

## Englewood Beach parking lot to reopen April 2

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The southern entrance to Englewood Beach parking lot will reopen on Wednesday, April 2, providing pedestrian access onto the beach. Parking spaces will be limited. In addition, Charlotte County Transit will provide a park and ride service to the beach from Tringali Park located at 3460 N. Access Road in Englewood. This pilot program will operate 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Saturday. The shuttle will depart Tringali Park at the top of each hour and the bottom of the hour from Chadwick Park.

For a list of Charlotte County Transit passenger rules and regulations visit <https://tinyurl.com/CCTransitRules>.

The remainder of Englewood Beach park will remain closed due to safety concerns. Portable toilets will be available for temporary restroom facilities. Patrons are advised to only use designated “dune walk through” access points and to be diligent and alert for hazards.

### Enhanced security

Beginning with the April 8, 2025 County Commission meeting in the Charlotte County Administration Center, the county will be implementing enhanced security procedures.

All members of the public and their property entering Room 119 (commission chamber) will be subject to search. Metal detectors will be installed at the entrance to Room 119. Security staff and sheriff’s deputies will be deployed to conduct screenings of people and their belongings. Hand-held metal detectors will also be employed to address unresolved walk-through metal detector alarms.

Pat downs and visual inspections may be employed by Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office deputies to resolve walkthrough or hand-held metal detector alarms.

No weapons, firearms, flammables, knives, sharp objects, pepper spray or mace will be allowed into Room 119.

All members of the public leaving Room 119 during a commission meeting, must go through the metal detector again before re-entering.

Members of the public have the right to refuse to be screened or to have their hand-carried belongings inspected or to withdraw permission to be screened after it has begun — unless an obvious threat has been identified. Persons exercising these rights to refuse screening will not be allowed into Room 119.

If you have business before the commission or are planning to provide public input, please time your arrival accordingly due to the potential delays in entering Room 119.

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