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Some of the most fascinating experiences in Greater Fort Lauderdale lie tucked away in the suburbs. The lively western cities of Sunrise, Davie and Plantation are proof treasures await those willing to wander beyond the whirl of downtown.

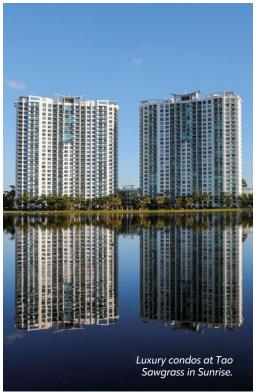
unrise beckons with a blend of corporate life and exhilarating entertainment. The city has evolved into one of Florida's popular tourist spots, thanks to big-ticket attractions like the Amerant Bank Arena, home to the NHL's Florida Panthers, and Sawgrass Mills, the largest outlet shopping destination in the U.S.

Meanwhile, cowboy swagger is alive and well in the college town of Davie. Visitors can discover the city's distinctive Western persona by watching masterful horse wrangling at Bergeron Rodeo Grounds. Nature-lovers will enjoy a stroll through Tree Tops Park or Flamingo Gardens.

Nearby, Plantation sets contemporary living within abundant natural environs. Enjoy the outdoors while practicing your putt at Plantation Preserve Golf Course and Club, or discover glimpses of the past at Plantation Historical Museum. Then shop your heart out in style on the University Drive corridor at Broward Mall or The Fountains.

We invite you to enjoy the adventures that await as you explore these communities and the people and places that make these areas truly special.





You'll find lots more than big name entertainment spots and tourist-friendly activities in Greater Fort Lauderdale's west-central communities. The vibrant residents who live, work and play in these suburbs enjoy amenities and resources that visitors might also appreciate, once they know where to look.

#### **SUNRISE**

An area once made famous by the upside down house where visitors could stroll on the ceiling and touch furniture bolted above their heads, Sunrise has grown quite a bit since its incorporation in 1961. Today, the city is bordered by three major thoroughfares, I-595, I-75 and the Sawgrass Expressway. It is a quick 20-minute drive from Fort Lauderdale's pristine beaches to the east, and adjacent to the Everglades conservation area to the west.

For new residents or those with longer-term needs, there are multiple car dealerships at the west end of Sunrise Boulevard, as well as Greater Fort Lauderdale's only IKEA store. Sunrise is home to the largest corporate office park in South Florida, the 612-acre Sawgrass International Corporate Park, where major companies have regional and South American headquarters. And they're extremely proud of their internationally-recognized chess initiative, once being named Chess City USA.

#### DAVIE

A sprawling city just south of I-595, Davie feels like a slice of old-school country in the middle of the modern world. Founded in the area originally called Zona, Davie was a patch of swamp drained for farmland by its namesake developer Robert Parsell Davie. Davie's original schoolhouse still exists as a museum, and its education-based legacy has flourished. A bonafide college town, here you'll find many leading institutions of higher education, including Nova Southeastern University, Broward College, McFatter Technical Center and more.

Movie buffs might recognize the Rolling Hills Golf Course as the backdrop of the movie "Caddyshack." You can also connect with pristine nature on the grounds of Flamingo Gardens.

#### **PLANTATION**

With a population of fewer than 500 and a budget of \$1,288, the city of Plantation was incorporated on April 30, 1953. The developer of this area that was once Everglades wetlands envisioned large lots where fruit trees could be planted, and each home would be unique. Over half a century later, that roomy flora-rich aesthetic remains, with safe neighborhoods and often opulent homes "situated among thousands of trees." The city's aesthetic is enhanced by signature, quaint red brick facades. Plantation is now a bustling city that offers the amenities of a faster paced downtown, home to organizations like Virgin Voyages and Chewy, but with much more hometown charm.

In recent years, Plantation has received designations such as "City of the Future," "Tree City," and "100 Best Communities for Young People." There's a hub of corporate and banquet event activity at the Renaissance Fort Lauderdale-Plantation Hotel. And fun fact: during the 100th anniversary of the Olympic games in 1996, the Olympic flame passed through the center of the city.





The cities of Sunrise, Davie and Plantation each masterfully balance quaint suburban charm with modern entertainment.

ordered by two major highways, Sunrise is central to all of South Florida's most sought-after amenities. Though its most famous landmarks are Sawgrass Mills Mall and Amerant Bank Arena, there's plenty of other activities to do, including skeet shooting, water sports, golf and cultural arts.

Once part of the Everglades wetlands, Plantation continues to maintain lots of outdoor greenspace. The city has a lifestyle suited for both athletes and artists, where you can bounce your way to fitness, learn about diverse communities, or mozy along an open trail on horseback.

The college town of Davie is home to modern amenities for sports fans and thrill-seekers, but it also hangs on to an unusual pioneer lifestyle. Residents and visitors can spend a day at the rodeo, an evening with the arts or an afternoon browsing relics of local history.

## SUNRISE

#### MARKHAM PARK

▶ Visitors will find a 669-acre park with a nine-hole disc golf course, 88 campground sites, a dog park, remote-controlled airplane field, mountain bike trails from novice to pro, playgrounds and tennis-racquetball courts at Markham Park, near the intersection of Everglades Parkway and the Sawgrass Expressway. The facility boasts a 26-acre lake and a marina stocked with boats available for hourly rental. And you can gain access to the Everglades by boat.

Campsites are full-hookup and have a picnic table, fire ring or barbeque grill and access to two restrooms with shower facilities. Primitive camp sites are also available for scouting groups.

The jewel of Markham Park is the target range. Sportspeople can enjoy the skeet and trap venue, pistol and rifle range, and a sporting clays course.



> 16001 FL-84 | markhampark.com



## **SUNRISE CIVIC CENTER** THEATRE AND ART GALLERY

▶ Opened as part of the Sunrise Civic Center in 1998, the Theatre and Art Gallery includes a 300seat theater with mezzanine, full production stage that hosts a variety of performing arts, an outdoor amphitheater and traveling art exhibits, including the work of local artists.

Constantly changing, the Art Gallery plays host to multiple exhibitions annually. Admission is free, and visitors have the opportunity to meet the featured

The theater also boasts a myriad of performance genres. The calendar offers everything from children's productions to dance ensembles, plays and concerts. Its intimate setting offers audience members the opportunity to see the productions up close and personal. With more than double the theater's capacity, the outdoor amphitheater is home of the popular "Tunes 'N Trucks" seasonal concert series.



10610 W. Oakland Park Blvd. \ sunrisefl.aov





## PLANTATION

## **PLANTATION EQUESTRIAN CENTER**

Since opening in 2005, the center has hosted horse shows and exhibitions every weekend. The facility features two large stables with 96 stalls, three show rings with an additional two practice rings, grassy paddock areas, seating for 300, and a building with restrooms and a concession stand. This is set against the backdrop of 85 acres of nature trails, bridle paths through wetlands, auditory sculptures that react to environmental elements and playgrounds for the kids.



1451 N.W. 118th Ave. | plantation.org



## **PLANTATION AQUATIC COMPLEX**

 Experience the lifestyle of sunny South Florida at the Plantation Aquatic Complex, the ultimate destination to elevate your poolside experience. The Competition Pool boasts an expansive Olympic size layout with divided lanes for competitive training or swim meets, accompanied by a state-of-the-art dive well, six 3-meter diving boards, and a 5-meter diving platform. For those seeking a more leisurely time, the Training Pool offers a tranquil oasis with convenient accessibility

The complex is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with weekend closing at 2 p.m.



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## PLANTATION PRESERVE **GOLF COURSE AND CLUB**

■ With pristine manicured grounds, Plantation Preserve Golf Course and Club is one of South Florida's premier public facilities. This 18-hole course was designed by renowned architects von Hagge, Smelek & Baril to accommodate players from beginner to pro. The facilities, which include a pro shop, park and trail, are open to the public. Membership is also available. After a day on the fairways, venture to the clubhouse to relax and indulge in cocktails at a fullystocked bar and dining room.



>>> 7050 W. Broward Blvd. | plantation.org

## **PLANTATION** HISTORICAL MUSEUM

▶ Uncover history at the Plantation Historical Museum, where staff is eager to guide visitors through a treasure trove of exhibits delving into the city's inception, founding families and history. Take a look back with the Fire and Police Department exhibit, with memorabilia including the city's first fire truck. Experience the Everglades Diorama, and don't miss the Seminole and Tequesta tribe exhibit.

> The free museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



>> 511 N. Fig Tree Lane | plantation.org



▶ Island SPACE Caribbean Museum showcases South Florida's vibrant Caribbean community through artifacts and historical documentation. Visitors will be treated to a celebration of the fascinating history of the islands, from Indigenous groups, to colonialism and modern traditions, as well as learning how the diaspora has contributed to the world. Check their calendar for regular events and classes, or book a group tour with activities.

Island SPACE Caribbean Museum is open Thursdays through Sundays from II a.m. until 7 p.m.



Broward Mall, 8000 W. Broward Blvd. Ste. 1202





#### **YOUNG AT ART**

► Young at Art is an interactive museum and gallery that allows children to become the artists. Located within Broward Mall, the facility ignites the imagination of all ages with immersive activities. Families can look forward to perusing the gallery filled with interactive exhibits, not to mention sculptures designed to double as a playground. Young at Art also offers rental space for birthday parties and art workshops. Check the website for adult and children's ticket prices.



Broward Mall, 8000 W. Broward Blvd., Ste. 1208 youngatartmuseum.org



#### IFLY

Adrenaline junkies, or anyone who ever dreamed of flying as their superpower, must try indoor skydiving. The experience at iFLY mimics plane-based skydiving. Those who complete the mandatory training and meet age, height and health requirements step into a vertical wind tunnel to fly for 60 seconds at a time. Staff members take photos so you and your spectators can focus on enjoying the flight. With evolving technology, the venue continues to innovate its sophisticated and eco-friendly wind tunnels. Skydiving at iFLY is a popular activity for families and groups. Advanced reservations are encouraged.



## **OLD DAVIE SCHOOL HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

▶ In 1917, the dream of Davie settlers was realized as construction of the Davie School was approved, becoming the first permanent building in the reclaimed lands of the Everglades.

The Old Davie School was restored to its original splendor in the form of a museum showcasing a 1920s classroom and exhibits documenting settlers' movement into the Everglades. Through historical artifacts, photographs, articles and maps, visitors experience the pioneering spirit that made Davie what it is today.



## ROUND UP NIGHTCLUB

► Hankering for a taste of Texas in South Florida? Round Up has you covered. Located in a strip mall off I-595, the western nightclub offers free dance lessons in two step, line dancing, cha cha, and swing, with special events like "famous camo nights" and "Comic-Con parties." Live entertainment, a restaurant with a full dinner menu, offers specials

You don't need spurs and fringe, but it might not

9020 W. State Road 84 | roundupnightclub.com









 $\mathcal{T}$ ith an event center cited among the best in the world, Amerant Bank Arena attracts more than two million guests each year with a thrilling lineup of sports, concerts, and unforgettable entertainment.

Not only is it home to the National Hockey League's Florida Panthers, but this sprawling venue also sets the stage for some of the most monumental events in Florida. From sold-out concerts by superstars like Billy Joel, Elton John, Bruce Springsteen, Lady Gaga and Beyoncé, to mesmerizing family performances and prestigious award shows, the arena has hosted an impressive lineup of mega-stars. It has also played host to productions such as Disney On Ice, Cirque du Soleil,

Monster Jam and Jurassic Quest.

In 1998, following a triumphant conference championship win, the National Hockey League's Florida Panthers made the move from Miami to the arena. Every season, fervent hockey fans from all across Florida flock to the Sunrise area to cheer on their beloved Panthers. As the southernmost team in the league, the Cats have captivated fans and produced legendary players like Pavel "The Russian Rocket" Bure, who have been rightfully inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame. In 2023, the Panthers made history by winning the team's first playoff sweep and making it to the second Stanley Cup Final since the franchise's last Finals appearance in 1996.



on Wednesday and Friday.

## Live Like a Local



# Sunrise

**Stats:** I am a young 46-year old city of Sunrise commissioner, moonlighting as an attorney. I deeply appreciate history and enjoy the arts, especially dancing. I also enjoy getting my hands dirty fixing something or working in the garden. Knowledge is power, which is why I am a lifelong learner.

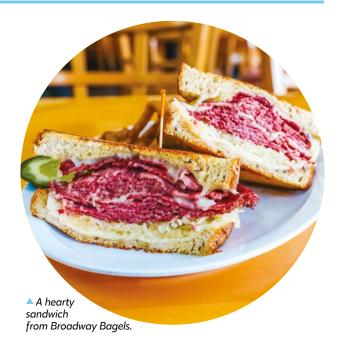
Where to chill: I enjoy shopping with my family at the Sawgrass Mills Mall, and taking in a concert or hockey game at the Amerant Bank Arena.

Party central: In Sunrise, a must-do is attending one of our free monthly Tunes 'N Trucks outdoor concerts. We host them from October through June each year at our Sunrise Civic Center amphitheater and at our City Park in eastern Sunrise.

**Melting pot:** We are an international destination for Indian, Asian, British, Jamaican, Italian, Caribbean, Peruvian, Persian, Korean, Argentinian, Latin American, Brazilian, and one of my favorites - Vietnamese cuisine at the Pho 07! I enjoy the freshness, variety, culture, traditions and ambiance of each.

**Bonus share:** Sunrise has the second largest tourist attraction in Florida (Sawgrass Mills Mall), only behind Disney World.







**Stats:** I am 48, married to my amazing wife Adi, and we have two sons, Daniel (15) and Jonathan (12). I grew up in Plantation and love raising our family here. It is a great privilege to serve on the Plantation City Council.

Where to chill: We have an amazing Parks and Recreation Department that puts on great events at Central Park and our newly renovated Pine Island Park. You can see all your neighbors in one place.

Community fun: Two favorite events are our 4th of July Parade and Holiday Parades, whether I am on the sidewalk cheering or riding with my family in one of the vehicles. The Plantation Fire Department Bar-B-Q has great food and entertainment.

**Shop local:** I like the good cup of coffee and breakfast I get at Plantation Diner, Broadway Bagels and Marian's Bagel Shop. Each one is a small, locallyowned business that is warm and welcoming.

**Bonus share:** The city of Plantation is the geographical center of Broward County. We have 42 parks and amazing parades and concerts.



Stats: I am a 35 year old wife and mom of a 7-month-old baby girl. I love exercise and hanging with family and friends. I work for the Chamber of Commerce, so planning events and being out in the community is very important to me.

Where to chill: The new Plantation Walk area is great for dinner and walking around. Plantation has a ton of parks that are ideal for working out and family activities.

**Never a dull moment:** I frequent quite a few gyms in the area that do pop up workouts. With the baby, we like to go to parks that have splash pads and playgrounds. Broward Mall has two museums that are great for small children also. We have an awesome farmers market on Saturdays at Volunteer Park, and the Wednesday food trucks

**Dining out:** Kaluz Restaurant is a good date spot. We love hidden gems like Mustard Seed and II Baretto. Maple and Cream is a favorite breakfast



A pickleball match at Bamford Park.



**Davie** 

Stats: I'm a 25-year-old student in Nova Southeastern University's physical therapy program. I have lived in South Florida my whole life. I love to play pickleball, go on bike rides through nature,

hang out with friends and eat delicious food.

Where to chill: Bamford Park is home to soccer fields, baseball fields, tennis and pickleball courts, walking trails and a few outdoor workout stations.

Park and play: Tree Tops Park is beautiful, with boat rentals and fishing, playgrounds for younger children and a venue that you can rent for events. They have food trucks on the first Thursday of every month.

**Sweet eats:** Kristof's Kafe is a small breakfast spot off State Road 84 and Pine Island Road with a small, cozy, local vibe. I love the biscuits and gravy, but for something sweet, I'll get their Strawberry French Toast.



Walk is a great place to live, work and play.



Sawgrass Mills Mall promises a productive day of shopping in stylish surroundings. The location 25 minutes from Fort Lauderdale International Airport and 45 minutes from Miami International Airport makes it a great stop for an extra travel day, as much as it is a treat for those who live in the area. With more than 350 stores spread across its sprawling campus, Sawgrass Mills Mall is the largest outlet shopping location in the country. You may find a single day is simply not enough to uncover every hidden gem.

#### LUXURY

Within Sawgrass Mills is a specialty collection of luxury brand stores grouped into one convenient location, the Colonnade Outlets. It would be no problem to spend a full day exploring, window shopping and splurging on luxury goods in this section without ever stepping into the rest of the mall. For stunning modern clothes with vintage twists, head to Sandro, a Parisbased luxury brand. For the signature shoes and accessories that have dominated the fashion world for decades, stop at Dolce & Gabbana. Pick up some mod patterned looks from Italian brand Etro, or Psycho Bunny with their mischievous rabbit skull and crossbones motifs.





#### **KID-FRIENDLY**

Those shopping with or for little ones have an array of choices. Visit The Children's Place, Gymboree or OshKosh B'Gosh for a range of affordable outfits, or the Polo Ralph Lauren children's factory store for a more upscale look. Babycottons is an ultra-sweet infant clothing store. Kids can entertain themselves on small rides and even bungee activities throughout the mall. And after a long day, reward them with a stop at the LEGO store.



#### TRENDY

For more cost-effective price tags, Sawgrass Mills offers countless options. Rag & Bone is known for incredible fashion statements, including an amazing selection of outerwear and shoes. Ralph Lauren has a time-honored reputation for simple, fashionforward pieces. Scotch & Soda is a couture brand from Amsterdam with plenty of colorful statement looks amid simple, classic pieces. 7 for All Mankind is known for fantastic, quality denim, among a catalog of other cool clothing. And Lululemon is a popular stop for high-quality leggings and workout clothes.





#### **SPORTS**

At Sawgrass Mills Mall, options for sports equipment and athletic apparel hit it out of the park. You can stock up on brand-name, high-performance athletic shoes at places like Nike Factory Store, New Balance Factory Store and Adidas Outlet Store, all massive locations packed with every imaginable style. For more shoe options, Foot Locker has two locations in Sawgrass Mills and its family store, Champs Sports, also has a location with plenty of great sportswear and equipment. If it's sunglasses, sport goggles and specialty sports lenses you seek, stop by Oakley Vault for one of the leading performance brands in the world. And for those who prefer water sports over land games, O'Neill is the destination for surf gear.







## **TECH**

If you're not out to shop for clothes, tech browsing may be more up your alley. You can pick up all sorts of gaming supplies at Gamestop, best known for video games and consoles, though the store also offers collectibles, fandom clothing, and other electronics. Or if you don't quite know what you're looking for, BrandsMart USA is a perfect option for hours of browsing electronics, appliances and home goods.



### BARGAIN

Those hunting for the lowest prices can check out Claire's and Francesca's for affordable jewelry for all ages, Nordstrom Rack, T.J. Maxx and Marshalls for discounted fashion, shoes and accessories, and Bath and Body Works for scrubs, soaps and candles sure to delight. Get the look of a Rolex without the hefty price tag at Citizen's Watch.

#### **DINING**

To recharge during your day of luxury, stop for lunch at one of the eateries within the Colonnade Outlets, like juicy burgers at Grand Lux Cafe, wood-fired brick oven pizzas from Matchbox, or traditional Italian recipes from Villagio. Those on the go will enjoy quick bites from Shake Shack or fast-food options from the food court, while others willing to try something new should experiment with sushigami's conveyor belt of dishes, or an adventurous meal at Rainforest Cafe complete with realistic tropical vegetation, faux rainstorms and bellowing elephants.





The charming and tranquil cities of Plantation and Davie are bustling with active shopping strips that blend the cozy allure of a close-knit community with various modern retail offerings.



### **DAVIE'S SHOPPING CORRIDOR**

Davie's shopping corridor, anchored by the Tower Shops, is a haven for those seeking retail therapy, delectable dining and engaging leisure. With renowned stores, including treasures like Painting with a Twist, where artistic inspiration flourishes, Avenue Nail Spa for pampering, and the famed DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse for stylish footwear, the Tower Shops cater to the dynamic needs of their eclectic clientele. Further up and down the strip, Costco Wholesale, Hobby Lobby and Whole Foods offer popular convenience.

#### **BROWARD MALL**

Broward Mall is a fusion of traditional and modern. Stepping into the mall unveils a world where shopping intertwines with entertainment. Well known brands await, specialty stores thrive, and options are plentiful in the food court and restaurants. Celebrate cinema with the on-site movie theater. The mall is anchored by JCPenney, Dillard's, Macy's and Victoria's Secret, while other storefronts are home to arts organizations like Island SPACE Caribbean Museum and Young at Art.

#### PLANTATION WALK

With every visit to Plantation Walk, you're promised a delightful exploration of diverse culinary traditions. The aroma of freshly baked pizza beckons you to Frank Pepe Pizzeria, where tradition meets innovation in every slice. For those seeking a sweet escapade, Chill-N stands ready to impress with innovative frozen treats. Meanwhile, at Tacocraft, a world of fresh ingredients and spices unfolds. Plantation Walk isn't just a destination, it's a rendezvous for food lovers to indulge in a medley of flavors.

#### THE FOUNTAINS

This enchanting plaza combines renowned retail giants with charming boutiques, creating an ambiance tailored to families and shoppers seeking the perfect retreat. Whether you're hunting for the latest page-turner at Barnes & Noble, tapping your inner artist with a visit to Joann Fabrics and Crafts, or treating your taste buds to an exquisite culinary journey at Brio, this destination suits.

▼ Discover something new at The Fountains in Plantation. Carrot Express is a great lunch option when strolling Plantation Walk.







Davie residents are known for their deep love of all things equestrian — a significant portion of the population owns horses and hundreds once rode to a town council meeting to protest a plan to tear down the rodeo arena.

he Bergeron Rodeo Grounds stands at the heart of Davie. After the arena was saved by the 1978 horseback protest, the Davie Rodeo Association was formed as part of an effort spearheaded by rodeo star Troy Weekley and Ron Bergeron Sr., a former rodeo champ who also is the subject of Tanya Tucker's song, "Alligator Man."

The Town of Davie named the arena Bergeron Rodeo Grounds in honor of the family's contributions to the sport and town itself.

Bergeron's father, Percy, founded the local grocery and was among the area leaders who brought rodeo to the small town with big spirit. Bergeron, 77, hung up his ropes in 2018, but the tradition continues with his six children, who he introduced to the sport as they drove across the country for rodeos.

Today, rodeo is still the heart of Davie, drawing thousands of people for weekly regional exhibitions,

Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association events every other month, and the PRCA Southeastern Circuit Finals each November. The Davie Arena at Bergeron Rodeo Grounds, which is available to rent, boasts 72,000 square feet of indoor-outdoor space with seating for 5,000 people. But there is a lot more than just horsing around. The complex hosts a number of town-sponsored events, such as the Davie Jazz Festival and the Taste of Davie. Visitors can also enjoy the occasional concert or monster truck show.

Plans for commercial and residential development keep Davie's Western style at the center of architecture and atmosphere. The walkable downtown will feature frontier-styled wood railings, vintage lanterns and buildings in earth-tone colors to honor the look of what was past while incorporating modern convenience and ingenuity.



Davie shines as a hub for higher learning, with a number of prestigious colleges and universities.

Broward College's A. Hugh Adams Central Campus opened in 1963.

hile most institutions offer on-campus accommodations, off-campus developments like University Pointe at Downtown Davie and Centro at Davie offer comfort and convenience with a bit more flexibility for the South Florida lifestyle. Here are some of the schools of higher learning to consider when thinking of a move to Greater Fort Lauderdale.

Established in 1964, Nova
Southeastern University's Davie
campus is characterized by stateof-the-art facilities, modern
architecture and green spaces
that foster a conducive learning
atmosphere. They offer more
than 200 degree programs,
ranging from art and design to
biological sciences, real estate
and mathematics, with graduate
programs like occupational therapy
education and health care law.

Florida Atlantic University is big on research and innovation.

Follow your interests in the arts, humanities or social sciences here. Students can explore more than 170 degree programs, certificates and interdisciplinary studies, making FAU worthy of the past title of Florida's most diverse public university. Offered degrees include anthropology, artificial intelligence, biology, educational leadership, instructional design and Latin American studies. You can even study abroad.

Broward College is renowned for its accessibility and comprehensive curriculum. More than 50,000 students study at their campuses each year: the second-largest enrollment in the Florida College System. The school prepares students for careers in arts, business, social work, education, nursing and science. After completion, students can secure employment or pursue further education through transfer programs.

Educators at University of

Florida Ft. Lauderdale Research & Education Center are all about facing real-world problems and learning by doing. Research focus areas include sea level resilience, aquatic plant management, termites and palm production. Florida provides a practical environment for examining the consequences of rising sea levels, including urban areas, farmlands and the extensive Everglades, advancing educational and research opportunities.

McFatter Technical Center focuses on hands-on learning in the working world, equipping students with essential skills for today's ever-changing job landscape, encompassing fields like arts, technology and communications. The digital media / multimedia design technology program teaches the newest software for creating videos, websites and animations.

Davie's got an array of educational opportunities to choose from, to lay the foundation for a bright future.

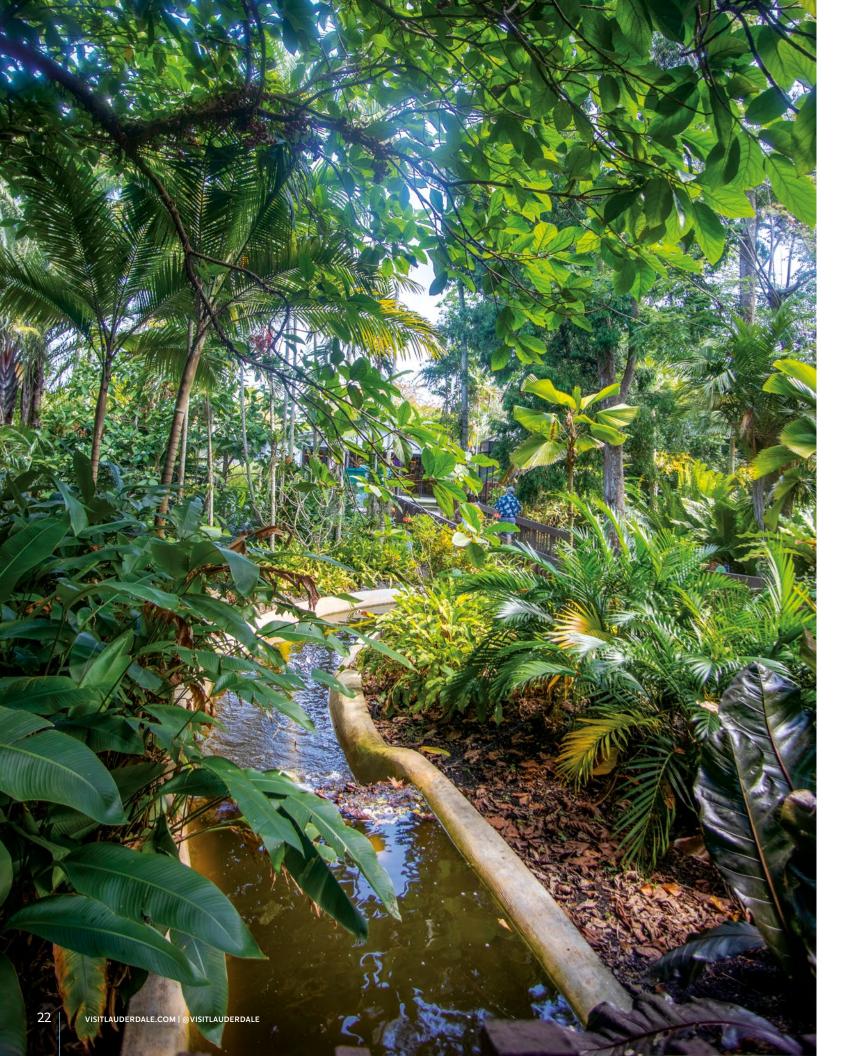






ome to some of the last natural jungle in South Florida, Flamingo Gardens is a lush tropical paradise. The 60 acres of property include breathtaking botanical gardens brimming with more than 3,000 tropical, subtropical and native plants.

The onsite Everglades Wildlife Sanctuary features a variety of rescued fauna, including black bears, panthers, bobcats, alligators, peacocks and, of course, flamingos. The sanctuary is Florida's largest collection of native wildlife with over 85 native species and a team that provides a safe haven for injured birds and animals unable to re-enter the wild.







Nature lovers are welcome to stroll along meandering pathways in the main arboretum, cool under the shade of some of Florida's largest trees, including the largest single-trunk tree in the state. Bromeliads, crotons, butterflies and hummingbirds have distinct places of their own in the specialty gardens nestled along the way. Take the guided tram tour through the property, then stop at the flamingo pond and feed these gentle, wading birds.

Surrounded by a sweeping hammock of two-century-old live oaks blanketed in orchids, ferns and air plants is the historic Wray Home Museum. Built in the early 1930s, this recently restored building offers a window to the past with valued heirlooms on display. History and nature happily coexist here in the heart of Flamingo Gardens.

750 S. Flamingo Road flamingogardens.org

#### PLANTATION, DAVIE, SUNRISE

## RESTAURANTS

Three Florida towns situated between the wild Everglades and the glitz of Fort Lauderdale – Plantation, Davie and Sunrise – offer just-right dining options for locals and travelers alike. Historic buildings and ranches anchor the towns, which also offer relaxed living, year-round sunshine and diverse culinary choices.

## DAVIF



## **POKE RAMEN ASIAN SOUL KITCHEN**

■ This innovative eatery combines the best poke and ramen dishes, creating a delightful symphony of tastes. They've earned five-star reviews on Yelp for fantastic food and keen attention to detail. Customize your poke bowl or sushi burrito with fresh ingredients like salmon, shrimp tempura and surimi crab, or savor signature creations like the spicy tuna ramen. The decor balances minimalist aesthetics with wooden accents, evoking a sense of tranquility. With an excellent mix of Asian-inspired vibes and a modern touch, this standout Japanese eatery is perfect for a business lunch or date night.



>>> 1908 S. University Drive | pokeramensoul.com

## **CEVICHE 595**

► This seafood grill specializing in Peruvian fare earned a five-star rating and Traveler's Choice Award from TripAdvisor. If you're lucky, you'll visit when the special is a red snapper – deep fried and cradling a mound of fried yuca and sweet potatoes. For an energizing, bright taste of Florida seafood, order the leche de tigre mixta. The "tiger's milk" sauce of lime, chiles, ginger, onion, fish stock and salt tenderly cures shrimp and other seafood in this savory dish.

> 1910 S. University Drive ceviche595.com



## PLANTATION

## **JUST SPOONS CAFE**

► Founded by a second generation New York chef, with a moniker that plays on the owners' family name, Witherspoon, Just Spoons Cafe beckons soul food enthusiasts with its moody atmosphere and ethnic artistic decor. As you explore the menu, you'll discover rich entrees like curry snapper and shrimp, or fried catfish. If you are vegan, fret not. The vegan Philly cheese steak skillet mimics the northern favorite with grilled beef filling. And try the electric boogie with prosecco, pineapple, lemon and Blue Curacao.



7023 W. Broward Blvd. | justspoonscafe.com



#### PARLOUR VEGAN BAKERY

■ With recipes representing cultures from Colombia to Israel, this restaurant offers bold, allergen-and-planetconscious treats. If you want lunch before dessert, dip the mojo "pork" and yuca empanada in a red pepper aioli, spice it up with a Jamaican "beef" patty, or order vegan tamales to take home. But the real highlight is the sweets. Enjoy the butterbeer donut inspired by the Harry Potter series and the unicorn cookie drenched in rainbow sprinkles. Favorites include the cheeseand-guava pastelito, a Cuban classic, and the white chocolate macadamia cookie sandwiches with lemon frosting and curd. While you're at it, sip an iced tea or hot coffee.



1487 S. University Drive #3 | parlourcurb.com



## **VIGNETOS ITALIAN GRILL**

▶ Ideal for casual family dining or a new date night, Vignetos, established in 2003, has become a go-to for authentic Italian favorites and fresh seafood. Indulge in a robust entree of veal, seafood, poultry or pizza, and a wine pairing from the extensive list. For your main course, try Joe's pesto pasta layered with creamy spinach and chicken or the asiago gnocchi with vodka sauce. There are options for vegans and vegetarians too, like handcrafted margherita pizza, signature salads and eggplant stacks. Welcoming guests for lunch and dinner starting at 4 p.m. daily, Vignetos offers generous



1511 S. University Drive | vignetosplantation.com



### PLANTATION



#### **KALUZ PLANTATION**

▲ With floor to ceiling windows and breathtaking decor, Kaluz is an upscale restaurant that offers a contemporary American menu featuring Chilean sea bass, classic filet mignon with Béarnaise sauce, and fire grilled artichoke, as well as handcrafted cocktails. The chic ambiance and open-air patio create an inviting atmosphere, making it ideal for romantic dinners or celebrations. Enjoy special cocktails and a great wine selection. Save room for homemade desserts.





#### **BORSALINO CAFE**

▲ The vibe at Borsalino Cafe is reminiscent of home. The aroma of fresh baked bread and coffee wafts through the air. Options include cajun salmon quinoa, cacio and pepe pasta, and an array of juices. For a dish both hearty and fancy, the Cuban pork benedict is a soft croissant filled with slowcooked pork, poached eggs and creamy hollandaise sauce. The setting is intimate, cozy and inviting.

1045 S. University Drive | borsalinocafe.com

#### **TACOCRAFT**

301 N. University Drive

## **PLANTATION** DINER

hearty breakfasts, homestyle meatloaf dinner, Plantation

6903 W. Broward Blvd. plantationdiner.com

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## FRANK PEPE **PIZZERIA NAPOLETANA**

▼ Founded in 1925, this legendary pizzeria serves Neapolitan-style pizzas cooked to perfection in a coal-fired oven. Savor the simplicity of the famous white clam pizza, featuring fresh clams, garlic, and oregano on a bed of grated Pecorino Romano cheese. Or enjoy the bold flavors of a classic original tomato pie where garden-fresh red native tomatoes meet a blend of herbs, mozzarella cheese and a golden crust.

341 N. University Drive pepespizzeria.com

## **ROCK & BREWS**

A Rock & Brews offers a culinary experience that combines the headbanger's lifestyle with craft beer and non-traditional comfort food. At this rock-inspired eatery with music memorabilia adorning the walls, feast on American classics from oversized, multi-layered burger selections to a variety of saucy wings and giant soft Bavarian pretzels. Other comfort foods include loaded cheese fries and shrimp sriracha. With its lively atmosphere and extensive craft beer selection, Rock & Brews is a haven for music and food enthusiasts.



341 N. University Drive, Ste. 1100 | rockandbrews.com

#### MAPLE AND CREAM

375 N. University Drive | mapleandcream.com

#### THAI MEAL

8257 W. Sunrise Blvd. | goodthaimeal.com

## SUNRISE



#### ALL THAT JAZZ RESTAURANT

▲ The name sums it up. ALL THAT JAZZ Restaurant caters to diners looking for good tunes with great eats. The local stalwart offers an upscale take on homestyle dinners with live music on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. The pastas, puttanesca and meatballs might make you think of Italy, but dishes also draw from international fusions central to New Orleans and Caribbean flavors, with vegan and gluten free options available.



3491 Hiatus Road | allthatjazzcafe.com

## **RAINFOREST CAFE**

12801 W. Sunrise Blvd.



#### YARD HOUSE

shrimp taco.

2610 Sawgrass Mills Circle, Ste. 1401 yardhouse.com

#### THE BAKED BEAR

▲ This franchise, specializing in homemade ice cream cookie sandwiches, started in Northern California but found fans in Southern Florida. It's the latest, scrumptious variation of the build-your-own trend. Start by picking the cookies (or brownies), then a cold scoop for your center. Butter brittle cake? Salted caramel fudge? After that, you can have your sandwich drizzled in fudge or rolled in heath bar bits. But you can't eat without answering one last question: Do you want your cookies hot pressed to maximize the gooey goodness?



2604 Sawgrass Mills Circle, Ste. 1125 | thebakedbear.com



## **SIGNATURE GRAND GHOUL**

ON THE

Major events that showcase and celebrate local culture are put on by and for the Sunrise, Davie and

Plantation communities.

Experience the thrill of the spookiest (and most philanthropic) Halloween bash in Davie: The Signature Grand Ghoul. Every October, the sprawling mansion undergoes a spine-chilling transformation into a haunted house for both the young and young at heart. Don your best costume for the contest and bring your friends to eat and drink the night away at the open bar and luxury buffets. Or hit the dance floor for the music. Don't forget to bid in the silent auction. General admission and VIP tickets are available.

6900 State Road 84 thesignaturegrand.com/ signature-grand-ghoul



## **TUNES AND TRUCKS**

Embrace the local scene with this Friday night fusion of music, dancing and food. From October through June, immerse yourself in the atmosphere of this free outdoor concert series at either the Sunrise Civic Center Amphitheater or City Park, where live bands bring hip hop, jazz, top-40 and country to life. Indulge in the food trucks, which open at 6 p.m., giving you ample time to savor each bite before the band hits the stage at 7 p.m. Bring your lawn chair or blanket.

> 10610 W Oakland Park Blvd. and 6600 Sunset Strip | sunrisefl.gov



Johnny Wild and the Delights

performing at Tunes and Trucks in Sunrise.

## INDEPENDENCE **DAY CELEBRATION**

The city of Plantation's annual Independence Day Celebration has been observed for more than 70 years. The street parade starts at 9 a.m. at West Broward Boulevard and N.W. 46th Avenue, and traverses the city before ending at City Hall. Later in the evening, live music, kids activities and the highly anticipated fireworks show take place at Plantation Central Park. Make yourself comfortable on the grass, enjoy the colorful display and indulge in tasty treats.

9151 N.W. 2nd St. | plantation.org

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## DAVIE

## **OFF THE WALL**

Immerse yourself in everything from wall-to-wall trampolines and heart-pounding extreme dodgeball to the excitement of trampoline slam dunk basketball. Step into the realm of virtual reality games or engage in epic battles in the state-of-the-art laser tag arena. Explore the arcade games, both classic and modern, offering the chance to win e-tickets for fantastic prizes. Off the Wall is also home to the Rec Room, an on-site dining experience complete with offerings to satisfy adults and children alike.

The ultimate destination for year-round, indoor entertainment, Off the Wall has prices just as nice as the experience. Visit the website to explore activity costs, discover weekly specials or make event

9130 W. State Road 84 | otwusa.com/davie

## PLANTATION

## **URBAN AIR AND ADVENTURE PARK**

For a thrilling, high-energy adventure, look no further than Urban Air and Adventure Park. They offer a dizzying array of exhilarating activities. Want to play a friendly game of dodgeball? They have courts for that. Head to the Warrior Obstacle Course to test your ninja skills. Love to jump? Bounce over to the trampoline

The park can facilitate a memorable birthday party, casual gathering with friends or a family outing. To keep hunger at bay, Urban Cafe serves up refreshing fountain drinks, pizza and more. Visit the website to grab tickets, inquire about memberships or book an unforgettable event.



801 S. University Drive | urbanair.com

## Outdoors

#### **PLANTATION**

#### Fig Tree Park

Green space with a playground, basketball courts, baseball fields, a pavilion and picnic tables. 620 S. Fig Tree Lane

#### **Happy Tails Dog Park** at Seminole Park

Within the larger Seminole Park, this dog park is divided into three areas for large dogs, small dogs and an exercise playground. 6600 S.W. 16th St.

#### **Jim Ward Park**

The main play area has two ADA swings and musical pieces throughout the grounds for sensory play. 301 N.W. 46th Ave.

#### **Plantation Central Park**

Enjoy two Olympic-size pools, sports courts, roller hockey rinks, pickleball courts, two playgrounds and more. 9151 N.W. 2nd St.

#### **Plantation Heritage Park**

Bike the nature trail, play disc golf and picnic on the lawn. 1100 S. Fig Tree Lane

#### **Seminole Park**

Open spaces with jogging trail, sand volleyball, playground, barbeque grills and picnic facilities. 6600 S.W. 16th St.

## **SUNRISE**

#### **City Park**

5.5-acre space with multipurpose field, fitness stations, an amphitheater, pavilions, splash pad, shaded playground and covered basketball courts. 6600 Sunset Strip

#### **Cypress Preserve Park**

Amenities include a disc golf course, splash pad, nature trail, exercise stations and pavilions. 9020 N.W. 38th St.

#### Flamingo Park

This park offers covered basketball courts, tennis courts, soccer fields and a walking path with exercise equipment. 12855 N.W. 8th St.

#### **Markham Park and Target Range**

Expansive park offering outdoor rifle and pistol range, skeet and trap, an archery range, disc golf, mountain bike trails, campgrounds and sports fields of all kinds. 16001 W. State Road 84

#### Oak Hammock Park

Environmental boardwalk, ADAaccessible playground, nature trails, the Live Oak Chess Patio, pavilions and more. 9220 N.W. 44th St.

#### Oscar Wind Park

This park features a baseball field, soccer field, picnic pavilion, playground and walking path. 200 N. New River Circle

#### **Sawgrass Sanctuary**

This nature park and learning center includes an observation platform, fishing pier, 200-foot boardwalk, walking path, pavilions and a concert platform. 237 N. New River Circle

## Welleby Park

At nearly 29 acres, Welleby Park is one of the largest parks in the City with picnic pavilions, walking trails and a play area. 11100 N.W. 44th St.

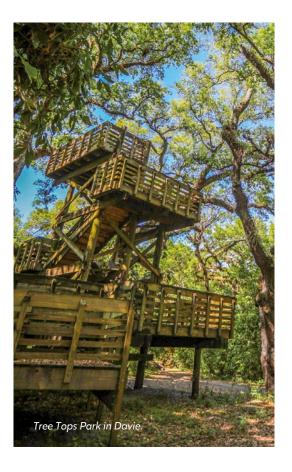
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#### **Bergeron Park**

3.5 acre neighborhood park with a large shelter for event rentals, picnic tables, grills and a playground. 1900 S. Nob Hill Road

#### Berman Park

Smaller neighborhood park with picnic tables, play area equipment and a handball court. 5801 S.W. 58th Ave.



#### **Davie Veterans Park**

It might only be half an acre, but this neighborhood park includes a picnic area and fishing facilities. 5750 S.W. 39th St.

#### Shenandoah Park

The park has a shelter with a grill, playground, sports fields, tennis court, roller hockey rink and treelined recreational trails. 14601 S.W. 14th St.

#### Tree Tops Park

Amid 23 acres of restored freshwater marsh and nature trails, find an equestrian center, fishing facilities, volleyball, picnic areas and rentable wedding space. 3900 S.W. 100th Ave.

#### **Vista View Park**

The highest man-made elevation in Broward County, these 271 acres are popular with bicyclists, horseback riders and picnickers on 4th of July. 4001 S.W. 142nd Ave.

#### **Wolf Lake Park**

Wrapped around the lake are 50 acres of green space, including an equestrian trail, a large shelter with picnic tables and charcoal grills. 5400 S.W. 76th Ave.

## Resources

#### **ATM BANKS**

## Bank of America ATM (Drive-thru)

8800 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise

#### **Cardtronics ATM**

1205 S. Nob Hill Road, Davie

#### City National Bank Presto! ATM

10155 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise

#### Presto! ATM at Publix

1181 S. University Drive, Plantation

## PriorityONE Credit Union of Florida ATM

3000 N. University Drive, Sunrise

#### **FITNESS**

## The Camp Transformation Center

Dynamic interval workouts and nutrition plans. 7814 N.W. 44th St., Sunrise 954-530-0040 thecamptc.com

#### **G20 Fitness**

Outdoor group strength and conditioning. 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd., Plantation 954-357-3770 g20fitness.com

#### **New Body Architects**

For body transformation and weight loss. 8958 Cleary Blvd., Plantation 954-232-0285 newbodyarchitects.com



#### Planet Fitness

Machines, cardio and strength training. 8219 W. Sunrise Blvd., Plantation 954-424-9190 planetfitness.com

## Youfit Health Clubs

State of the art facilities. 2101 N. University Drive, Sunrise 954-742-9100 youfit.com

#### **MARKETS**

#### **American Latina Market**

Dedicated to Latin American foods. 3700 Davie Road, Davie american-latina-market. business.site

## Doris Italian Market & Bakery

Italian specialty goods. 10057A Sunset Strip, Sunrise dorismarket.com

#### Food Fair Wholesale Fresh Market

International groceries, meat & dairy. 7139 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation foodfairfreshmarket.com

## Foodtown Supermarket

Groceries, baked goods & frozen foods, health & beauty products. 6431 Stirling Road, Davie foodtownflorida.com

#### **The Fresh Market**

Local produce, prepared eats, wine & more. 12171 W. Sunrise Blvd., Plantation thefreshmarket.com

#### **Jerusalem Market**

Speciality Middle Eastern groceries. 1757 N. University Drive, Plantation jerusalemarket.com

#### **Neighbors Food Market**

Groceries, large selection of Caribbean products. 6041 W. Sunrise Blvd., Sunrise neighborsiga.com

#### **New York Mart**

Asian goods, fresh fish, meats & produce. 10065 Sunset Strip, Sunrise newyorkmart.com

## Publix Super Market at Sawgrass Square

Groceries, deli & bakery.
Offers: In-store shopping,

Curbside pickup & Delivery 12500 W. Sunrise Blvd., Sunrise publix.com

#### Trader Joe's

Groceries, signature items, produce, dairy & more. 2296 S. University Drive, Davie traderjoes.com

#### Walmart Neighborhood Market

Groceries. 1885 N. Pine Island Road, Plantation walmart.com

## CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

## Davie-Cooper City Chamber of Commerce

Working with business, government, charitable, and educational institutions to identify common areas of interest and build better.
6191 Orange Drive,
Suite 6177, Davie
954-581-0790
davie-coopercity.org

## **Greater Plantation Chamber**

Providing opportunities for economic success and a voice for their members. 7401 N.W. 4th St., Plantation 954-587-1410 plantationchamber.org

## Sunrise Chamber Of Commerce

Dedicated business network supporting the growth of local companies and the city of Sunrise. 6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise 954-835-2428 sunrisechamber.org



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