

Activity Ideas



Peace River Wildlife Center

3400 Ponce de Leon Pkwy., Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(941) 637-3830

Peace River Wildlife Center (PRWC) non-profit wildlife rehabilitation and education center tucked neatly into the mangroves overlooking Charlotte Harbor at Ponce de Leon Park in Punta Gorda Isles, Florida.

The Center and gift shop are open to the public for tours every day from 11 am to 4 pm. There is no admission fee, but donations are greatly appreciated.



Babcock Ranch Eco-Tours

8502 FL-31, Punta Gorda, FL 33982
(800) 500-5583

Discover the natural heart of Florida on a narrated 90-minute eco-tour. Experience the thrill of seeing alligators, birds, deer, birds of all types, and maybe even wild hogs and turkeys, often from only a few yards away, as well as the historic Cracker Cattle. The tour will take you through four different ecosystems of Florida, including the Telegraph Cypress Swamp. Our expert guides are knowledgeable and passionate about the history, wildlife, and various ecosystems you will see and will enhance your experience with their commentaries. Get back to nature and enjoy the excitement of a true wilderness adventure.



Visual Arts Center

210 Maud Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(941) 639-8810

The largest free art gallery in the region. This non-profit center offers three major galleries, six classrooms, jewelry, glass, pottery & technology studios, an extensive arts library, and a well-stocked art supply store, as well as a gift shop with all original artwork, jewelry, pottery, glasswork and fiber art. Annual events include the fall Battle of the Brushes, the outdoor Peace River National Art Festival in March and December, and the indoor biennial National Art Exhibit at the VAC. Open year 'round and featuring ground-level entry with ramped access. The entire facility is wheelchair accessible, including restrooms, water fountains, sinks, parking, curbing, and the main entry and exit.



Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens

5827 Riverside Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33982
(941) 621-8299

Intertwined with the bountiful plants and animals of this unique ecosystem is a large world-class sculpture collection. Works from artists like Dominic Benhura, Carol Feuerman, and Laurie Tenant will intrigue at every turn while the 27-acre preserve has over a mile and a half of walking trails. Most trails are handicap accessible and wheelchairs are available to checkout. Shop for unique, locally made treasures in the gift shop, feed the koi in the expansive water-lily-filled pond, witness the beauty of pollinators in the Butterfly House, see unique birds, and witness what's in bloom as you stroll throughout the sanctuary. A perfect destination for all ages!



Fishermen's Village

1200 West Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(941) 639-8721

Waterfront mall, marina and resort featuring shops and boutiques, restaurants, spacious vacation suites, harbor cruises, live entertainment, and special events. Open year round 10 am-8 pm Mon-Sat / noon-6 pm Sunday. Wheelchair accessible. We feature live entertainment year-round in our spacious, open air center court and our new Sunset Beach Club Tiki Bar! "People come from all over the world to visit us, come see why."



Celtic Ray Public House

145 E. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(941) 916-9115

A genuine Irish Pub in the heart of Punta Gorda! You will find conversation, laughter, music, the finest imported beers, and a feast of homemade Irish food.

We are open late every night, so come enjoy the live music and a pint (or two).



SUP Englewood

8450 Placida Road, Englewood, FL 34224
(941) 265-2925

Dive into adventure with a SUP Englewood paddling trip. Explore the barrier islands of Manasota Key and Boca Grande with a Florida Master Naturalist as your guide. Do you know how mangroves survive in saltwater? They can filter the salt out of the water! Expect your guide to jump in and show you the marine life that's under your kayak or paddle board. Discover sea stars, live shells, hermit crabs, and larger mammals, such as dolphins and manatees. These environmentally conscious trips allow you to see wildlife while learning about the importance of preservation and conservation. SUP Englewood's paddling services include paddleboard and kayak rentals (including multiple-day rentals), kayak and SUP Guided Eco Tours, and paddleboard lessons.



King Fisher Fleet

1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Suite 16A, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(941) 639-0969

King Fisher Fleet is located at Fishermen's Village. They offer sightseeing cruises to gulf islands, eco-tours, trips up the Peace River, harbor tours, sunset cruises, private events, and Christmas light canal cruises every December. Enjoy a large, comfortable boat that was custom designed for cruising these waters. The boat has a restroom, and offers cocktails, beer, wine, soda, water and coffee, as well as snacks, for purchase.



Cruisin' Tikis Charlotte Harbor

(941) 200-1202

Cruisin' Tikis offers a unique way to enjoy time on the beautiful waters of Charlotte Harbor. Each tiki boat can take six passengers. Bring your own food and drinks. Our Cruisin' Tiki Boats offer a cooler of ice. Alcohol is welcome and we encourage all passengers to relax and enjoy themselves. Our boats are equipped with Bluetooth Kicker speaker system, allowing our guest to play their choice of music. We offer 90-minute pleasure cruises, sunset cruises, and extended trips depending on the tour you choose.



Lemon Bay Dolphin Tours

1450 Beach Road., Englewood, FL 34223
(941) 475-3168

Explore the beautiful waters of Lemon Bay in search of osprey, eagles, great blue herons, dolphins, manatees, and other fascinating marine mammals and birds on a nature or sunset cruise. Or, rent the entire boat for a party cruise, reunion, or wedding! Tours are narrated by Captain Bruce LaMotte, a longtime resident and naturalist. Narration includes wildlife descriptions and a natural and cultural history aboard the "Bay Watch," a Coast Guard-certified, 42 seat passenger catamaran.



Glass Bottom Rentals

5810 Gasparilla Road, Placida, FL 33946
(941) 237-1756

Come explore all that SWFL has to offer with Glass Bottom Rentals!

Offering clear kayak and SUP rentals and guided tours.

Launching from the Boca Grande Fishing Pier with access to the very popular Boca Grande Sandbar and nearby islands!



Four-and-a-half star Golf Digest-rated, par 72 championship golf course with a full-length practice range, multi-faceted short game practice area and putting green. The front nine of this course flows through heavily wooded terrain, rich in stands of natural pine. The back nine meanders amid salt marsh and wetlands.

Riverwood Golf Club

4100 Riverwood Drive, Port Charlotte, FL 33953
(941) 764-6661



Red Tiki Tours offer a fun and relaxing way to enjoy the water! A Tiki boat ride is a joyful experience that combines the charm of tropical Charlotte Harbor with the convenience of a fun boating adventure. You can sit back and relax on our comfortable seats, sip on a refreshing beverage, and listen to your favorite music as you cruise along the scenic shoreline. While cruising, enjoy the views of wildlife, the sunset, and the city lights from the water.

Red Tiki Tours LLC

(941) 500-2990



This pristine beach offers white sand, sparkling Gulf waters, and spectacular sunset views year-round.

Amenities include a 900-foot boardwalk with three covered lookouts, accessible parking and restroom facilities, showers, water stations, volleyball courts, basketball court, horseshoe pits, playground area, four small shelters with picnic table and grill, and three large pavilions, all of which contain picnic tables and charcoal grills. The pavilions are available to rent for birthday parties, family reunions, corporate parties, large picnics, and other special events.

Englewood Beach at Chadwick Park

2100 N. Beach Road, Englewood, FL 34223
(941) 681-3742

Beach wheelchairs are available free of charge on a help-yourself basis, daily from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Note: chairs must be returned by 3:30 pm to be locked up for the night.

Parking is .75¢ per hour, payable via the Park Mobile app or with a Charlotte County Parking Pass.



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