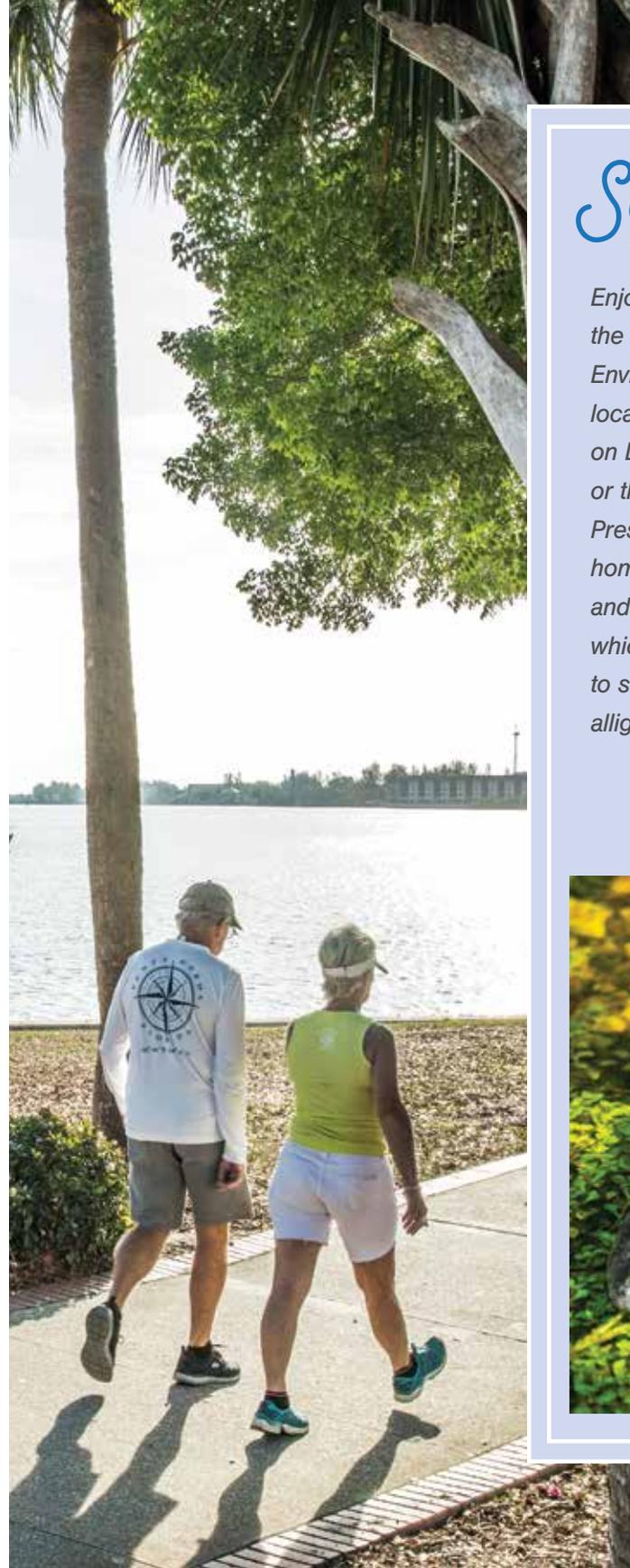


Come meet some amazing creatures and support a wild and wonderful cause.

Peace River Wildlife Center  
3400 Ponce de Leon Pkwy  
Education Center  
Ponce de Leon Park  
(GPS) 3400 W. Marion Ave.  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

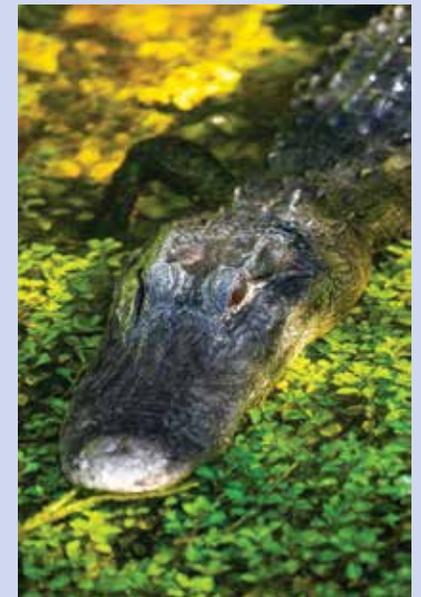


PRWildlife.org • 941.637.3830



## Side Views

Enjoy a hike at one of the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center's two locations: Cedar Point Park on Lemon Bay in Englewood or the Alligator Creek Preserve in Punta Gorda, home to four miles of trails and a picturesque lake, which is a great place to see, you guessed it, alligators.



# Cityside



Visitors are often pleasantly surprised by the inviting atmosphere and warm welcome they receive when visiting each community throughout our area. But locals know, whether on the water or off the beaten path, the charming communities here are full of unique character you can't find anywhere else.



# Punta Gorda



If you like towns filled with natural beauty and historic charm, then you'll be delighted by Punta Gorda. Located along scenic Charlotte Harbor, nearly everything is waterfront here, from hotels and restaurants to parks and bike paths. Discover a walkable downtown district with one-of-a-kind shops, art galleries, cafes and unique restaurants. As you wander throughout Punta Gorda, keep your eye out for the Historic Mural Society's 30+ murals dotted across town. Don't miss **Fishermen's Village**, where you can shop, dine, enjoy live entertainment and take a sunset cruise around the harbor.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING *Cityside*

### PUNTA GORDA DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

Enjoy the Saturday weekly market that was voted the best small market in Florida, offering homemade treats, arts and crafts, live entertainment and more. Details and more events at [PureFlorida.com/Events](http://PureFlorida.com/Events).

# Punta Gorda

Discover Dynamic Arts and Culture



Take a stroll through the **Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens** for an inspiring look at modern art in a setting of natural beauty.

Cultivate your “inner Beethoven” at the **Charlotte Performing Arts Center**, featuring concerts from The Charlotte Chorale, Punta Gorda Symphony, the Gulfshore Opera and more.

Explore two large galleries bursting with treasures from local artists at the **Visual Arts Center** and pick up something special in the gift shop.

See what the local art scene has to offer at the **Artisan Atelier**, a hip, modern creative space of working artists’ studios and a gallery.

Attend an event sponsored by the **Cultural Heritage Center of Southwest Florida** and learn about the different cultures and heritages in the area.

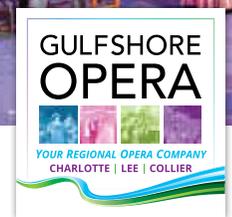
Visit the **Sea Grape Gallery**, a cooperative fine art gallery, to peruse a variety of amazing, one-of-a-kind gifts and art pieces created by award-winning artists.

History buffs will appreciate the **Military Heritage Museum**, the **Vietnam Wall of Southwest Florida**, **Blanchard House Museum** and the **Punta Gorda Historic Railroad Depot and Antique Mall**.

## Add Some Inspiration to Your Vacation



Enjoy the finest live opera performances in the region as well as community concerts. Each year, a full-scale, grand opera production features nationally recognized soloists and directors. Visit us online to see our calendar of events and productions.



[GulfshoreOpera.org](http://GulfshoreOpera.org)  
239.529.3925

# An Extraordinary Experience Honoring Our Military Heritage



With 20,000+ artifacts, veterans serving as museum guides, flight and ship simulators, virtual reality experiences, thousands of infographics, live performances and audiovisual displays, the Military Heritage Museum provides unique and innovative experiences for all ages throughout its 17,000-square-foot facility. Honoring all who serve and spanning the Revolutionary War through modern conflicts and five military branches, it's a must-see attraction unlike any other.



Military Heritage Museum  
900 West Marion Ave.  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
941.575.9002



[MilitaryHeritageMuseum.org](http://MilitaryHeritageMuseum.org)

# Gulf Islands

Though originally Knight/Palm, Don Pedro, and Little Gasparilla Islands were three separate islands, over time these Southwest Florida islands joined into one landmass; however, they're still considered to be three separate entities. You'll find that they have a character all their own. Bordered by 12 miles of serene, silky sand beaches, they're warm, inviting and pristine. Wildlife far outnumbers the human population, so you can experience relaxation of the purest kind.



## Experience Our Garden Bliss



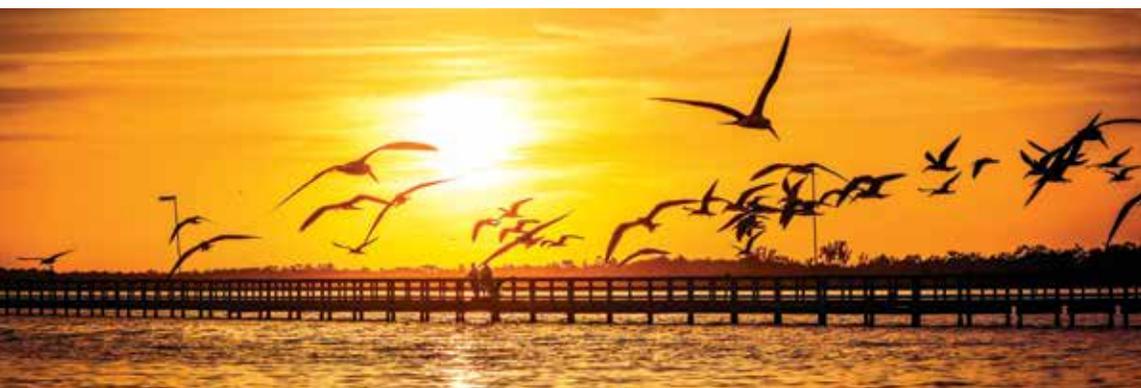
Create your own backyard paradise with our tropical clumping bamboo plants, pottery handcrafted by families from all over the world and garden decor. Shop on five acres of beautifully landscaped gardens, where you can see how delightful bamboo looks at maturity. Open seven days a week.



[PotteryExpress.com](http://PotteryExpress.com)  
[TropicalClumpingBamboo.com](http://TropicalClumpingBamboo.com)  
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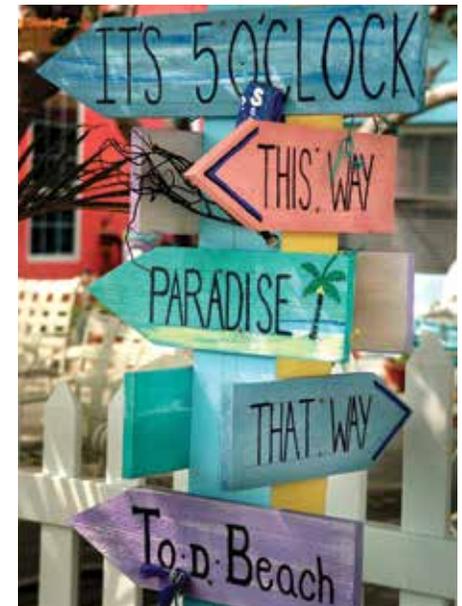
# Port Charlotte

Discover great golf, entertainment and hotel offerings in this friendly community at the north side of the harbor. Enjoy a baseball game at **Charlotte Sports Park**, home of Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training. The nearby **County Fairgrounds** hosts exciting events year-round. Visit the **Gilded Grape Winery** for live music, delicious wine and onsite, do-it-yourself wine making. Indulge in an evening of fine dining and a live performance at the **Visani Italian Steakhouse and Comedy Theater**. Another great dining option is The **Twisted Fork Restaurant® and Bar**, conveniently located adjacent to **Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson®**, which features live music every weekend on Bert's Back Porch, bike nights and special events. If dynamic community theater is your thing, you'll love the **Charlotte Players**. The new **Sunseeker Resort**, projected to open in early 2023, promises to be a welcome addition to the area with expansive harbor views and world-class amenities including a full-service spa, resort-style golf course, nearly 20 food and beverage outlets, and meeting and event space for weddings, reunions and more.



# Englewood & Manasota Key

You'll love the laid-back vibe of Englewood and Manasota Key. While the main attraction is breathtaking beaches, you'll never run out of things to do! In addition to being home to two state parks, this is a watersports mecca. Rent a boat, explore mangrove gardens by kayak, fish or take a SUP excursion. It's all here. And you can also take advantage of more than 99 holes of golf in the area. Don't miss the Sunday sunset drum circle on Englewood Beach, then relax at any of the nearby bars and restaurants near the giant shell roundabout.



# Explore a Vibrant Arts Scene



As the area's premier professional orchestra, the Punta Gorda Symphony presents world-class musicians and revered symphonic works.



6210 Scott Street #213, Punta Gorda  
941.205.5996 • PGSymphony.org



Charlotte Players is a dynamic community theater performing a fresh slate of new shows each season in their cozy performance venue.



1182 Market Circle, Port Charlotte  
941.255.1022 • CharlottePlayers.org



A sanctuary of art and nature, the Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens features world-class sculptures and botanical gardens nestled along the Peace River.



5827 Riverside Dr., Punta Gorda  
941.621.8299 • PeaceRiverGardens.org



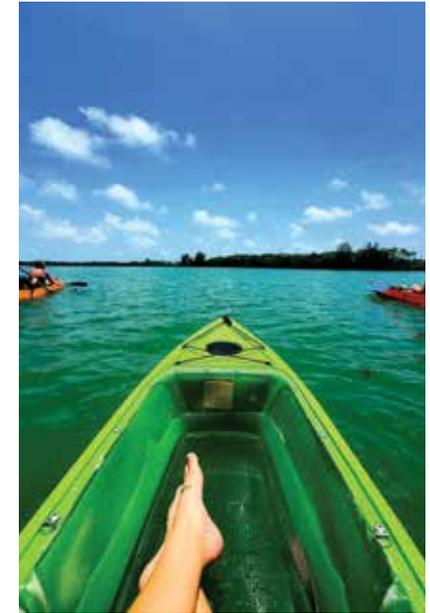
The Visual Arts Center features original works of art from local artists in three major galleries, a gift gallery, classes, special events and more.



210 Maud Street, Punta Gorda  
941.639.8810 • VisualArtCenter.org

# Placida, Cape Haze & Boca Grande

Whether enjoying world-class fishing in the Gasparilla Sound or seeing manatees in the wild aboard your own kayak, these quiet communities enjoy an island vibe, but feature all types of amenities. You'll find plenty of fresh, local seafood and charming accommodations. World-class golf, boating of all kinds, biking, fresh and saltwater fishing, nature watching and of course, a variety of restaurants are all nearby. **Gasparilla Marina** is a convenient location to rent a boat and grab a bite at **Smokin' Jerry's Tiki Bar & Grill**. A visit to the historic village of Boca Grande is a favorite for its old-world charm, quaint shops and restaurants, and gorgeous beach views.



# Babcock Ranch

This unique solar/natural gas-powered town features the largest solar farm that Florida Power and Light has ever constructed. Visit its downtown district, **Founder's Square**, for a growing number of excellent dining, shopping and entertainment options, as well as a bandshell and plenty of space for outdoor events.



## Host Your Next Group Event in Our Outdoor Wonderland

From superb venues and sports facilities to gorgeous weather and beaches, Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is the perfect place for destination weddings, sporting events and tournaments, meetings, family reunions and other special group gatherings. We're here to help with finding the right accommodations, booking venues and more.

Visit us online to learn more:  
[PureFlorida.com/Weddings](http://PureFlorida.com/Weddings)  
[PureFlorida.com/Meetings](http://PureFlorida.com/Meetings)  
[PureFlorida.com/Sports](http://PureFlorida.com/Sports)

## Sideshows

*Experience the thrill of a lifetime at Skydive SW Florida. Freefall and soar under the parachute while enjoying the beautiful views of the Gulf of Mexico, the Peace River and Charlotte Harbor. Bucket list, birthday, anniversary, proposal ... or just because, take the leap and fly like a bird!*



Skydive Southwest Florida



888-447-JUMP

Shell Creek Airport  
36886 Washington Loop Road  
Punta Gorda, FL 33982  
941.875.8554  
[SkyDiveSWFlorida.com](http://SkyDiveSWFlorida.com)

# Bedside



With so many wonderful accommodation options throughout the area, you'll be able to find the perfect place to stay based on the location and price that's right for you. Find everything including resorts, top hotel chains, charming inns, private homes and condos, RV parks and campgrounds. Many places are pet-friendly and offer full kitchens, free bikes or golf carts, and boat transport if staying on an offshore island. Find more information online at [PureFlorida.com/where-to-stay](https://www.PureFlorida.com/where-to-stay)

# Bedside

## HOTELS/RESORTS

### PUNTA GORDA

**American Inn**  
941.637.1376

**Baymont by Wyndham**  
941.637.7200  
wyndhamhotels.com/baymont

**Budget Inn of Punta Gorda**  
941.639.8000  
budgetpuntagorda.com

**Four Points by Sheraton  
Punta Gorda Harborside**  
941.637.6770  
fourpointspuntagorda.com

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
Punta Gorda**  
941.205.8002  
holidayinnexpress.com

**Knights Inn Punta Gorda**  
941.505.5701  
redlion.com/knights-inn

**PG Waterfront Hotel & Suites** 🐾  
941.639.1165  
pgwaterfront.com

**SpringHill Suites by Marriott**  
941.347.4224  
springhillsuites.marriott.com

**The Suites at Fishermen's Village**  
941.621.6046  
fishermensvillage.com

**Wyvern Hotel** 🐾  
941.639.7700  
thewyvernhotel.com

### PORT CHARLOTTE

**Comfort Inn & Suites** 🐾  
941.979.4200  
choicehotels.com/flg39

**Country Inn and Suites  
by Radisson** 🐾  
941.235.1035  
countryinns.com/portcharlottel

**Days Inn by Wyndham  
Port Charlotte** 🐾  
941.623.9404  
wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn

**Extended Stay America  
Premier Suites**  
941.306.6242  
esa.com/PTC

**Hampton Inn - Port Charlotte**  
941.627.5600  
portcharlotte.hamptoninn.com

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
Port Charlotte**  
941.764.0056  
holidayinnexpress.com/portcharlotte

**Knights Inn Port Charlotte**  
941.743.2442  
redlion.com/knights-inn

**Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham  
Port Charlotte** 🐾  
941.787.3348  
wyndhamhotels.com/microtel

**Sleep Inn & Suites** 🐾  
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sleepinnportcharlotte.com

🐾 Pet friendly properties (please contact to confirm)



At the independently owned Wyvern Hotel, a Choice Ascend Hotel collection member, chic style merges with service that is discreet yet intuitive and friendly. From opulent design touches like marble bathroom floors and imported Italian linens to majestic views of Charlotte Harbor, the Wyvern evokes a feeling of graciousness. Relax at the rooftop heated pool, fire tables and restaurant/ bar, Perch 360, serving an enticing tapas menu, or wine and dine downstairs



at 88 Keys, featuring contemporary American cuisine nestled in the backdrop of local authentic art and an art déco piano bar. Enjoy it all at the Wyvern in the heart of downtown Punta Gorda.

**Wyvern Hotel**  
101 East Retta Esplanade  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
941.639.7700  
TheWyvernHotel.com



## ENGLEWOOD

**Beach Croft Motel**  
941.474.6509  
beachcroftmotel.com

**Lemon Bay Motel**  
941.474.1443  
lemonbaymotelfl.com

**Sun Coast Inn** 🐾  
941.475.6533  
suncoastinn.com

**WannaB Inn** 🐾  
941.474.3431  
wannabinn.com

## CAPE HAZE

**Palm Island Resort**  
941.697.4800  
palmisland.com

## BOCA GRANDE

**Boca Grande Hotel**  
941.964.4443  
bocagrandehotel.net



# Bedside VACATION RENTALS

## ENGLEWOOD

**Avant Properties**  
941.637.4900  
flwestcoastrealty.com/property-management/seasonal-properties/

**Boardwalk Rentals**  
941.474.2346  
rentmeflorida.com/

**Castaways Condominiums**  
941.474.4078  
castawayscondos.com/

**Chadwick Cove Resort & Marina**  
941.474.8577  
chadwickcove.com/

**Conch Out Vacations** 🐾  
941.474.9534  
englewoodfl.com/conch-out-vacation-rentals/

**Englewood Beach Resorts**  
941.474.7761  
englewoodbeachresorts.com/

**Gulf Key Properties** 🐾  
941.698.0600  
visitenglewood.com

**Gulf Realty Rentals, Inc.**  
941.475.1036  
gulfrealtyinc.com

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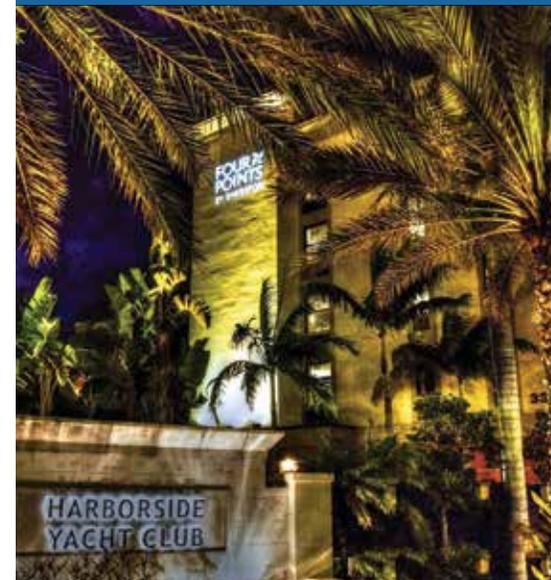
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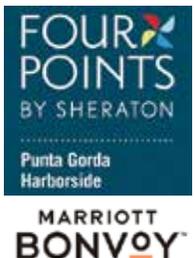
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FourPoints.com/PuntaGorda  
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# Tablesideside

*In 2020, Punta Gorda was ranked #2 in  
USA Today's 10Best Small Town Food Scenes.*



Dining out is always one of the most enjoyable parts of any vacation, and the culinary scene in Punta Gorda/ Englewood Beach is ready to satisfy every foodie's appetite. With a variety of cuisines, original restaurants, award-winning chefs and inspiring waterside views, your dining experiences here are sure to be unforgettable. Begin exploring at [PureFlorida.com/ Restaurants](https://www.pureflorida.com/restaurants).

# Foodie Finds

Here's a taste of just a few of our favorite original restaurants in Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach. Bon appétit!



Farlow's on the Water

## **FARLOW'S ON THE WATER**

A unique blending of tasty Caribbean flavors and splendid takes on Southern cooking means an experience to revel in. Admire the gorgeous water views and take a tour of the onsite herb garden to whet your appetite.

## **CAPTAIN'S TABLE**

Stunning views of Charlotte Harbor, fresh gulf seafood, hand-cut steaks, and mouthwatering dishes from an award-winning chef equals the perfect pairing of ambiance and seasonal fare.

## **THE PERFECT CAPER**

Chef Jeanie Roland makes magic with her unique vision and expertise with local ingredients, fresh fish, and organic or all-natural poultry and meats. It's no wonder she bested world-famous chef Bobby Flay in a cooking competition.

## **PERCH 360**

"Perch" at this rooftop bar at the beautiful Wyvern Hotel and delight in tasty tapas, flatbreads, salads, and more while enjoying unparalleled 360-degree, open-air views of the Peace River and downtown Punta Gorda.

## **LEROY'S SOUTHERN KITCHEN & BAR**

With the country-influenced and sumptuous comfort food menu, the mouthwatering aromas, the strum of blues in the background, and a truly cordial atmosphere, you'll feel right at home (but they'll do the dishes).



Captain's Table



The Perfect Caper



Perch 360



Leroy's Southern Kitchen & Bar



Prime Serious Steak



The Grill at 1951

**PRIME SERIOUS STEAK**

Savor a variety of delicious dishes in a casual and comfortable atmosphere: the steaks are aged to perfection, the seafood is fresh, and the burgers are freshly ground in their own butcher shop, from only the choicest cuts.

**THE GRILL AT 1951**

Offering stellar seafood, steak, and scrumptious Italian cuisine using the freshest ingredients, locally grown when possible. Nightly live jazz and other entertainment lends a casually elegant ambience.



**Caribbean Cuisine with a Southern Flair**

Enjoy an unforgettable dining experience featuring delicious food created with locally sourced ingredients, specialty cocktails and live music. Right on the water with spacious inside and outside dining, Farlow's is a favorite for locals and visitors to Englewood.



FarlowsOnTheWater.com  
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Englewood, FL 34224

**The Best Food, Drinks and Sunsets in Englewood**



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**KEN & BARB'S GROVE CITY KITCHEN**

Enjoy upscale pub-style cuisine or dive in to the separate, seafood-rich dinner menu in this beautiful chef-owned spot. The menus celebrate seasonal ingredients and are always evolving, while the atmosphere stays relaxed and welcoming.



Ken & Barb's Grove City Kitchen



**WHAT'S HAPPENING Tableside LET'S EAT ENGLEWOOD**

Visit for this annual fall event to enjoy amazing meals at area restaurants at discounted prices. It's a culinary adventure without breaking the bank! See details and all events at [PureFlorida.com/Events](http://PureFlorida.com/Events).

# Craving Craft

*If you love local libations made with heart and passion, you'll want to try all of these unique adult beverage tasting experiences.*



## **ALLIGATOR BAY DISTILLERS**

As their motto promises, this distiller produces award-winning "cane-to-bottle" rum from locally sourced, pure-Florida molasses.

## **FAT POINT BREWING**

Enjoy award-winning fresh local hand-crafted brews in a rustically appointed taproom or the outside beer garden.

## **PEACE RIVER BEER COMPANY**

Choose from over 20 rotating taps of craft beer while enjoying authentic Thai food and fresh sushi in a casual setting.

## **GILDED GRAPE WINERY**

Featuring several wines made on site, as well as a global selection, Gilded Grape Winery invites you to make your own wine.

## *Side Dishes*

*Taste and see which one is your favorite.*

**PEI Mussels Provencal**  
*F.M. Don's*

**Horseshoe Beach Clams**  
*Peace River Seafood*

**Pork Belly Tacos**  
*The Perfect Caper*

**Conch Fritters**  
*TT's Tiki Bar*

**Truffle Smoked Gouda Fondue**  
*Perch 360*

**Coconut Shrimp**  
*Captain's Table*

**Smoked Mahi Dip**  
*Lighthouse Grill*

**Hog Wings**  
*Twisted Fork*

**Blue Crab Quesadilla**  
*Laishley Crab House*



## **MEET AN Outsider**

*Alex Voss chose Punta Gorda as headquarters for his award-winning Alligator Bay Distillery so he can enjoy all of his favorite outside activities.*

*Scan to watch his story.*



A man and a woman are shown in profile, looking towards a baseball field. The man is on the left, wearing a dark baseball cap and a grey t-shirt. The woman is on the right, wearing a yellow baseball cap and a light blue t-shirt. Her hand is resting on the man's shoulder. In the background, a baseball field is visible with stadium lights and a blurred crowd. The word "Fieldside" is written in a large, orange, cursive font in the upper right quadrant of the image.

# Fieldside



“Catch some Rays” takes on a whole new meaning with an afternoon of baseball at the Charlotte Sports Park, proud home of Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training. Visit during spring training season (Feb. – Mar.) and enjoy an atmosphere where the pop of a ball hitting a glove and the crack of the bat can be distinctly heard from every corner of the stadium. You’ll be amazed at how close you feel to the big-name players, and how involved in the game you’ll get. This is an experience you won’t get in other stadiums, nor during the regular season.

# Catch a Rays Spring Training Game



Each spring, the Tampa Bay Rays begin again their pursuit of a World Series title, and each year, it begins again at Charlotte Sports Park. As the weather warms and the daylight lingers a little longer each day, the one-of-a-kind outdoor stadium is home to the rekindling of hopes and dreams that spark anew each year. The huge outfield boardwalk offers great views and great brews, and the playground is a fun and welcoming place for kids of all ages.

Charlotte Sports Park is the perfect place to rediscover the magic of Rays baseball.

Charlotte Sports Park  
2300 El Jobean Rd.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948  
888.FAN.RAYS  
RaysBaseball.com



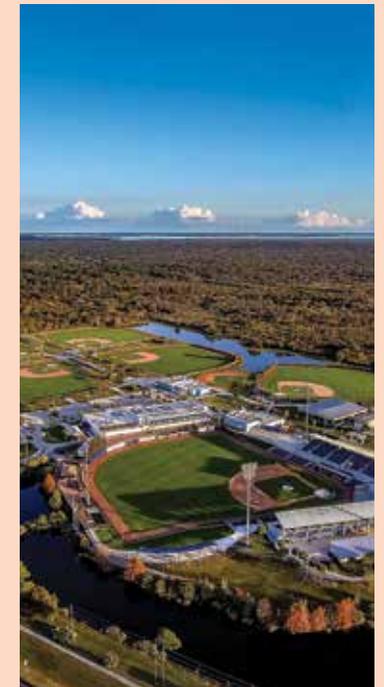
## Fieldside



## ON THE Sidelines

Enjoy an afternoon in the sun, relaxing with America's favorite game! Whether you choose a seat, the grass berms or strolling along the outfield boardwalk, it's great family entertainment.

**CHARLOTTE  
SPORTS PARK**  
PORT CHARLOTTE



# Teeside

*Year-round gorgeous weather and superb courses make playing on our greens as irresistible as playing on our beaches.*



Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is home to an impressive list of more than 20 challenging courses. GolfPass Golfer's Choice 2021 named Riverwood in Port Charlotte at #1 in Florida and #15 nationally. Heritage Landing in Punta Gorda ranked at #34. You can also enjoy pristine tropical scenery and wildlife on three Audobon-certified courses: Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club, Twin Isles Country Club, and Lemon Bay Golf Club. See the full list of courses online at [PureFlorida.com/Golf](https://PureFlorida.com/Golf).

# Alongside

*Discover every kind of outdoor fun imaginable and share moments you'll never forget.*



Funny how wide-open spaces can bring you so close together. And here, your family can relax and play on pristine beaches you'll have all to yourself. Hike trails that give you a fascinating look at wildlife. Zip around 830 miles of sparkling shoreline by boat. And enjoy family-friendly attractions, from a concert at Fishermen's Village to a Babcock Ranch Eco-Tour. Even the four-legged kids in your family are welcome – look for the small paw print within the hotel listings for pet-friendly accommodations.

# Family Faves



 Visit Luna, the leucistic screech owl, at **Peace River Wildlife Center**.

 Splash around at the **Laishley Park Interactive Fountain and Playground** in Punta Gorda.



 The whole family will enjoy an incredible view of wildlife at **Babcock Ranch Eco-Tours**.

 Hang out at **Fishermen's Village** – find that perfect souvenir, grab some lunch or ice cream, and then enjoy views of our beautiful harbor.



 Enjoy laser tag, go karts, an arcade and more at **Kidstar Park** in Port Charlotte.

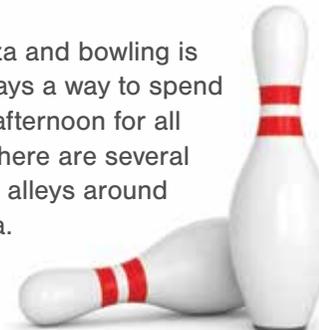
 Craving something sweet? **Harborwalk Scoops & Bites** has a choice of 44 flavors of homemade ice cream. Pair it perfectly with a gorgeous sunset.



 Hit the playground, have a picnic and enjoy the sweeping views of the harbor at **Gilchrist Park** in Punta Gorda.



 Pizza and bowling is always a way to spend an afternoon for all ages - there are several bowling alleys around the area.



## On Your Side

*The Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce is your one-stop resource for all things Charlotte County. Contact us for business referrals and other helpful information for your convenience. We are here for you!*



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# Airside & Roadside



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### BY PLANE

The Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach area is serviced by five major airports – Punta Gorda Airport (PGD), Tampa (TPA), St. Petersburg/Clearwater (PIE), Sarasota-Bradenton (SRQ), and Southwest Florida International (RSW). All are convenient and well-serviced options. Punta Gorda also has private jet charters through AirTrek.

### BY CAR

Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is a great hub for exploring other parts of Florida. For example, you can be at Disney World in just 2.5 hours. Many visitors utilize our convenient location as a home base and make relatively short drives to see many of the state's other attractions.

### BY BOAT

Water taxis, private boats or charters, and canoes or kayaks are the connection between the mainland and captivating islands. Find many marinas with friendly staff and full-service amenities.

### BY BIKE

Punta Gorda is a bike-friendly community. You can bring your own or borrow one of the loaner bikes or tricycles available.

# Area Map



DeSoto County

North Port

Visitor Information Center 

Charlotte Sports Park

Port Charlotte

Sarasota County

Myakka State Forest

Englewood

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Punta Gorda Airport (PGD) 

Punta Gorda

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Preserve  
State Park

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Rotonda West 

Manasota Key

Stump Pass Beach  
State Park

Palm/Knight Island

Cape Haze

Don Pedro Island  
State Park

Placida

Little Gasparilla Island

Gasparilla Island

Gulf of Mexico

Boca Grande

Lee County

Babcock Ranch →



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