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WELCOME TO Dania Beach

Discover the charm of Old South Florida alive and well in Dania Beach.



Stacy Ritter,
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Within city limits, discerning visitors can enjoy elite experiences including yachting on the Intracoastal and browsing haute décor at the Design Center of the Americas. History and culture buffs can explore the Holocaust Museum and Art and Antique District, while those in search of retail therapy and gourmet indulgences can find options for shopping and dining to their heart's content at the sprawling Dania Pointe multipurpose complex.

Sweet toothed foodies can finish a variety of local cuisine options with nationally-acclaimed favorite, Jaxson's Ice Cream Parlour.

Feeling lucky? All bets are on at The Casino @ Dania Beach featuring thrilling slot action, Jai Alai matches and other live entertainment. If you prefer the great outdoors, there's no shortage of cost-effective activities, from kayaking to camping, in the city's vast natural environs.

In these pages, we'll introduce you to our favorite nooks and crannies, providing an inside look at the places that make Dania Beach truly special. Whether you're a native looking to reconnect with your community, or a first time visitor searching for memorable experiences, we invite you to discover the fascinating places and the unique attractions in Dania Beach that you should add to your itinerary.



the coast, it is bounded by several parks, a lake prime for kayaking and miles of pristine beaches. It's a true boater's paradise with serene interior waterways and several marinas. There are ideal spots for fishing, with some of the region's best birding spots on the water.

Dania Beach is the home of prominent companies like Cruise.com and Chiquita Brands International, as well as Florida Atlantic University's SeaTech Research Center – the base of America's first undergraduate ocean engineering program, and Nova Southeastern University's Guy Harvey Oceanographic Center.

No matter where the future takes Greater Fort Lauderdale's oldest city, Dania Beach will surely retain the eclectic soul that makes it so beloved by locals and visitors alike.



▼ Young residents enjoying Dania Pointe's open spaces.

► A Courtney Mattison sculpture inspired by coral reefs graces the lobby of the NSU Guy Harvey Oceanographic Center.

This sunny city boasts a rich history, tracing its roots back to the 1890s when 12 Danish migrant families settled in the planned community of Modello.

Embracing their heritage, they renamed the town Dania upon its incorporation in 1904 when it became Greater Fort Lauderdale's first city.

In time, Dania bloomed into a bustling farming hub, gaining fame as the "Tomato Capital of the World" with its bountiful agricultural output. The Roaring Twenties sparked interest in developing charming seaside attractions, leading to the city's strategic purchase of a coastline strip from Hollywood for a mere \$10 in 1927.

The investment paid off handsomely, prompting Dania to rebrand itself as Dania Beach in 1998, a homage to its precious coastal treasures.

Today, the city wraps around the southside of Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, and to the east, on

▲ This Dania Beach storefront still maintains a look of the past.



ESSENTIAL

ATTRACTIONS

When Danes from Wisconsin founded Dania Beach, the small town was an agricultural empire on the coastal rail line. Later generations transformed the beachside community into a destination for people hunting antiques, vacationers chasing the sun and families seeking a sense of small-town life.

Members of the Seminole Tribe no longer wrestle gators for entertainment, and the beer-drinking pig at the Rustic Inn Crabhouse has long since passed, but the town remains a lively destination. Dania Beach still has its share of unique sights, art destinations and outdoor adventures.



DANIA BEACH FISHING PIER, BOARDWALK & MARINA

► The fishing pier at Dania Beach stretches more than 800 feet from the sand into the clear waters of the Atlantic. It's a popular spot to cast a line for tarpon or to sit and muse over the blue sky where it meets sea at the horizon. Fishing tackle can be rented and snacks purchased on site. Relax under the sun shelters as you wait for something to bite, or clean your catch right on the pier with fish-cleaning tables lining the boardwalk. Although the beach closes after dark, the pier remains lit and open until midnight for fishing and stargazing. There is a \$2 plus tax daily fee for sightseers and a \$3 plus tax daily fee for fishermen. On the opposite side of the pier is the Dania Beach Municipal Marina featuring floating docks, a Captain's Lounge, picnic pavilions and a pump-out station at each slip. House your vessel in one of the 92 slips and enjoy full access to Dania's waterways.

► 100 N. Beach Road
daniabeachfl.gov/124/Ocean-Park-Beach-Pier-Marina

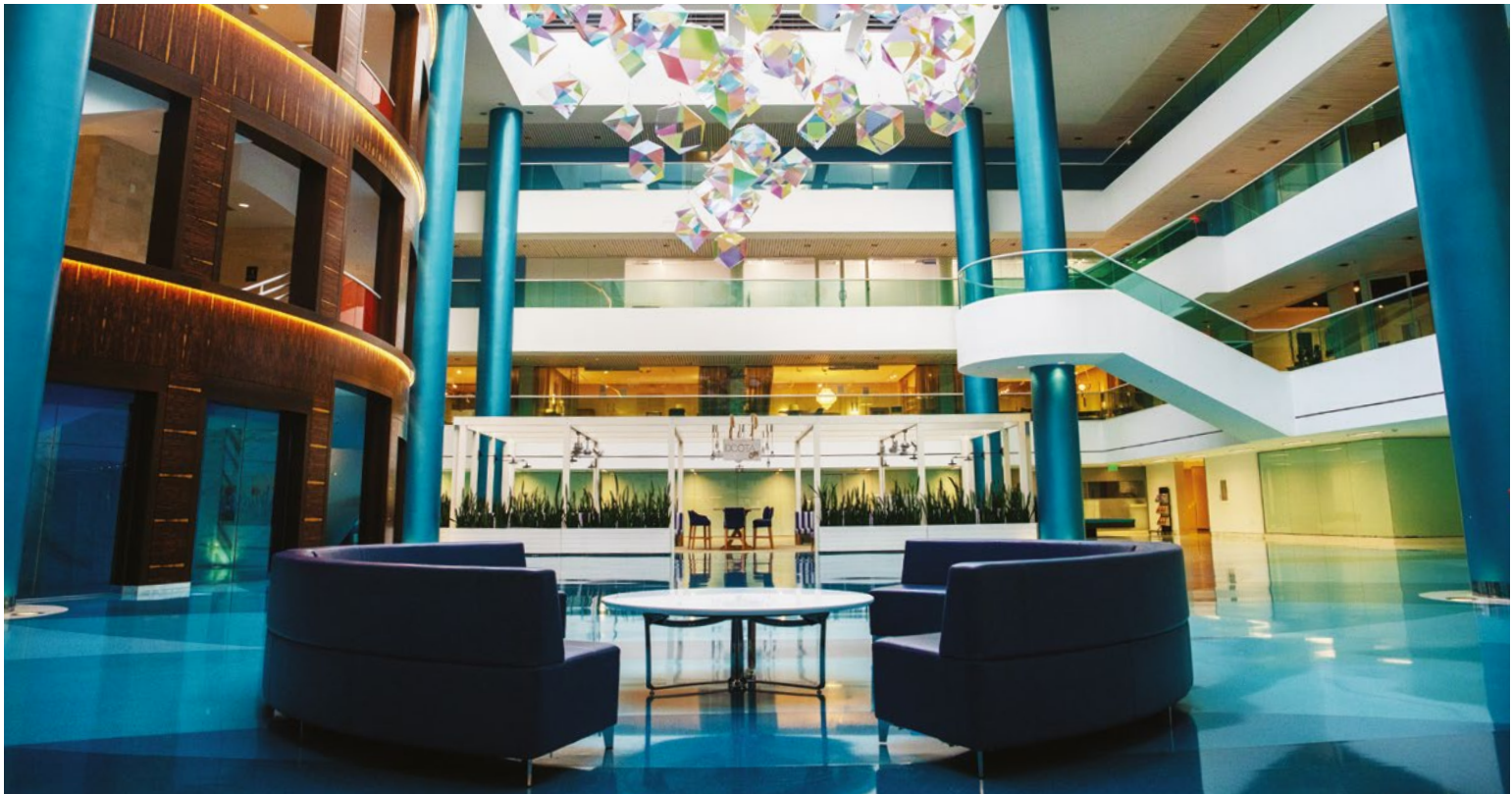


OCEAN PARK BEACH

◀ Locals often gather with friends and family on the white sand beach to surf, swim or grill. Relax on the soft, clean shore with a book or build castles close to the water's edge. Various manned lifeguard stations will put your mind at ease, and the beach even plays host to a Junior Lifeguard Summer Camp, teaching Dania's youngest residents about first aid, water safety, paddle boarding, environmental awareness and more. If you have a boat or kayak, a nearby park ramp offers quick access to Whiskey Creek where monthly full moon kayak tours act as a great option for couples seeking a quieter adventure. If you get hungry, Quarterdeck offers filling American cuisine with a stunning view overlooking the beach. You can go to Visit Lauderdale's website to enjoy a live beach cam streaming the Dania Beach oceanfront and pier.

► 100 N. Beach Road
daniabeachfl.gov/124/Beach





THE CASINO @ DANIA BEACH AND STAGE 954

▲ The owner established the entertainment complex with the goal of offering a complete entertainment package, a "whole day experience" from the hotel to the casino, restaurants and stage. In addition to the more than 750 slot machines and other games, the concert hall has become a regular stop on the tour circuit for classic rock bands from Jefferson Airplane to Foreigner. A second smaller stage offers free music on Fridays and Saturdays, typically from local bands but sometimes from bigger acts like pop rock stars Smash Mouth. The casino also books comedians, such as Gabriel Iglesias, for its main stage.

➡ 301 E. Dania Beach Blvd.
casinodaniabeach.com

DANIA IMPROV

▼ Comedy enthusiasts are in for a treat at Dania Improv, where renowned comedians and beloved local talents take the stage. The 240-seat venue has seen the likes of actor and comedian Marlon Wayans and well-known stand-up comedian Steve Byrne. As you settle in for a night of humor, elevate your experience with an array of culinary delights, including steak bites, crispy popcorn shrimp or a full charcuterie board. The venue requires a two-drink minimum inside the showroom, but with a stacked menu of specialty drinks, wine and beer, you're guaranteed to find a libation that suits your taste. Dania Improv even hosts a comprehensive five-week comedy course.

➡ 177 N. Pointe Drive | daniaimprov.com



BASS PRO SHOPS

▼ Bass Pro Shops sells all you need to enjoy some of the best waterways in the state — from fishing lures to hunting gear, camping attire to boating equipment. Marvel at the interior decor, featuring an array of mounted deer, bears, turkeys and fish adorning the walls. You'll encounter a massive rock formation tank teeming with lively freshwater fish, a colossal fiberglass Great White shark strung up, and even an on-site restaurant.

You can get your fishing license here. Plus, they've got full archery and shooting ranges with targets to keep you on point.

➡ 200 Gulf Stream Way | basspro.com



THE DESIGN CENTER OF THE AMERICAS (DCOTA)

▲ The center was built in 1985 as one of three world-class destinations for high-end designers, architects, decorators and dealers. If you're planning to renovate or redecorate your home (or yacht), the Design Center of the Americas has you covered with more than 60 showrooms featuring pieces from more than 1,000 manufacturers. (Note: Some showrooms only sell to qualified designers and professionals, but the center offers a referral program to connect you with one ahead of your visit.) The building itself features clean, modern architecture and fanciful art installations worth seeing. The center also hosts events needing an elegant backdrop, rents office space, and sits beside a hotel next door with minimalist rooms that feature floor-to-ceiling windows perfect for taking in the sunset.

➡ 1855 Griffin Road | dcota.com



DR. VON D. MIZELL-EULA JOHNSON STATE PARK

► On the other side of the city pier is this state park named to honor two Florida civil rights activists whose organized "wade-ins" in the '50s and '60s led to the desegregation of the county's beaches. Even though it's tucked against the airport and coastal condos, signs of the city beyond the shrubs, coastal hammocks and secluded beaches are hard to spot. Miles of trails and pavilions stocked with grills make it popular for quiet hikes, picnics and bike rides. Visitors can rent kayaks, canoes or paddleboards to explore the mangrove hammocks for endangered manatees. Scuba divers can sometimes be seen among the off-shore reefs. Fishermen often reel in red snapper, Florida grouper and Spanish mackerel. The park is a premier spot for birdwatching, especially in the fall during annual migrations. The complete coastal ecosystem supports shoreline species like sanderlings and ruddy turnstones while warblers and doves dart through the tropical hardwoods and egrets and storks fish the tidal creek.

► 6503 N. Ocean Drive | floridastateparks.org/mizell



SECRET WOODS NATURE CENTER

▲ Situated along the New River, this idyllic sanctuary is a must-visit for nature-lovers. Secret Woods Nature Center was opened in 1978 as Greater Fort Lauderdale's inaugural nature center. The site houses a range of ecosystems, including a tranquil inland cypress wetland, a thriving mangrove community and a flourishing laurel oak hammock. Walk along lush forest trails and observe indigenous flora and fauna in their natural habitat. Meander along the boardwalk that winds through the marsh, and immerse yourself in the 56 acres of protected mangroves and cypress. The venue is also open for events and wedding rentals.

► 2701 W. State Road 84 | broward.org

TIGERTAIL LAKE RECREATIONAL CENTER

◀ For a day trip, corporate team building retreat, private party or school field trip, you'll find outdoor adventure at Tigertail Lake Recreation Center. The complex features affordable water sport rentals like kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, windsurf boards and sailboats, as well as courses to master them. Certified instructors provide training in scuba diving, first aid and lifeguarding. On a weekend Adventure Trip, head off-site to enjoy activities like kayaking in the Everglades National Park or diving through area historical sites. Groups, with ages 8 and up, can splash, climb and slide along the ropes challenge course or play on the new Aqua Challenge water course.

► 580 Gulf Stream Way | tigertaillake.com



WHISKEY CREEK HIDEOUT

◀ While visiting Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park, don't miss Whiskey Creek Hideout. The concessionaire rents stand-up paddleboards and canoes to explore the waterways framed by mangroves where numerous bird species flit and glide. Learn about local history and park fauna during guided ecotours, sunset kayak tours, and glow stick-lighted full moon kayak tours that end with gooey s'mores around the campfire. After working up an appetite, relax with friends at the waterfront bar and eatery. Start the meal with locally smoked wahoo dip, devour a tender pulled pork sandwich and finish with a round of sangrias. The restaurant also offers a kids menu and a small list of breakfast offerings.

► 6503 N. Ocean Drive | whiskeycreekhideout.com

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Live Like a Local

Commissioner
Joyce

L. DAVIS



Stats: I've been a proud Dania Beach resident for the past 17 years. I'm driven by my passion to bring positive social change and unity to our community.

Where to chill: Sunrise overlooking the Dania Beach Pier is nothing short of spectacular! I start my day early with a walk on the beach. It's the most peaceful and tranquil time to be at one with nature. I will never forget the time I caught my first fish, a crevalle jack, just off the Dania Beach Pier.

That's the Pointe!: I love going to Dania Pointe! If it's been a rough work week and I need some laughter in my life, a girls' night out at the Dania Improv never disappoints. Signature annual events such as the Dania Pointe Food & Wine Festival, Exotics at Dania Pointe, and 5K Fun Run Under the Sun attract thousands.

Gastronomic delights: My favorite spot for breakfast is Grampa's Bakery & Restaurant. They have the absolute best bagels in Greater Fort Lauderdale. Try Cooper's Hawk's filet medallions and black and bleu salad. And Jaxson's Ice Cream Parlor is hands down the best ice cream in the world!



▲ A hearty sandwich from Grampa's Restaurant.



▲ Plenty of events take place on "the Lawn."



Maggie
ANZARDO

Stats: At more than 50 years young, I'm blessed to work doing two of the things I'm passionate about: tourism and real estate

marketing. As the tourism and events manager for Dania Pointe, my love for travel and real estate came together.

Where to chill: A must stop should be our beach. Not only is it pristine, but it offers unobstructed views with zero high rises.

Center of it all: Working for Dania Pointe, you get to enjoy a variety of fun events year-round, like Yoga on the Lawn for Wellness Wednesdays, Friday Night Markets, where you can shop handmade gifts and treats, and Cultural Saturdays and Family Sundays. Another favorite is the annual Food & Wine Festival in November.

Casual dining: A favorite spot would have to be the Tommy Bahama Marlin Bar at Dania Pointe. I enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and love the coconut shrimp and excellent cocktails. Another cool spot is Cooper's Hawk, with the wonderful wine selection.

Bonus share: If you love a good smoothie and healthy eats, try Goji Fresh! My fave is the power smoothie 'Gangsta Baby' with banana, peanut butter and whey protein.



John
SANDERS

Stats: I'm a 61-year-old father of four children and have been married to the most amazing woman for more than 30 years. I love fishing, photography and people.

Where to chill: A visit to the Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park is a beautiful taste of untouched Florida. It has quiet beaches, as well as kayak and paddleboard rentals at Whiskey Creek inside the park.

Slow it down: My wife loves the Quarterdeck on the Dania Pier. We call it our patio over the sea. Incredible views to the north and south along our beautiful coast. You can watch the cruise ships set sail or watch the kite surfers sail across the water while enjoying a delicious meal. But my favorite thing to do is fishing on the Dania Beach Pier. For me, life stands still on the pier.

Food and music: We love to eat and listen to live music at Grumpy Gary's Bar & Grill at Dockers and the Artesano Cafe & Lounge. Both offer excellent food with live music. The Fish Grill offers fresh seafood and steaks.



▲ The Quarterdeck building is the anchor connecting the iconic Dania Beach Pier to the sandy shoreline.



▲ A local mural artist at work.

Kya
HOLMES



Stats: I'm a 16-year-old, honor roll student athlete, a junior in high school and a proud member of the city of Dania Beach's Youth Advisory Council and Creative Arts Council. Community art and sports are passions of mine.

The artsy side: When you visit, you must check out our art sculptures and mural paintings. Being a youth delegate on the Creative Arts Council and helping spearhead which art sculptures or murals are implemented in our city has been so memorable for me.

Shore to shop: When hanging out in Dania Beach, I'll be at the pier fishing with my family, playing volleyball on the beach with my friends, or walking around Dania Pointe eating or shopping!

My food spot: My personal favorite Dania Beach food spot is Ocean One Bar & Grille in Dania Pointe. The fish and chips are delicious, and it's a big portion! The price is so reasonable, especially on a high schooler's budget! I also love My Mama's Books Records & Café on Dania Beach Boulevard. The vibe is so chill and relaxing.

DANIA Pointe



At Dania Pointe, you can find great shopping, fun entertainment and delicious food right in the heart of the city.

At more than 100 acres, the open air mall has everything you need. Discover stylish clothing, accessories, creative gifts and home décor that adds a special touch to your living space at Urban Outfitters. Men can find a new favorite polo or suit at Scandinavian fashion label Lindbergh while ladies can find that one-of-a-kind dress from Anthropologie. American Eagle, TJ Maxx and Hobby Lobby offer options for the savvy shopper, and the inclusion of Sprouts Market, Dania Dermatology and Verizon make Dania Pointe a one-stop-shop for grocery, medical and utilities as well.

When you get hungry after all of that shopping, Dania Pointe's lineup of restaurants is sure to satisfy. Plan a date night to Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant, where you'll enjoy an array of delicious dishes and fresh ingredients. Try a chopped salad, the red wine braised short ribs, or endeavor for something from the balance menu that's 600 calories



Unique finds at Sugarboo & Co.

or less. Tasting rooms are open for trying different wines from around the world with a knowledgeable team that will help you pair them with food. For a quicker bite, Padrino's Cuban Restaurant is always good for picadillo empanadas or a cubano sandwich to go. Bento, BurgerFi, PDQ and Outback Steakhouse offer familiar options, while InRamen, Cuciana and Rodizio Grill Brazilian Steakhouse present cuisine from around the world.

If looking for the perfect after-dinner drink, step into paradise at the Tommy Bahama Marlin Bar. Enjoy a refreshing cocktail paired with world-famous coconut shrimp as you sing along to live music. Or try one of the many frozen options spun at the tropical 14 North Daiquiri Bar.

Looking for an activity? Bring the family for a game of bowling at Bowlero. Enjoy strikes, spares and everything in between, and when you get hungry, press the call button for food without ever leaving your lane. Enter a virtual world of excitement with video games, arcade fun, air hockey or enjoy a football game on the flatscreens. At Dania Beach Improv, performances will make you laugh, and in the plaza, enjoy occasional live music, watch talented artists, and take in a movie or two at the on-site Regal Cinemas for the ultimate entertainment.

From the family-friendly "Bubble Bash" to exotic car shows and fun runs, Dania Pointe also knows how to bring the community together for events. In the summer, look forward to the "Night Market," a street bazaar where locals sell fresh fruits, vegetables, handmade crafts and unique treasures on the lawn.

▶ Bright colors and mural covered buildings are features of the signature aesthetic.

▶ Lawn chairs and tables under pergolas offer reprieve.



YACHT LIFE

Greater Fort Lauderdale is the self-proclaimed "Venice of America," drawing gleaming yachts to about 300 miles of inner waterways and canals year round.

Although you could explore the region for days without ever setting foot on dry land, certain ports of call beckon, showcasing luxury marinas with slips and docks that can comfortably accommodate many of the superyachts cruising the area. With almost any amenity and every necessity, Dania Beach in particular offers a premium destination spot whether the plan is to drop anchor for a day, a week, a month or an entire season.

A series of watercrafts docked at Dania Beach Marina.

WHERE TO DOCK

While a major part of the allure of yacht life is the open sea, another is the flexibility that mobile luxury affords while traveling from one destination to another. Disembarking and exploring can be a one-off adventure, but for some the goal is finding the perfect central location for a holiday in southern climes without foregoing one ounce of comfort and service.

Along with a thriving cultural, culinary and entertainment scene, Dania Beach boasts several high-end marina options for a variety of vessels. Royale Palm Yacht Basin is a family-owned enterprise that has been catering to the boating elite since 1966. The facility can accommodate watercrafts up to 80 feet long, provides in-water services for vessels as long as 145 feet and lifts up to 75 tons for premium refinishing work done in the full-service boatyard. Conveniently located two miles from Port Everglades with no fixed bridges, allowing for quick

and easy access between them and the ocean, Royale Palm is also only a short stroll away from the city's attractions.

Another exceptional offering in Dania Beach, a mere three miles from the Atlantic Ocean and devoid of fixed bridges, is the opulent Harbour Towne Marina. This multiple-award-winning facility boasts over 200 wet slips that can accommodate vessels as long as 200 feet and more than 600 dry storage spaces for those shorter than 50 feet. With 24-hour security and some of South Florida's largest yacht brokerages located on the property, it is easy to see why it has received such accolades as "Marina of The Year."

Nearby, Dania Beach Marina is conveniently located. The municipal facility offers a Captain's Lounge, pump-out station at each slip, and is now home to SeaTech, the Institute for Ocean and Systems Engineering College of Florida Atlantic University.



Yachts on display at InterMarine's Dania Beach waterfront showroom.

FUN ON THE WATER

Hidden gems abound in the Dania Beach area, including sailing events, boat races and regattas, scuba shops and snorkeling. Locals love Griffin Marine Park, which is free to visit and wheelchair accessible. Their launch ramp is perfectly suited to a smaller boat and a great choice for the avid fisherman looking for a day on the water.

Dania Beach is a premium location for off-shore and sport fishing. Opportunities to rent a vessel abound, from trolling in a fishing boat to speeding in a light craft to test driving your future superyacht. Companies like Dusky Marine, specializing in custom fishing boats

since 1967, are based in Dania Beach, as is Nautical Ventures Marina and Service Center, which offers every possible seafaring service: yacht brokerage, a full-service marina, and supplies like engines, kayaks and paddleboards. Since 1947, Cozy Cove Marina has been the go-to source for a brand new boat. Meanwhile, InterMarine Boats and its waterfront showroom are not only an informative source with vast inventory, but incorporate the spirit of the boating community with international escapades and events throughout the year.



DANIA'S

Historic Art & Antique District

Greater Fort Lauderdale's first city, Dania Beach, has evolved into the "Antique Capital of the South." A bevy of restored historical buildings now house art galleries and antique shops full of hidden, unique treasures. USA TODAY's IOBest calls Antique Row a "one-of-a-kind experience in South Florida...[that] you should set aside a full day to enjoy."

Visitors will treasure hunt through unique shops housed in century-old buildings. The architecture alone is worth the trip, with examples of Greek, Mission and Mediterranean Revival, as well as Art Deco influence. Whether looking for a nostalgic perusal of antique jewelry and glassware, a peek at one-of-a-kind restored vintage automobiles, or seeking that iconic piece of art to finish your redecorating project, Dania Beach has it. A mile south of Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, it's a convenient day trip with lots of exploring possibilities and price points to match any budget.

Visitors arriving at Antique Row's collection of galleries and shops should be aware of mercurial operating hours. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. is the best window to ensure they are open. Find ample street parking along the blocks of US-1 in the surrounding area. Bring your walking shoes and curiosity.

◀ Treasure Chest Antiques has been a part of the Dania Beach antique district for over 30 years.

➡ 27 N. Federal Highway

AKIBA ANTIQUES

Akiba Antiques set up shop in the U.S. in 1995, but their story did not start there. Founded by Charles and Franceska Akiba in Paris in the 1980s, Akiba Antiques married the tastes of the couple, French furniture from Napoleonic to Belle Epoque eras, Art Nouveau and Art Deco, with Renaissance to Modern paintings.

Today, the store is split into two sections: an auction gallery and, next door, a retail antique mall, offering a mix of vintage and modern decorative items. Auctions are conducted twice a month and feature a large smattering of fine art, collectibles and jewelry.

Jonathan Akiba — Charles and Franceska's son — and his childhood friend Alexander Anapolsky lead the next generation of antique enthusiasts, ushering the business into the online auction community. Anapolsky also comes from a family that appreciated fine art and antiques with a grandmother who was an academic artist and parents who collected vintage pieces.

"As a group of young individuals all in our mid-30s, we bring a fresh, new take on what people consider an antique store," Anapolsky said. "We like to say we have something for everybody."

➡ 3 N. Federal Highway | akibagalleries.com



JONATHAN DANIELS ANTIQUES

It is all in the family at Jonathan Daniels Antiques, located in the Akiba Antique Center. Going strong since 1978, they specialize in furniture, transportation models and decorative items. The owner and store namesake said he curates pieces that will entice him to go to work every day.

"At this stage of my career, I want to be surrounded by interesting high-quality pieces," Daniels said. "There is an architect's desk from 1780, two beautiful grandfather clocks that play music, a 1907 floor-standing slot machine made in Detroit and one of only five in the world, and four live steam locomotives which will pull passengers."

➡ 3 N. Federal Highway
rubylane.com/shop/jonathan-daniels-antiques



LONE RANGER ANTIQUES

Lone Ranger Antiques was established in 1986. Owner Jeffree Turney travels to Sweden five months each year to locate the most unusual Scandinavian antiques and Mora clocks, and all of this beauty is housed in four warehouses in Dania Beach. Turney sells his wares through his website and at antique shows, like the popular Brimfield Antique Flea Market, showcased on Flea Market Flip, or seasonal shows in Round Top, Texas.

Lone Ranger Antiques can also be found on Instagram, and yes, everything posted is for sale. But if you are looking for something specific, Turney suggests sending an email, and he will work to locate it.

➡ 408 S.W. 3rd Street | lonerangerantiques.com



CANDLELITE ANTIQUES SHOPPE

If you plan your TV viewing around "Antiques Roadshow" on PBS or "American Pickers" on The History Channel, you may recognize Candlelite Antiques Shoppe. It has been featured on both. Known for his hands-on service, Marty Hanna has been helping treasure hunters find that one-of-a-kind-piece since 1998.

Hanna's shop is open seven days a week and boasts a large array of chandeliers, old farm tools, Americana memorabilia and eclectic furniture. The shop is staged to provide decorating inspiration, and it changes constantly as inventory rotates. If you are having trouble finding that perfect item, Hanna is happy to lend a hand. Just ask.

➡ 11 N. Federal Highway

THE CREATIVE WORKSHOP

There is no other way to describe The Creative Workshop than a car lover's paradise. The shop is run by a collection of passionate automotive aficionados who take great pride in their unique, nationally-recognized approach to restoration of one-of-a-kind vehicles with a historically-accurate, craftsman touch.

What goes on inside is special, but so is the building they occupy, a 100-year-old barn renovated into a 10,000-square-foot restoration and custom coachbuilding workshop. Walking in transports visitors to another era, much like their vintage vehicle restoration projects.

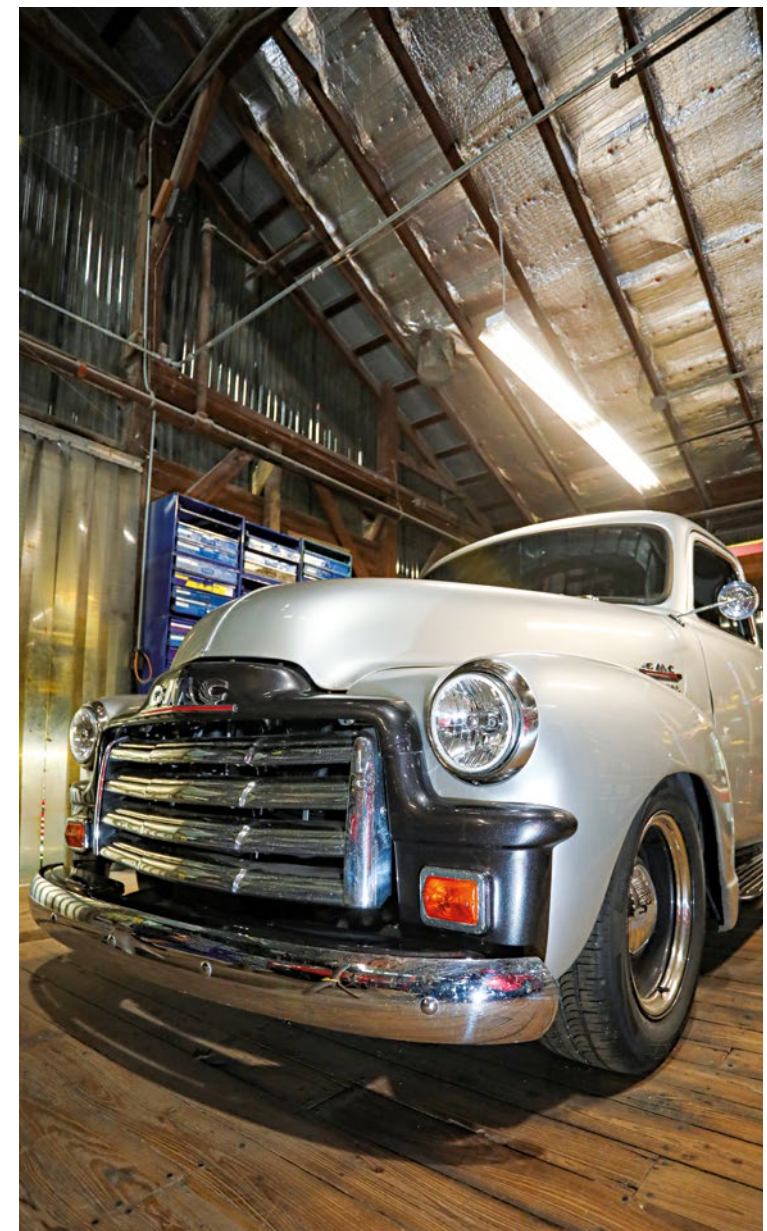
"You could equate what we do with craftsmen who work on vintage art, like a Picasso painting," Owner Jason Weinig said. "They ship it to a specialist at the

Smithsonian where they have a basement full of people using special varnishes and treatments to remove the layers of grime and restore it to its original splendor. That's what we do here with cars."

You can marvel at the unique automobiles, join special events like Cars and Coffee Saturday, or support one of the charity functions to bolster the neighborhood. Everything is posted on their social media with full details and links to RSVP if it is a private event.

"We are down to earth car people that love what we do," Weinig said. "And when people come in, whether they're a car person or not, a guy or gal, you can't deny the art form of the automobile."

➡ 118 Hill Street | thecreativeworkshop.com





Walls of history in the Education Center.

HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION AND EDUCATION CENTER

Preserving Voices of the Past

The number of people still alive who suffered through the systematic genocide during World War II, known as the Holocaust, is dwindling, and the race is on to capture their stories in their own words.

More than 40 years ago, the Holocaust Documentation and Education Center was established in Dania Beach, a fitting location since South Florida is home to the second largest Holocaust survivor population in the world. Along with caring for more than 2,500 recorded testimonies of survivors, liberators and rescuers, the center's programs aim to be a "living memorial" that provides visitors with a personal, direct connection to history.

"Educating people about the evils and dangers of what hatred can do is key," said HDEC President Rositta Kenigsberg. "Especially with what is going on today."

Visitors can sit and chat with Holocaust survivors, many of whom were children at the time. Curators describe those conversations as having changed hearts. At other times, friendships were sparked across generations and cultures through the simple human act of sharing stories. Now, the center offers these



▲ Faces of Holocaust survivors.

► Holocaust rail car brought from Germany.

opportunities virtually, too.

The center's museum also includes more than 6,000 artifacts and photographs, including the only identified Holocaust Railcar in the world and a U.S. Army Sherman tank involved in liberating concentration camps.

In 2023, the center opened a redesigned and expanded museum that features innovative exhibits, "intelligence furniture," oral history stations and two mini theaters. Renowned museum designer Peter Gallagher described being drawn to the project because of the opportunity to "keep the story alive, from a personal, inside view, as nothing is more powerful than the first-person testimonial."

303 N. Federal Highway
hdec.org



PHOTO JOURNAL

The Waterways of Dania Beach



Dania Beach Pier at sunrise.



From Old Griffin Road, a view of Dania Cut-Off Canal, which runs from Hollywood to the sea.

Dania Beach is home to some of the most scenic waterways and world-class marinas in South Florida. The quixotic explorer on a paddleboard or the wanderer who enjoys a day on the yacht will discover Dania Beach is a nautical haven with a wealth of activities for water-lovers.

There's so much to discover. Largemouth bass, common snook and bluefish abound at Dania Cut-Off, which leads into Fort Lauderdale's Stranahan River, making it a popular spot for fishing. The warm, year-round Florida sunshine allows boaters to experience the good life floating along the scenic banks of Dania Beach's Intracoastal waterways all flowing into the expansive sea.

Then there's West Lake, where you'll share the gleaming waters with gentle manatees and stoic great blue herons in an environmentalist's oasis that provides some of South Florida's best bird-watching under gorgeous cerulean skies. The meandering waterways of Dania Beach are ideal routes to your restored mind, body and soul.



View of West Lake from Dania Beach Blvd.

*A small boat chugs north
along the Stranahan River,
just off Ocean Drive.*



*Just east of State Road A1A, beside Cozy
Cove Marina, personal vessels like these
dock alongside Dania Beach homes.*



Athletes move with the grace of dancers as the hard rubber ball, called a pelota, flies around at speeds commonly clocked at 150 mph. Catching and serving in one move with the 2.5-foot long cesta, or basket, players of Jai Alai pitch the pelota at three walls, angling its bounce to land between marked lines on the court. The unique adrenaline rush experienced by players and spectators of Jai Alai – pronounced HIGH lie – comes from both the thrill of the game and the prospect of wagering on the centuries-old sport.

Jai Alai, hailing from the Basque Country at the border of Spain and France, came to the U.S. in 1904 with the first court, or fronton, opening in Florida in 1924. Today, the sport still thrives in the state in partnership with the casino industry. Visitors to The Casino @ Dania Beach get to experience not only the energy of the casino floor – fine dining, events and shows – but also the thrill and action on the fronton. In fact, Jai Alai is known as the fastest game in the world. In 2017, a new world record pelota speed was recorded in Dania Beach: a mind-boggling 190 mph throw by Ibon Aldazabal from Spain.

In its heyday, Jai Alai was played for audiences of 15,000 people, plus those gathered outside listening in on the action. Benny Bueno, a former professional player and player manager, said the game has appeal for a modern audience – if only they knew more about it.

"It's about educating the public and giving them access," Bueno said.

Aside from live matches, Bueno promotes online streaming so more fans can watch and bet remotely. The Casino @ Dania Beach CEO Arnaldo Suarez supports digital expansion.

"Offering customers the option to enjoy Jai Alai and wager remotely is essential," he said. "Nowadays, it's rare when we don't access something online for daily life."

The casino website hosts the live streams and simulcasts, as well as a link for the popular dual-purpose option, watchandwager.com.

Translated, the words Jai Alai mean "Merry Festival," which the Dania Beach Casino guarantees, offering an exhilarating, unique experience that may just become your new sporting and betting passion.

➡ 301 E. Dania Beach Blvd. | casinodaniabeach.com

DANIA BEACH

RESTAURANTS

You'll find the agricultural roots of Dania Beach reflected on menus offering fresh local produce and, of course, seafood. The culinary scene includes nostalgic classics and modern dishes drawn from a gamut of inspirations: from steakhouses to dessert spots to eclectic international bistros. Whatever you're craving, it's on the menu in Dania Beach.



BAKE SHACK

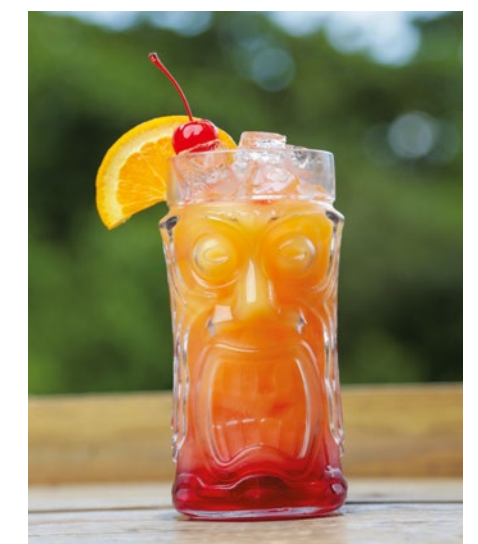
▲ This cozy bakery takes the cake when it comes to gourmet sweets. The stacked menu of donuts, apple fritters, muffins, scones, cakes and more would satisfy a sweet tooth for hours, but Bake Shack also has a full breakfast and lunch menu. Co-owners Keith Freiman and Emilio Freire also have a passion for community, offering local coffee as well as hiring from nearby schools and supporting other small businesses.

➡ 238 S. Federal Highway | bakeshackfl.com

PARADISE TIKI OF DANIA BEACH

▼ This hidden waterfront gem is paradise with its eclectic Hawaiian and Caribbean influenced menu. Sit back and enjoy the tropics with a tiki-inspired cocktail like a blue Long Island with tequila, blue curacao and zesty pineapple juice. Munch on appetizers like cajun mahi fish dip or mahi mahi ceviche before digging into a build-your-own Huli-Huli entree of steamed coconut rice, plantains, cilantro, pineapple, veggies and choice of protein, like chicken, steak, shrimp, mahi, tuna satay or a combination.

➡ 90 N. Bryan Road
paradisetikiofdaniabeach.com





FIREBIRDS WOOD FIRED GRILL

◀ Pop into this restaurant for delicious wood-grilled steaks, juicy burgers, club sandwiches and other tasty American classics. Start off your lunch or dinner with shareables for the table, choosing between lobster spinach queso, seared ahi tuna or smoked chicken wings. For mains, you can't go wrong with the honey garlic chicken or a wood grilled salmon. Head over on the weekend for brunch starting at 11 a.m.

➡ 110 N. Pointe Drive
firebirdsrestaurants.com



TROPICAL ACRES STEAKHOUSE

◀ The steaks char-broiled in an open pit were so popular when Tropical Acres opened in 1949 that owner Gene Harvey changed the name and menu at his other supper club in Westchester County, New York to match. Three generations later, his family still runs the Gold Coast institution lauded for its affordable, top-quality meat from the land and sea. One example of the commitment to value: When in season, diners can buy two, 1-pound Maine lobsters with sides for less than \$40. The business recently expanded to include a butcher shop that sells custom cuts and ready-to-cook restaurant favorites like the tender mozzarella-stuffed meatballs.

➡ 2500 Griffin Road
tropicalacres.com

3 SONS BREWING CO.

In 2018, the owner and head brewer, Corey Artanis, was named the world's best new brewer by RateBeer.com. Now part of the Visit Lauderdale Ale Trail, his brewery specializes in inventive, rich dessert beers like Summation – a bourbon-barrel aged imperial stout – and Ridin' Dirty – an imperial milkshake IPA with strawberry and vanilla. The food on the menu tries to match his creativity: avocado crema and yuca chips, sriracha honey wings and duck confit sliders. And try the local favorite, Neopolitan pizza.

➡ 236 N. Federal Highway, Ste. 104 | 3sonsbrewingco.com



JAXSON'S ICE CREAM PARLOUR

▲ Food Network named Jaxson's to its list of "25 Most Outrageous Ice Cream Treats" for The Kitchen Sink: a 36-scoop sundae served in a sink-shaped bowl with all the toppings and sizzling sparklers. Daunting, yes, but even the massive party dish is still not big enough to contain all 50 flavors of homemade ice cream offered each day. The café – decorated with memorabilia such as a working carousel and fortune telling machine – also offers American staples like burgers, hot dogs, salads and New York deli sandwiches.

➡ 128 S. Federal Highway | jaxsonsiccream.com



TARKS OF DANIA BEACH

▲ Tarks started in 1966 as a simple stand, serving clams, wings and beer. These days, it's homey with a sit-in counter top and massive menu. Bring friends and split a combo of clams, oyster, shrimp, crab or conch. Choose the house-made coleslaw or the curly fries, served in a hot heap of crispy golden loops. It's not unusual to find a line out the door, but the fresh seafood is worth the wait.

➡ 1317 S. Federal Highway | tarks.business.site



DANIA BEACH VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Late January brings the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show, the biggest vintage motorcycle show in South Florida. For more than 15 years, visitors have been invited to listen to live music, try delicious food, and peruse vendor booths as they wind through Frost Park. Bike aficionados, as well as regular families, enjoy this event, which is free to spectators and includes dealer exhibits, a bike parts swap meet, a vintage bicycles exhibit, motorcycle field games and more. There is a small fee to enter bikes into the show, with proceeds benefiting local charities and organizations.

➡ daniabeachvintagebikeshow.com

ON THE Marquee

DANIA BEACH ARTS AND SEAFOOD CELEBRATION

Each spring, the Dania Beach Arts and Seafood Celebration comes to Frost Park. This two-day event features daily live music from a lineup of local bands, an assortment of fresh seafood options from local restaurants, live performance art and more. For the adults, a beer and wine garden teeming with crisp drinks flows. Meanwhile, younger visitors can play to their hearts' content on rides, games and other family activities. Check out the Fine Arts Treasure Cove and Crafters Island, where local artists' work is on display, or brush up on your culinary skills with a Chef Showcase.

➡ daniabeachartsandseafoodcelebration.com

Year-round events that showcase and celebrate local culture are put on for the Dania Beach community, by the community.

DANIA POINTE FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

At its namesake plaza, the Dania Pointe Food & Wine Festival offers attendees the opportunity to sample food and drink from dozens of on-site eateries alongside wine tastings, chef demonstrations and live entertainment. The "Tasting Pavilion" features culinary creations from Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant and Padrino's Cuban Cuisine and beverage samplings from 14 North Daiquiri Bar & Restaurant, among others, while the kid-friendly happenings take place on "The Lawn," with light bites from Goji Juicery & Kitchen, It'Sugar and more.

Tickets are required and attendees of the "Tasting Pavilion" must be 21 or older with valid ID.

➡ daniapointe.com/foodandwine

THE GREAT Outdoors

Boaters Park

A 7.5-acre marine site where families can fish and grill. Accessible only by boats, with dockage for up to 35-40.

4491 Ravenswood Road

Chester Byrd Park

Neighborhood park with two playgrounds, walking path, benches, outdoor exercise equipment and a basketball court.

1021 S.W. 12th Ave.

C.W. Thomas Park

Offers activities for young people and seniors with a community pool, tennis courts, multipurpose field, basketball courts, covered playground and fitness center.

100 N.W. 8th Ave.

Dania Cove Park

Sits on a historic Native American site and features serene waterfront elements, a scenic mangrove cove, fishing dock, picnic pavilions and exercise path.

4480 S.W. 25th Terrace

Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park

Beachside haven popular for swimming, fishing, cycling and cookouts. Pets must be on a hand-held, 6-foot leash at all times. Check for admission fees.

6503 N. Ocean Drive

Frank C. "Tootie" Adler Park

BBQ next to the ocean in one of seven tiki huts while kids enjoy the beach and playground.

Dania Beach Access Road

Frost Park

Features include baseball field, tennis courts, skateboarding area and playground.

300 N.E. 2nd St.

Griffin Marine Park

A free boat ramp and floating dock provides access to the water.

2987 S.W. 45th St.

Linear Park

Landscaped park with a walking and running path, bench areas and exercise equipment.

476 S.E. 14th St.

Mildred V. Jones Park

Walk the paths with a gorgeous view of the water, or relax on the grassy banks.

201-249 N.W. 14th Way

Mullikin Park

Small neighborhood park with a basketball court, playground and bench area.

230 S.W. 1st Court

Northside Melaleuca Park

Small park where you can enjoy a game of tennis or the playground and picnic benches.

850 N.W. 10th St.

Patrick J. Meli Park and Aquatic Complex

Features a pool, playground, basketball, handball & tennis courts.

2901 S.W. 52nd St.

Performance Pups Freshwater Dog Beach

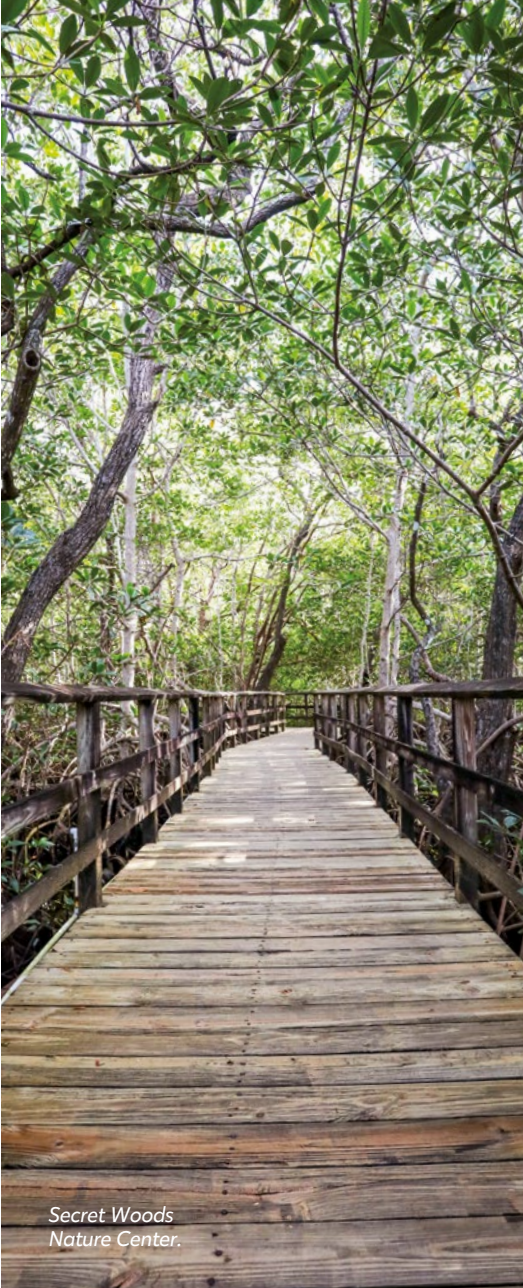
Fenced-in freshwater dog lake where dogs can swim and play off-leash. Check for admission, opening days and times.

590 Gulfstream Way

Precious Paws Dog Park

1.1-acre dog park with fenced-in areas for unleashed large and small dogs. Free access, open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends.

2901 S.W. 52nd Street



Secret Woods
Nature Center.

Secret Woods Nature Center

Small park along the New River with hiking trails, a butterfly garden, nature exhibit hall, and a full schedule of environment-oriented programming.

2701 W. State Road 84

Resources

ATM BANKS

ATM (Barrak Group Enterprise LLC)
1040 S. Federal Highway

ATM (Mobil)
1 S. Federal Highway

ATM (Premier ATM)
5555 Ravenswood Road

ATM (Regions Bank)
499 Sheridan St.

ATM Universal
1414 S. Federal Highway

Bank Of America ATM
402 E. Dania Beach Blvd.

Truist ATM
372 E. Dania Beach Blvd.

Citibank ATM
205 E. Dania Beach Blvd.

City National Bank ATM
402 E. Dania Beach Blvd.

LibertyX Bitcoin ATM (2 Quick Food Store)
348 S.W. 13th St.

Presto! ATM at Publix
402 E. Dania Beach Blvd.

Wells Fargo ATM
356 E. Dania Beach Blvd.

FITNESS

CrossFit Carnage
Custom strength and conditioning programs.
2050 Tigertail Blvd.
954-326-8540
crossfitcarnage.com

Youfit Health Clubs

State of the art facilities.
140 S. Compass Way
954-357-3627
youfit.com

MARKETS

Ideal Food Basket

Groceries, fresh produce and organic products.
Free grocery delivery.
308 E. Dania Beach Blvd.
idealfoodbaskets.com

Publix Super Market at Beachway Plaza

Groceries, deli & bakery.
402 E. Dania Beach Blvd.
954-920-4289
publix.com

Publix Super Market at Oakbridge

Groceries, deli & bakery.
3102 Griffin Road
954-961-0717
publix.com

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Greater Dania Beach Chamber of Commerce

A unified voice and channel for leadership planning, improving business & community.
102 W. Dania Beach Blvd.
954-926-2323
daniabeachchamber.org



Youfit at Dania Pointe.



The Colonial Revival architectural style is embodied in the historic Nyberg-Swanson House, built circa 1912. It is home to the Greater Dania Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Welcome

EVERYONE UNDER THE SUN



Welcome thrill-seekers and chill-seekers and kids of all ages. The world's most welcoming destination awaits in Greater Fort Lauderdale with miles of golden beaches and scenic waterways, cosmopolitan dining and nightlife, amazing Everglades eco-tours and more. Come share unforgettable moments in a beach playground unlike any other.



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