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► *RockET Man, made by artist Craig Berube-Gray for the city of Coral Springs, stands in the middle of Whispering Woods Park.*



WELCOME TO

Coral Springs, Coconut Creek, Parkland and Margate

In the verdant northwestern reaches of Greater Fort Lauderdale, life is sweet in the cities of Coral Springs, Coconut Creek, Margate and Parkland.

Just a short drive away from the Everglades, these neighborhoods offer the creature comforts and cultural adventures of city living adjacent to some of South Florida's most extraordinary natural wonders.

A trip to the Coral Springs Center for the Arts or the Coral Square Mall proves that Coral Springs is a dynamic enclave rich in art, entertainment, shopping and fine dining options. In the city next door, you'll enjoy playing the slots at the Seminole Casino at Coconut Creek and shop the day away at the Promenade at Coconut Creek. Parkland showcases a passion for the outdoors with abundant green spaces and resort-style amenities like Parkland Golf and Country Club — a major attraction for golfers. And the small city of Margate offers respite for retirees and tons of fun for young families at the Calypso Cove Aquatic Facility.

In these pages, we'll explore the people and places that make this area truly special. Whether you are a first-time visitor eager to revamp your travel itinerary, or a South Florida native looking for new adventures in your own backyard, there's always something fresh to find.





THE Rundown

Built with nature in mind, the cities of Coral Springs, Coconut Creek, Margate and Parkland offer residential living in green spaces. Whether you're searching for high-energy activities, or lazy days in the sun, there's lots to discover in the great outdoors.

▲ The boardwalk at Tall Cypress Natural Area in Coral Springs

CORAL SPRINGS

Everything seems a little bit more beautiful in Coral Springs. This city began as an isolated green bean farm on the outskirts of Greater Fort Lauderdale. Today, its suburban neighborhoods include homes on large lots, just like its pioneers envisioned. Locals enjoy immersive experiences like the popular Coral Springs Festival of the Arts – a weekend-long outdoor celebration with live music performances and juried art-and-craft shows. And parks are natural works of art, from the weaving forest trails in Tall Cypress Natural Area, to tropical birds and rare orchids on display at the Sawgrass Nature Center.

MARGATE

Featuring tree-lined streets and miles of canals, the small town of Margate promotes an active lifestyle that takes full advantage of the beautiful landscape. The whole family can enjoy the outdoors at any of Margate's 18 public parks, which offer walking trails, playgrounds and fitness facilities. In fact the city has been recognized as Playful City, USA and Tree City, USA in years gone by. And kids and retirees can join in on the action. The city's vibrant youth sports program includes the Margate Motion Swim Team, and in the annual Margate Senior Games, residents compete for titles in outdoor sports, from tennis to bocce ball.



▲ The amphitheater at Pine Trails Park in Parkland



▲ Stables at Tradewinds Park in Coconut Creek.

PARKLAND

With nine recreational parks, the small city of Parkland certainly lives up to its name, blending residential living with outdoor fun. Each park has a distinctive character. Featuring a vast amphitheatre, Pines Trails Park has become a popular hot spot for lively concerts and festivals. In contrast, the Doris Davis Forman Wilderness Preserve offers a meditative, serene oasis amid pine forests and wetlands. Even pets enjoy a space of their own at Barkland Dog Park, where the city's four-legged residents are free to frolic.

COCONUT CREEK

Fun in nature is truly a family affair in Coconut Creek. Dotted with its namesake coconut palm trees, the suburban city provides its residents with an array of outdoor recreational amenities catering to all ages. The Coconut Creek Recreation Complex is home to child and adult sports leagues. And the iconic Tradewinds Park never fails to capture the imagination, complete with model steam train rides, stables and an educational farm. In what was once named one of the "Best Cities to Live in America," Coconut Creek's mainstreet project will become a bustling business and upscale residential district near the Promenade shopping mall and the Seminole Casino.

ESSENTIAL

ATTRACTIONS

Coral Springs stands out for its suburban aesthetic, boasts an International Peace Garden and is home to the Museum of Coral Springs History. With over 50 parks, Coral Springs is also perfect for those seeking outdoor recreation opportunities.



CORAL SPRINGS



CORAL SPRINGS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

▲ After an extensive renovation in 1996, an old auditorium and gymnasium were transformed to become a sprawling 38,000 square-foot hub for visual and performing arts. Coral Springs Center for the Arts has hosted high-profile Broadway shows like "Rent," comedy acts including Dave Chappelle, jazz and pop concerts, and festivals like Comic Fest Coral Springs.

Visitors can enjoy live entertainment and a fully equipped dance studio. Art galleries contain permanent exhibits and rotating collections that highlight nationally recognized as well as local Florida artists. But you don't have to just be a spectator. Coral Springs Center for the Arts also offers art instruction in ceramics, painting techniques,

illustration and mixed media so you can create your own masterpiece.

The 1,471-seat theater with a fully enclosed balcony offers intimate, diverse cultural experiences for attendees of all ages.

➡ **2855 Coral Springs Drive | thecentercs.com**

FLORIDA PANTHERS ICE DEN

► Once home to the Florida Panthers NHL team, the IceDen has entered a new era. After extensive renovations, doors are open to a host of national figure skating events as well as regional youth hockey and tournaments.

In IceDen's new era, it will serve as a hub for families, athletes and community entertainment. On the horizon are hockey and ice-skating programming for all ages, national figure skating, youth hockey and tournament events, skating instruction and personal training for the public. Ice-themed birthday parties are also welcome. Although the Panthers no longer practice at the IceDen, the facilities now offer a wider selection of programs for residents and tourists alike.

➡ **3299 Sportsplex Drive | panthersiceden.com**





CORAL SQUARE MALL

▶ Coral Square Mall, which opened its doors in 1984, has become a shopping mecca. The climate-controlled, indoor facility houses 120-plus stores connected by well-lit walkways studded with playground areas and plenty of comfortable seating spots.

Shoppers will find an array of beauty, fashion and home goods shops like Pandora and Bath and Body Works as well as a plethora of dining options, anchored by Macy's. Coral Square also offers year-round family programming like photos with the Easter bunny. The Simon shopping mall caters to customers by offering free Wi-Fi throughout, wheelchair and stroller rental, mobile device charging stations and a nursing mother's lounge as well. Ample free parking is available, and a robust morning mall walking program helps residents and visitors get in their exercise year-round. The mall is open seven days a week with varying hours on the weekend and holidays.

▶ 9469 W. Atlantic Blvd. | simon.com/mall/coral-square

MARGATE CALYPSO COVE

▶ This Caribbean-themed aquatic facility is located within Royal Palm Park and features three pools, half-court basketball courts, a fishing area and picnic tables. Its plunge pool can be accessed from one of the slides. The zero-depth pool has interactive water-spraying "animals" and a climbing structure. The lap pool boasts six lanes for lessons, lifeguard training and family swimming. There are lawn chairs for basking in the sun and umbrellas if you need a little shade.

Plus, if you get hungry, the concession stand is stocked with quick bites. Royal Palm Park additionally has two pavilions with picnic tables and a fishing dock for some leisurely cast and catch time. Hours of operation vary with season.

▶ 6200 Royal Palm Blvd. | margatefl.com/528/calypso-cove



COCONUT CREEK



SEMINOLE CASINO COCONUT CREEK

▲ No need to go to Vegas when Vegas-style gaming is available at Seminole Casino, or "Coco's," as locals call it. There are 2,000 slot machines, 70 live table games and 20 tables of live poker. There is also blackjack, baccarat, Spanish 21, roulette, craps and more.

The second level offers a smoke-free gaming area and lounge where you can still play slots and live table games.

And it is not just a casino. Coco's is home to an award-winning steakhouse – NYY Steak – as well as entertainment venues Nectar, Legends Lounge and Sunset Grill. For gameplay, decadent eats or a night on the town, Coco's has you covered.

➡ **5550 N.W. 40th St. | seminolecoconutcreekcasinocom**

PROMENADE AT COCONUT CREEK

Step into 23 acres of premium shopping, dining and entertainment at the Promenade at Coconut Creek. This open-air shopping and dining facility is home to the luxurious Silverspot Cinema, an 11-screen theater showing blockbuster movies as well as foreign and independent films. The theater offers stadium-style, hand-stitched leather seating and state-of-the-art projection and sound technology. And "dinner and a movie" was never easier with Silverspot's restaurant, bar and lounge, where patrons can order with a server or via an app, and dine-in while viewing from their seats.

The retail therapy at the Promenade also never disappoints. With more than 45 boutiques, spas and stores, there is a robust inventory for any shopper. Its two parking garages offer ample spaces, and the Butterfly Express provides a free public trolley service that runs along Lyons Road from Windmill Park to N.W. 74th Street.

➡ **4467 Lyons Road, Suite 102B | promenadeatcoconutcreek.com**

Live Like a Local



Shauna
WHITTINGHAM
Parkland

Stats: My two children and I have lived in Parkland since 2009. We are active, social, adventurous and we love outdoor events and activities.

For nature lovers: Everything about Parkland is in its name. The city is known for its parks and this type of atmosphere appeals to us due to our adventurous nature.

Where to chill: Picnics, barbecues, movies and concerts have been some of our all-time favorite activities in the city. The Parkland Library is another of our favorites, featuring "Story Time" for younger children. There's also a robust farmer's market with vendors offering a variety of products, produce and loads of fun. And if you are into horses, you can visit the Equestrian Center for a horseback ride.

Tacos locos: I recently discovered Los Bocados. It's a casual Mexican and Latin taco-slinging, all-day joint. The food is absolutely delicious, the staff is friendly and efficient and the space offers both indoor and outdoor dining.



▲ Serene walkway to the Parkland Library.



▲ Sweet treats and nostalgia at Cherry Smash.

Tonya
SEEVERS EVANS



Coral Springs

Stats: I am 52, a wife, mother and personal branding and communications expert passionate about entrepreneurship, fashion, meditation, exercise and personal development.

Sweet treats: From Halloween to Christmas I look forward to seeing the decorations at Cherry Smash. We made that our go-to as a special treat for the kids. They still love it and I can't get enough of their old-fashioned ice cream shop decor.

Where to chill: What I love most about Coral Springs are all of the parks. They are great places for exercise and meditation. The peace and quiet surrounded by nature is priceless, and there are so many options.

On the menu: I am obsessed with Arun's Indian Kitchen, a local small business. I think it showcases the diversity of Coral Springs and the food is so authentic. My favorite dish is the lamb tikka masala.

Bonus share: Even through its growth, Coral Springs has maintained a family feel – it's just the perfect place to raise children. And it is one of the most diverse areas in North Broward. Every community is celebrated and respected.



Mitchell PELLECCHIA

Margate

Stats: I'm a 58-year-old entrepreneur with a background in music production, restaurant and nightclub management, investigative news reporting, publishing and environmental advocacy.

Hook, line and sinker: Margate has public boat ramps that connect to more than 15 miles of contiguous freshwater tributaries that bird watchers, anglers and recreational boaters can navigate. People come from miles around to hunt snakeheads in spring and summer when the monster fish spawns.

Where to chill: We have something called a Blueway Trail for kayakers and canoers to map out destinations from start to finish. The scenic one-mile canal is a no-wake zone, so kayaking is very relaxing and appealing.

Cocina latina: Margate's best-kept secret is Latin cuisine: grilled pork and fried bananas at La Granja and mouth watering chicharron at El Balcón. Bodegas like La Bamba, which offers steaming fajitas, are abundant in business districts across the city that also has its share of outstanding Dominican and Honduran eateries.

Bonus share: Other fun Margate mentions include the Way Back When vintage experience on Margate Boulevard, as well as wall to wall video games for \$20 all day at Flynn's Arcade.



▲ Flynn's Arcade is a gamer's paradise with new and retro games.



▲ Ciao Italian Bistro, Promenade at Coconut Creek

Scott LEAMON

Coconut Creek



Stats: I am 45 years old. I have been doing police public relations for the past eight years and am now the public safety information officer for the Coconut Creek Police Department – the best PD in the world.

More than meets the eye: Coconut Creek is just wonderful! We have a casino – Seminole Casino Coconut Creek – nightlife and great restaurants, and Butterfly World and Fern Forest, which for nature lovers are amazing.

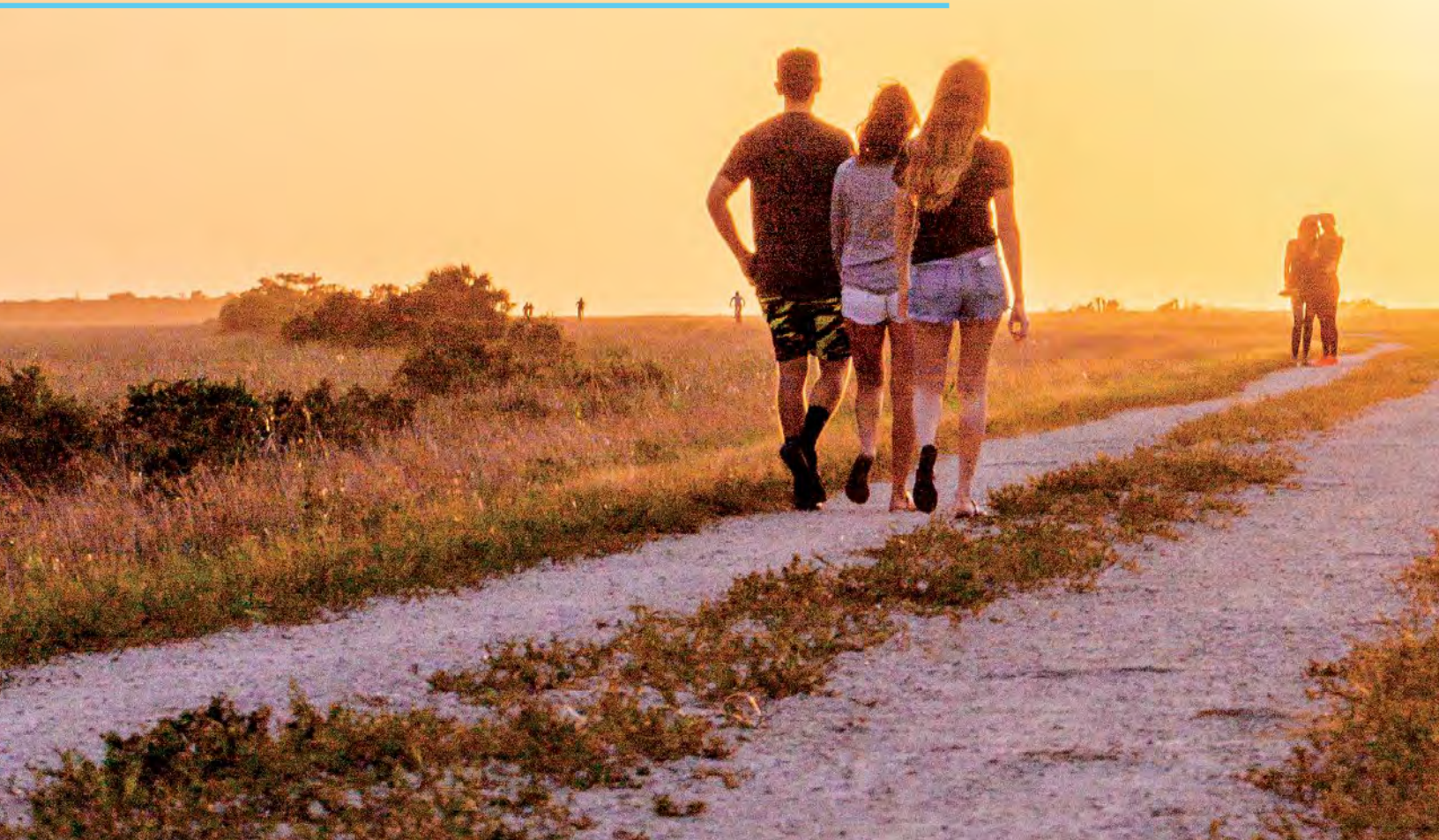
Where to chill: When I want to relax, I go for a walk around Fern Forest Nature Center or Kristin Jacobs Natural Area, or I stroll through the very scenic Sabal Pines Park. When I want to people-watch, I'll sit out and have a beer at one of the great restaurants at Promenade of Coconut Creek.

Everything is awesome: I've never had a bad meal in Coconut Creek. It is one of those places that can make any foodie happy. We have restaurants run by renowned chefs and restaurateurs, and we have some exceptional local restaurants where their sole location is run by folks that have been in the community for years.

Bonus share: Coconut Creek, or "Creekers" as we are known, work together to make a difference in our community. Coconut Creek is a very safe, diverse, inclusive community and it's a wonderful place to live and work.

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Sunsets and Butterflies



EVERGLADES CONSERVATION LEVEE GREENWAY

Sprawling along the west side of the Sawgrass Expressway is a hidden paradise overlooking the expansive Everglades wetlands, offering a little something for nature lovers and those looking to snag the perfect evening selfie. Visitors and locals can access the secluded Everglades Conservation Levee Greenway by way of the Atlantic Trailhead (Atlantic Boulevard just west of the Sawgrass

Expressway) to enjoy miles of the best open walking and biking trails or an unrestricted view of the setting sun.

Casual anglers can drop a line at any of the off-path freshwater estuaries flowing from the Everglades and expect to hook colorful peacock bass, snook and oscar, while bird watchers can gaze along the horizon and catch the outline of a great white heron or wading



▼ The sky is aglow with vibrant orange and yellow hues.

PHOTOGRAPHY: ANTHONY J. RAYBURN

roseate spoonbills. You can even occasionally spot Florida's infamous American alligator among the never-ending marsh.

For those looking to simply bask in the beauty of nature, pack a blanket or lawn chair and set up for a front row view of the sunset. The slanting rays and vibrant red and orange hues make for an extraordinarily beautiful snapshot



▼ Locals setting up to watch the sunset.



▼ An onlooker pretends to grab the hazy sun.

BUTTERFLY WORLD

Located within Coconut Creek's Tradewinds Park, is Butterfly World, an expansive park and nature center with around three miles of navigable aviaries and lush botanical gardens.

The facility is home to over 150 species of free-flying butterflies, with upwards of 20,000 on site at any time. Established in 1988, Butterfly World was the first "butterfly house" opened in the United States, and is now recognized as the largest worldwide.

Visitors stroll through the grounds surrounded by native flora at every turn. The paths are lined with flowering plants and adjacent to flowing waterfalls, and there's a rope bridge over a tranquil pond. Once inside the screened-in Paradise Adventure Aviary, it is impossible to be less than amazed at the countless butterflies fluttering through the air around you. Carved out paths guide you through the tropical area, with monarchs, *Idea leuconoe* and *Morpho peleides* of varying bright orange, white, blue and speckled coloring flying above.

Butterfly World is also home to a wide variety of rare birds like the endangered macaw, rainbow lorikeet and hummingbirds.

Pack your walking shoes and prepare to be impressed by every corner of this nature-filled wonderland.

➡ **Tradewinds Park South,
3600 W. Sample Rd, Coconut Creek
butterflyworld.com**



▲ A group of *Idea leuconoe* butterflies greeting a guest.



▲ A scarlet macaw displaying its rainbow feathers.



▼ Visitors explore the gardens.



▼ It's nectar time for these *Heliconius melpomene* or postman butterflies.

PHOTOGRAPHY: COURTESY OF BUTTERFLY WORLD



ACTIVITIES

Yoga, while a great activity option, has become increasingly commonplace. However, unique forms are springing up to offer a more thrilling experience. Try hot yoga or silks at Evolution Yoga in Coconut Creek for a fitness class that will get your pulse racing and test your boundaries.

Evolution Yoga's hot yoga classes are designed to mobilize and strengthen the body, with rooms heated to 95 degrees to increase flexibility and calories burned. Their silks classes involve posing while suspended in soft silk hammocks for a mix of yoga, Pilates, acrobatics, and dance. Prices start at \$22 for drop-ins, while value pricing is available for monthly package deals.

For those who prefer to stay firmly on the ground, an afternoon at Go Archery in Margate is another unique and exciting active experience, perfect for the whole family or a group of friends. At Go Archery, you can pick up a new skill under the careful instruction of an experienced archer with a beginner lesson that lasts between 30 minutes and an hour. For the best deal, bring three to six people for a full hour of lessons and shooting for just \$150.

Sports aficionados and active kids alike can try classes or open gym times at Intensity Movement, a gymnastics and parkour gym also in Margate. Classes include trampoline, hybrid and obstacle movement all in their gym, which is packed full of equipment and offers programs for kids, teens and adults.

Horseback riding at Malachi Acres in Parkland is a wonderful option for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages. Lessons are available for any experience level or goal, and daily and monthly packages are available.

Fitness

OUTSIDE THE BOX

While going for a run, hitting the tennis court or swimming laps are great ways to get regular exercise, getting active does not have to mean doing the same thing day after day.

Mix it up with a day at one of these unique sporting or active attractions. Each offers excellent opportunities for those who love being physically active. They also make for great date spots, friend meetups or family-outing destinations.

Hit The Links



Whether you're a pro hitting the links every day or a novice taking test shots with friends, you'll find several amazing courses where you can tee up.

Starting in style, Parkland Golf & Country Club offers a high-end, 18-hole Greg Norman-designed course. From the lavish landscaping and fountain that greet you at the entrance and the perfectly maintained course to the impressive Gold Audubon International certification for extremely high environmental standards, this club maintains its facilities with the discerning golfer in mind. For those who are less experienced in the game, they offer lessons as well as other amenities like tennis courts, a stunning pool, a spa and a tiki bar.

In nearby Margate, Oriole Golf Club is great for new golfers and anyone looking for an affordable day on the course. The club was opened in 1971 and offers a range with simpler options for beginner and intermediate golfers to challenging holes for those with more experience. Offering the best rates in the area, it's a great spot for those hitting the links all the time.

TPC Eagle Trace in Coral Springs boasts a unique layout including an island green and three other greens flanked by wooden bulkheads. This makes for challenging par-3

tees that require precise shots to avoid water and bunkers. The 13th hole is their signature par-4 which requires precision to avoid the water boundaries protecting the hole. Overall, there are six sets of challenging tees. The club offers a number of levels of membership as well as daily golf slots open to the public that can be booked online. And they host the Champions Tour Q-School Final Stage every other year. In addition to providing stellar golf options, Eagle Trace is available to rent for weddings, meetings and banquets with custom menus and room configurations.

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RESTAURANTS

In Coral Springs, Coconut Creek, Margate or Parkland, a night out at World of Beer, an outing to vintage ice cream parlor Cherry Smash, or chowing down while partying at Rock n Roll Ribs can be the icing on the cake of a fantastic vacation – or staycation.

CORAL SPRINGS



TAVERNA EVIA

◀ Dining here is like being transported to a Greek island for a night. Traditional *spanakopita* (spinach pie), and *moussaka* (layers of roasted eggplant and potatoes with seasoned ground beef topped with *béchamel*), are only two items on a menu with something for everyone. If you have trouble choosing, their prix fixe three-course options cater to meat lovers as well as those with a preference for seafood. For those looking for a great shareable dish, their lobster paella is the perfect choice.

➡ 1933 N. University Drive
tavernaevia.com

CHERRY SMASH

On holidays like Halloween or Christmas, this ice cream parlor goes all out. Even without a special day, the decor is a feast for the eyes. The flavors aren't run of the mill either, with names like SpongeBob, Cookie Monster, cotton candy and The Hulk. The one thing that is certain

is that all are decadently delicious. Go for the samplers first, then, after your ice cream "entree," definitely try the vintage candy if you've still got room.

➡ 8000 Wiles Road | cherry-smash.com



RED GINGER ASIAN BISTRO

▲ Asian food aficionados who crave variety will be delighted with the range of Chinese, Japanese and Thai dishes at this modern yet intimate eatery featuring traditional favorites on the menu. This is a great date night spot with a happy hour sushi menu that offers a nice variety. The bistro also begs to be your go-to watering hole where, on Wine Down Wednesdays, certain vintages are offered at half price. If you're looking for an unusual and tasty dish to share, try the incredible Polynesian fried rice.

➡ **9710 W. Sample Road | redgingerasianbistro.com**

THE COOK & THE CORK

An outdoor patio with lovely ambiance and an extensive wine list already promises a delightful dining experience. The food is equally delicious. With pierogies, smoked brisket, octopus or Jamaican Jerk wings, it is almost impossible to choose the wrong thing. Try the small plates, which allow you to savor a little bit of everything.

➡ **9890 W. Sample Road**
thecookandthecork.com



BIG BEAR BREWING COMPANY

◀ Blackened mahi mahi, Cajun shrimp and grits or the famous brewer steak followed by Key lime pie at Big Bear Brewing could win over the most discerning foodie. While the origin of the company is rooted in freshly brewed beer, their ever-expanding menu is a gastronomic experience all on its own. Who wouldn't be excited about raspberry truffle chocolate brown ale? And for those who have missed the bliss of a cool "brewski," there's gluten-free pale ale to chug along with friends.

➡ **1800 N. University Drive**
bigbearbrewingco.com

COCONUT CREEK



WORLD OF BEER

▲ The name says it all! World of Beer is dedicated to introducing patrons to a wide array of craft beers from a variety of breweries, including their own curated brand. This means each location in the chain has a different beer menu. Not a lover of beer? Not to worry. They'll design tasting experiences specially for you, and their menus come with suggested pairings to bring out the best flavor for your dining experience.

➡ 4437 Lyons Road, Suite 101 | worldofbeer.com



SWIRL WINE BISTRO

▲ The fusion-inspired food served here is a direct result of the chef's Jamaican roots, U.K. training and time spent living in the United States. A variety of craft beers and a few unique wines exclusive to the restaurant perfectly complement the menu which features dishes like delectable oxtail ravioli, duck confit with grilled endive, and English pea risotto. Fresh, locally-sourced ingredients ensure that even the smallest bite is a gourmet experience.

➡ 1435 Lyons Road | swirlbistro.com

ROCK N ROLL RIBS

If you're looking for more than just a bite to eat and are down for some rock 'n' roll, plan to hang here for drinks, amazing food and a seriously good time. Live metal music is a staple and patrons come ready to have a blast with events like Super Bowl watch parties. The award-winning barbecued baby back ribs, pulled pork and signature sauces are delicious. Meanwhile, the Appetite of the Beast is a meat-lover's dream.

➡ 4651 State Road 7
rocknrollribs.org

SETTE MEZZO RISTORANTE

At this Italian restaurant, melt in your mouth *burrata* can lead to tender veal chops with gorgonzola and mushrooms. A Caprese tower (fresh bufala mozzarella layered with beefsteak tomatoes, basil and olive vinaigrette) guides you to an entrée of *sacchetti* (pasta purses stuffed with pears and cheese in a pink sauce). From pasta to pizza, every option here is a win.

➡ 6370 N. State Road 7, Suite 110
settemezzofla.com

MARGATE



EL BALCÓN DE LAS AMERICAS LATIN FOOD

◀ Every item at El Balcón transports you to Latin America through flavor. Try the fried mini *arepas* with guacamole and a Colombian tomato sauce or *chuleta caleña*, a native pork dish from southwest Colombia. You'll remain transfixed through to the last bite of your *brevas con arequipe*, a sweet dessert made from figs and *dulce de leche*.

➡ 1441 North State Road 7
elbalcondelasamericas.com/margate

LESTER'S DINER

▼ Originally opened in 1967 in Fort Lauderdale, Lester's Diner has long been a favorite of locals — the best indicator of their good food. Blackened shrimp and footlong hot dogs share the menu alongside Greek and Italian staples like *souvlaki* and lasagna. When it comes to American comfort food — from burgers and sandwiches to meatloaf — you name it and this menu probably has it. It's also a primo, go-to breakfast spot where the silver dollar pancakes, ham and cheese omelets, French toast and savory bacon will not disappoint.

➡ 4701 Coconut Creek Parkway | lestersdiner.com



PASTA AND...

The pasta is made fresh daily for dishes that represent authentic Northern Italian cuisine at Pasta And... Some offerings, such as wild boar ravioli or rabbit *agnolotti*, are enhanced by exotic fillings. The menu offers decadent choices for vegans and vegetarians alongside enough game, poultry, seafood and meat choices to please any palate. The wine list offers over four hundred Italian labels to pair beautifully with every course.

➡ 4990 W. Atlantic Blvd.
pastaand.com

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DÉJÀ BLUE RESTAURANT

▲ The flavors of the Mediterranean, the Middle East and North Africa meet here at Déjà Blue. The menu offers up a variety of dishes to be paired with over 70 wines from the vineyards of those regions. Dine on escargots bourguignonne as your appetizer, followed by pasta, and finish with baklava, all while taking in the view from the lakeside patio. Arrive after sunset during Ramadan for nights of feasting culminating in a spectacular Eid celebration with epicurean Arabic dishes and live music.

➡ **7805 N. University Drive | dejabluerestaurants.com**

CARMELA COFFEE COMPANY

▼ Slowly bite into a bacon and brie panini or three cheese and pesto spinach flatbread while sipping a fresh-brewed cup of coffee with your choice of toppings at the Carmela Coffee Company. This spot also serves up crisp avocado toast in a variety of ways, allowing you to eat healthy and indulge all at once.

➡ **7967 N. University Drive | carmelacoffee.com**



MALBEC GRILL

The setting is spectacular and each premium-priced dish is divine. Their menu, requiring \$60 per person minimum orders, invites you to indulge in a variety of USDA prime steak options, poultry and seafood, as well as house specialties like their handmade empanadas. One option that distinguishes this establishment is their parrilla (to share) menu, with delicious gourmet meats and vegetables served on a sizzling cast iron grill right at your table.

➡ **7351 FL-7 N. | malbec-grill.com**

BLUEFIN SUSHI

An extensive Japanese and Thai menu makes Bluefin Sushi an easy choice for any mealtime. You could probably eat here every day for weeks on end and never repeat a dish. Order a number of appetizers to share or to-go with the titanic sushi boat, which lives up to its name in variety and serving size. Just leave room for the fried ice cream and Thai donuts. You won't regret it!

➡ **6694 Parkside Drive | bluefinparkland.com**



OFF THE WALL

Coconut Creek

◀ For indoor, high-energy recreation, check out Off the Wall. Living up to its self-proclaimed title of Florida's "most complete family fun center," Off the Wall offers a range of activities suitable for all ages, including wall-to-wall trampolines, arcade games, laser tag, bumper cars and a multi-level inflatable playground. Visitors will also find challenges like an intense ropes course, rock climbing walls and virtual reality games.

Off the Wall is also home to The Rec Room, an on-site dining experience complete with delicious food and drink options that include alcoholic beverages for those over 21. Party platters can also be ordered within 48 hours for birthday parties or group gatherings.

➡ **4939 Coconut Creek Parkway**
otwusa.com

Family

MATTERS

PLASTER CAROUSEL FUN PAINTING STUDIO

Coral Springs

▶ Looking to tap into your creative side but don't know where to start? With over 1,000 different craft options, the possibilities are endless at Plaster Carousel Fun Painting Studio. Guests can expect to enjoy an all-inclusive experience painting pre-made plaster items like boxes, signs, characters and animals. Plaster Carousel welcomes people of all ages and artistic abilities, making it ideal for a solo experience, date spot or family outing. The studio is also available to rent out for birthday parties

➡ **9865 W. Sample Road | plastercarousel.com**



ON THE Marquee

Year-round events that showcase and celebrate local culture are put on by and for Greater Fort Lauderdale's northwestern communities.



HOLIDAY FANTASY OF LIGHTS

Coconut Creek

From late November to early January, Tradewinds Park brightens the nights with an extravagant array of Christmas lights, decorations and sounds of the season. The annual Holiday Fantasy of Lights — one of Coconut Creek's most highly anticipated events of the year — delights visitors with a three-mile drive featuring holiday displays, lights dangling on trees and giant, animated figures of the past and present. The modestly priced attraction draws over 125,000 visitors of all ages annually and has become a tradition for many families.

➡ holidaylightsdrivethru.com

EATS 'N' BEATS

Parkland

Bring your appetite, lawn chairs and dancing shoes for Eats 'N' Beats. This free monthly concert series at the City of Parkland Amphitheater in Pine Trails Park takes advantage of South Florida's year-round sunny outdoor weather. The event has become popular among Parkland locals who can eat their hearts out at food trucks offering diverse menu options. Families are entertained by local musical talent playing a variety of genres for music lovers of all tastes to enjoy.

➡ cityofparkland.org/eb

CORAL SPRINGS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Coral Springs

Designed to celebrate artistry in all its forms, the Coral Springs Festival of the Arts combines music, fine-dining experiences, shopping and family fun with the city's vibrant creative scene. After more than 15 years, this has become a can't-miss March weekend full of culture and entertainment highlighting some of the best artisans and traditional and contemporary craftsmanship that South Florida has to offer. There are also musical and dance performances, poetry readings and a children's area that introduces youth to the arts through a variety of mediums.

➡ csfoa.org

THE GREAT

Outdoors

CORAL SPRINGS

Everglades

Conservation Levee Greenway

Twentyseven-mile gravel walking or biking loop. Dogs allowed on leashes.

4500 - 4899 Sawgrass Blvd.

Sportsplex At Coral Springs

Athletic complex with basketball courts, football and soccer fields, playground and pavilions.

2800 Sportsplex Drive

Tall Cypress Natural Area

Nature preserve and boardwalk with 66 acres of woods and swampland for hiking, bird watching and exploring.

3700 Turtle Run Blvd.

COCONUT CREEK

Fern Forest Nature Center

Nature preserve, open for walking, jogging, and hiking.

201 S. Lyons Road

Tradewinds Park and Stables

Features biking and walking paths, disc golf courses, fishing lake, nature trails, stables, playground and picnic area.

3600 W. Sample Road

Hillsboro Pineland Natural Area

Nature preserve with trails, benches and educational signage.

5591 N.W. 74th Place

Winston Park Nature Center

Park and nature preserve with playground, sports facilities and walking trails.

5201 N.W. 49th Ave.

Sabal Pines Park

Athletic fields, butterfly gardens and picnic areas surrounded by wetlands.

5005 N.W. 39th Ave.

Coconut Creek Recreation Complex

Family-friendly recreational facility with sports leagues, fitness classes and center, picnic areas, basketball courts, covered playground and splash pad for kids.

4455 Sol Press Blvd.

Saw Palmetto Natural Area

Walking, jogging and hiking nature trail and picnic area. No dogs allowed.

5000 W. Hillsboro Blvd.

Helene Klein Pineland Preserve

Thirteen-acre woodland with paved walking trail and benches, picnic shelter and gazebo. Open daily from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

4701 W. Hillsboro Blvd.

MARGATE

Coral Gate Park

Public park with basketball courts, full size tennis courts, covered sitting area, playground and large pavilions.

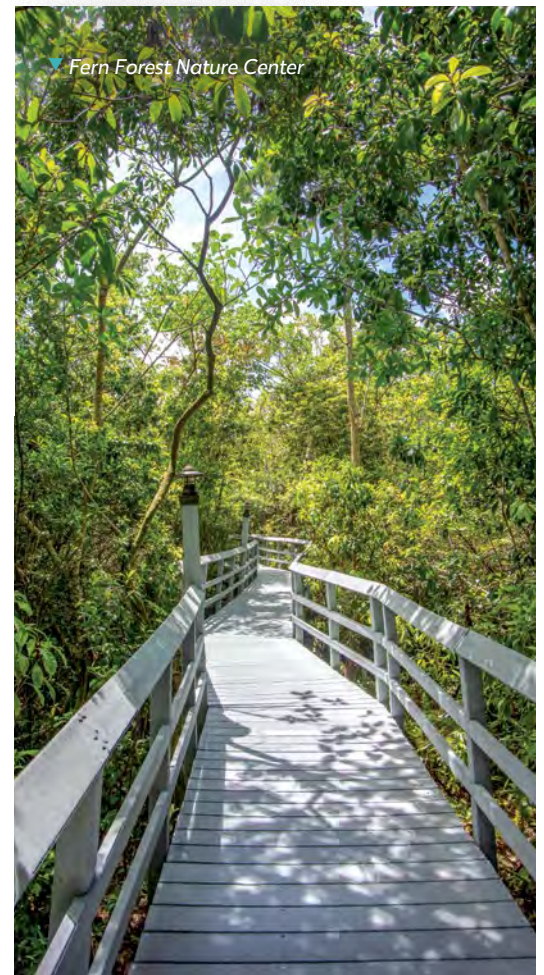
Coral Lake Drive

PARKLAND

Pine Trails Park

Public park with walking trails, soccer and football fields, basketball courts, barbecue grills and fishing area. Family-friendly with new playground.

10555 Trails End



Liberty Park

Seven-acre green space with shaded playgrounds, splash pad, dog park, picnic pavilion and barbecues.

9200 Ranch Road

Barkland Dog Park

Two acres of land with separate unsupervised areas for larger and smaller dogs.

9245 Ranch Road

Terramar Park

Family-friendly, sports park with baseball, football and soccer fields, basketball, tennis and pickleball courts, multipurpose fields and playground.

6575 N.W. 76th Drive

Doris Davis Forman Wilderness Preserve

Natural area with pedestrian trails, cypress wetlands and boardwalks open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset.

7300 Parkside Drive

Resources

MARKETS

Aldi

Grocery items, meat and dairy.
6198 W. Sample Road,
Coral Springs
aldi.us

Bravo

Supermarkets

Neighborhood ethnic grocery.
10301 Royal Palm Blvd.,
Coral Springs
bravosupermarkets.com

Doris Italian Market & Bakery

Gourmet grocery store.
2077 N. University Drive,
Coral Springs
dorismarket.com

The Fresh Market

Local produce, prepared eats, wine and more.
4633 N. University Drive,
Coral Springs
thefreshmarket.com

Publix Supermarket

Groceries, deli and bakery.
6270 W. Sample Road,
Coral Springs
publix.com

Trader Joe's

Groceries, produce, dairy, wine and beer.
2796 N. University Drive,
Coral Springs
traderjoes.com

Walmart

Neighborhood Market

Groceries and bakery.
10635 W. Atlantic Blvd.,
Coral Springs
walmart.com



▲ Guided workout at Evolution Yoga

Whole Foods Market

Natural and organic grocery items.
810 N. University Drive,
Coral Springs
wholefoodsmarket.com

FITNESS

Bodytek Fitness

Fitness studio for one on one training.
5913 W. Hillsboro Blvd.,
Parkland
954-729-1063
bodytekfitness.com

CrossFit Hardcore West

High intensity interval training.
7251 N. State Road 7,
Parkland
954-688-6791
crossfithardcore.com

LA Fitness

Fitness club with personal and group fitness classes.
2633 N. University Drive,
Coral Springs
954-755-3300
lafitness.com

Studio 4 Fitness & Wellness Center

Personal training.
9625 W. Sample Road,
Coral Springs
954-755-2900
studio4fitness.net

YouFit Health Clubs

National gym chain with personal trainers available.
9535 Westview Drive,
Coral Springs
954-905-1840
youfit.com

ATM BANKS

ATM

(Plaza at Royal Palm)

10301 Royal Palm Blvd.,
Coral Springs

Bank of America ATM

9140 Wiles Road, Coral Springs

PNC Bank ATM

(located in Wawa)

7705 N. State Road 7,
Parkland

Presto!

ATM at Publix

8095 N. University Drive,
Parkland

Regions Bank ATM

2425 N. University Drive,
Coral Springs

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Coral Springs Coconut Creek Regional Chamber of Commerce

Cultivating business relationships and economic growth through networking, advocacy, access and education.
9500 W. Sample Road,
Coral Springs
954-752-4242
cscrcchamber.com

Parkland Chamber of Commerce

Improving the city's business climate while promoting the civic interest of the community.
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▼ A lone park bench on Heron Bay Boulevard in Coral Springs provides a place to sit and relax.



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