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Get Up...
and visit our Libraries & Historical Center

Get Out...
to the Parks

Get Active...
with Recreation

and Do More with Extension Services

See the pages inside The Guide for details!!!

Cover Photo:

So many fun things to do & enjoy in Charlotte County!!



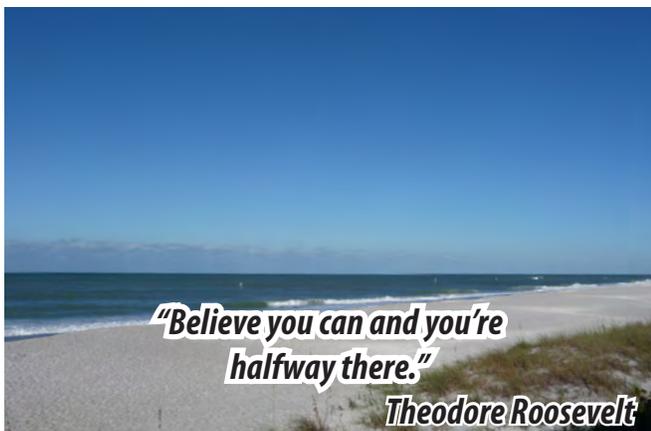
Charlotte County roots run deep and strong. Those roots are based in specific values that define who we are as a community. The values of Integrity, Customer Service, Partnership, Innovation, and Stewardship are how Charlotte County Government defines how we conduct ourselves. Community Services strives to exemplify those values on a daily basis. We are committed to honesty and excellence in customer service. We are committed to working cooperatively within the community, and being good stewards of our resources. We are committed to being innovative in the delivery of quality of life experiences.

You will be seeing some exciting changes come to Charlotte County very soon. The 1% Local Sales Tax projects are moving along nicely. Currently we have: the South County Library design near completion, with construction due to start next year; the 2 new recreation centers to be built at North Charlotte Regional and Ann Dever Regional Parks have kicked off their design process and are due to start construction next summer; McGuire Park renovation, to include a community splash pad and significant park improvements, will be get underway early next year; the Veterans Park design is almost complete, with construction due to start next spring; and the 3 current recreation center renovations are being designed as we speak. These are all very exciting projects and will certainly add to the excellent quality of life in Charlotte County.

In this program guide, you can expect to find information on specific facilities and programs you came to Charlotte County to enjoy: beaches, boat ramps, fishing piers, artificial reefs and many other water based activities; environmental parks, trails, and nature programs; recreation centers, athletic facilities and programming; Parks, playgrounds and amenities; libraries and their thousands of books and services; the preservation of our County's rich history through the Historical Center and Archive; and of course we are home to the Charlotte County Sports Park and Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center! It's all right here in Charlotte County!

Please be safe and enjoy the opportunities available to us all here in Charlotte County!

Sincerely,
Tommy Scott
Director, Charlotte County Community Services



Please take a moment to tell us how we are doing by taking these short surveys.



www.surveymonkey.com/s/CommunityServicesParticipationSurvey



www.surveymonkey.com/s/CharlotteCountyLibrarySurvey

WHO IS COMMUNITY SERVICES

Charlotte County Community Services is committed to providing quality programs and facilities for residents and visitors to our county. We believe recreation and leisure activities, reading, music, art, and history are essential to personal growth, positive self-esteem, and relaxation. Our parks and open spaces are an integral part of our community identity.

There are five divisions within Community Services dedicated to providing these services: Administration, Extension Service, Libraries and History, Parks and Natural Resources, and Recreation.

Extension Service

Charlotte County Extension Service is a partnership between the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Charlotte County government, to provide scientific knowledge and expertise to the public. Operating as part of the University's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the Extension provides information and conducts educational programs on issues such as sustainable agriculture, competitiveness in world markets, natural resource conservation, energy conservation, food safety, child and family development, consumer credit counseling, and youth development.

Libraries and History

The Libraries and Historical Division provides materials, assistance, and computers to meet the information and recreation needs of the community; meeting spaces for community groups and businesses; historic preservation and exhibits; programs and events to support literacy, lifelong learning, and educating the community about the history of Charlotte County by operating three Community Libraries, one Regional Library, and the Charlotte County Historical Center.

Community Services Mission Statement

To enhance the quality of life by providing safe, well maintained, accessible facilities for all users; managing and safeguarding natural ecosystems for public access for recreation and environmental education; offering a wide variety of quality recreation experiences for all ages; providing access to a wide range of library, historical, and cultural materials, collections, and resources to meet the information, education, and recreation needs of the public.

Parks and Natural Resources

Parks and Natural Resources Division enhances quality of life by providing safe, well maintained, accessible park and athletic facilities for all users including athletic fields, beaches, parks and conservation lands, playgrounds, fishing piers, and boat ramps; managing and safeguarding natural ecosystems for public access for passive recreation and environmental education; enhancing community life by preserving clean air and water, conservation of wildlife and natural resources, and management of Habitat Conservation Plans.

Recreation

The Recreation Division programs and safely operates four Recreation Centers and three Aquatic Facilities; provides summer and break camp for children grades K-8; coordinates special interest classes for the public, develops and implements youth and adult sport activities to promote active lifestyles; provide swimming lessons and aquatic safety training for the public; provides special events for community enjoyment and economic benefit; and coordinates athletic facility use by youth and adult sports leagues, schedules and rents facilities, including the Charlotte Sports Park, home of the Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training and the Charlotte Stone Crabs minor league baseball team.

DISCOVER & EXPLORE COMMUNITY SERVICES

In the Charlotte County Community Service's Activities, Programs & Facility Guide you will find seasonal and annual programs for many interests and ages. The guide is published twice a year and is distributed throughout the county at key locations, as well as online at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov. The following information will provide an overview for first-time and ongoing users. We welcome your comments and suggestions. E-mail us at CommunityServices@CharlotteCountyFL.gov or call 941.625.PLAY(7529).

Credit and Debit Cards

Charlotte County Community Services accepts major credit cards and debit cards (MasterCard and Visa) for payment of selected programs and services at all of our facilities. A minimum charge of \$1.50 is required.

Satisfaction Guarantee Policy

If you are not satisfied with a class or are unable to participate for any reason, please contact us immediately. Our policy is to provide a 100% credit or refund (your choice) to anyone who makes a written request before the start of the second class. Requests received after the second class will entitle participants to a prorated refund. Prorated refunds will

be based on the number of classes remaining at the time the written application for refund is made.

"Say Cheese" Photo Policy

Program participants may be photographed/videotaped by the Charlotte County Community Services Department and the local media for publicity of our programs. Unless you request otherwise, you or your child's participation in these programs will be considered permission for Charlotte County to photograph or audio/video tape you or your child for use in our publications or promotional materials, in any medium, without restrictions. Charlotte County Community Services understands some participants may object to this use. Please notify the Community Services Department at the time of your registration or participation if you object to Charlotte County using your image or your child's image in this manner.

Program Accessibility Statement

Charlotte County Community Services welcomes and encourages all people, regardless of ability, to participate in the programs listed in this brochure and to enjoy our facilities. If you require special assistance to participate in a program, please contact the facility supervisor prior to the activity. Reasonable accommodations will be made for you to participate.

Employment Opportunities

From time to time there are opportunities for employment within the department. For a variety of full time & part time positions, including seasonal positions within our Parks & Recreation Divisions, please visit www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov and click Job Opportunities on the left. We are an equal opportunity employer.

Get Active Online

Get Active Online! Search and register for programs, classes or even summer camp online with the new Community Services Get Active website. Search and register for programs, manage your account, and view facility information online. Reservations for facility rentals can be made over the phone or in person at any of our facilities. Charlotte County Community Services is proud to bring parks into your homes, and hopes this added convenience saves your family time so you can enjoy more of our wonderful programs, parks, and park facilities.

Gift/Donation Brochure

This gift/donation brochure offers many ways you can contribute to the continued quality of life in our community. Within this brochure are suggestions that include ways to beautify our parks, promote recreational activities, reading and literacy, promote historical preservation, and create a fun and safe environment for all ages. The brochure is available online at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov on the Community Services homepage.



Instructors

Enjoy teaching a craft or other activity? There are opportunities to teach classes and provide instruction, whether it is a dance or art class, tae kwon do, or pine needle weaving. Call your nearest recreation facility, library, or the Historical Center for more information.

Special Event Permits

Looking for a place to hold your special event? Charlotte County Community Services offers a wide variety of facilities, parks, and open space to hold events from 100 to 1,000 and more. Certain events require a temporary use permit from the Community Development Department Zoning Division. Examples of temporary use permit requirements are:

- Outdoor sales, parking lot sales or tent sales of merchandise, products, services, or other commercial activities
- Event uses, such as fairs, carnivals, circuses, and expositions
- Fund-raising events conducted offsite by charitable organizations, nonprofit corporations, or school groups, as well as promotions, sales and other activities by charitable organizations, nonprofit corporations, or school groups
- Temporary religious or revival activities
- Any other temporary use similar in nature to the ones listed above, as determined by the zoning official

For more information regarding special event permit requirements please contact the Community Development Department at 941.743.1964.

Youth Services

Youth services programs include both fee-based and free programs at recreation centers, parks, libraries, and other sites for toddlers, teens, and young adults.

PARKING PASSES

Applying for or Renewing Your Annual Parking Pass

Parking Passes are available for purchase for three different lengths of time for all those who frequently visit and enjoy our beautiful Charlotte County beaches and boat ramps.

Annual – Effective for one year from the month of purchase with a cost of \$50.00 (plus \$3.50 tax) = \$53.50.

6 month – Effective for 6 months from the month of purchase with a cost of \$35.00 (plus \$2.45 tax) = \$37.45.

3 month – Effective for 3 months from the month of purchase with a cost of \$25.00 (plus \$1.75 tax) = \$26.75.

We encourage beach and boat ramp patrons to renew or apply for new parking pass by mail.

To download the application, visit our website at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov and click on Parks & Recreation on the left or scan the following QR code on your smartphone to view the application form.



Simply complete and mail it (providing a self-addressed stamped envelope helps reduce the cost of this program) with your payment to:

Community Services Department
Administrative Services, 2300 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Payment may be made by check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to Board of County Commissioners. Please allow ten working days for processing and return mailing of your new pass. You may also renew in person at the following Charlotte County locations:

- Ann Dever Regional Park Pool, 7001 San Casa Drive, Englewood (Closed Mondays)
- Charlotte County Tax Collector, 6868 San Casa Drive, Englewood or 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte (in person only, make check payable to the Charlotte County Tax Collector)
- Harold Avenue Park, 23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte
- Port Charlotte Beach Park, 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte
- South County Regional Park, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda
- Tringali Park, 3460 N. Access Road, Englewood

The pass is to be affixed to the inside front windshield, passenger side, bottom corner.

Please note that if you have a state issued handicap permit, you may park for free at any Charlotte County park or boat ramp. You do not need to purchase a parking pass.

FOR PARKING PAYSTATION INFORMATION, SEE PAGE 44.

Online, You're First in Line! Register at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov using Get Active.

RENTAL INFORMATION

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Amenities and meeting rooms are offered to the public on a first come, first served basis. We are always available to serve you, Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., by calling 941.681.3742, to make your reservations. Or call 941.625.PLAY if you cannot reach staff at any of our facilities. A Facility Park Use questionnaire must be completed and rental fees for reserved exclusive use are required based on the following categories:

Category 1: Any individual renting facilities for a private function or a recreational class or a not-for-profit organization renting facilities for an organizational function, to raise funds for charity, or for the maintenance of an organization.

Category 2: Commercial, business, or individual renting facilities for the purpose of publicity, advertising, sales, or any other for-profit purposes.

Damage Deposit

There is a \$100 deposit per one-time event rental (over 30 people and/or use of alcohol). The deposit will be required and must accompany the returned contract. This deposit is refundable after facility inspection.

Insurance

Reserving any facility, shelter, or open space within Charlotte County Community Services is a contractual agreement and requires insurance. The specific type and amount of insurance required is dependent upon the nature of the activity, program, or event that will be occurring.

Alcohol

The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in any County parks and recreation facility located within a Community Redevelopment Area AND between sunset and sunrise in all other parks and recreation facilities, except where alcoholic consumption is expressly authorized by the terms of a County lease, outdoor festival license, or other similar County event or temporary use permit.

Community Redevelopment Area Parks:

Charlotte Harbor CRA - Bayshore Live Oak Park, Edgewater Park, Chester Roberts Park - Live Oak Point Park
Parkside CRA - McGuire Park, Lake Betty Park
Murdock Village CRA - North Charlotte Regional Park

Recreation Centers and Libraries Reservations

Recreation centers and libraries offer an assortment of facilities and rooms to accommodate a variety of meetings and events. Amenities at some of the centers include kitchens, public address systems, and stages. All centers have tables and chairs available for a variety of seating configurations. Staff will recommend physical arrangements to meet your event size. Call the facility for specifics on rooms and available amenities. Room rentals are based on the size of the room.

Room Size	Room Set Up/ Category 1	Category 2	Clean Up
Up to 600 sq. ft.	\$12.50 per hour	\$18.75 per hour	\$15.00
601-1500 sq. ft.	\$31.25 per hour	\$50.00 per hour	\$30.00
1501-2800 sq. ft.	\$50.00 per hour	\$93.75 per hour	\$45.00
2801+ sq. ft.	\$62.50 per hour	\$125.00 per hour	\$60.00
Gym-athletic use	\$25.00 per hour	\$45.00 per hour	
Gym-other use	\$40.00 per hour	\$70.00 per hour	

For Building and Pavilion Rentals, please call 941.681.3742.

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Picnic Pavilions

County parks are a favorite place for special events, family get-togethers, and office outings. Reservations for picnic shelters ensure availability on a certain date. Picnic pavilion rentals entitle you to a specific picnic area in a park. Rentals are available at Ann Dever Regional Park, Englewood Beach, Bayshore Live Oak Park, and many others.

Pavilions include multiple tables, barbecues, or a large gazebo. Payment is required before the reservation is issued. Park staff will make sure your site is ready for you on the date of your event. Visit our website at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov to find user guidelines, amenity guides, and group areas for most popular parks. Please contact 941.681.3742 for pavilion rental information.

(Minimum 2 hours)	Category 1	Category 2
400-1500 sq. ft.	\$10.00 per hour	\$20.00 per hour
1600-2500 sq. ft.	\$20.00 per hour	\$40.00 per hour

Open Space

Many of our parks have open space available for rental. Unique and scenic park settings can be used for private gatherings, such as family barbecues and picnics, birthday parties, weddings, wedding receptions, concerts, and other community celebrations. Consider holding your next event at one of our open spaces, such as the amphitheatre at Bayshore Live Oak Park, the deck at Port Charlotte Beach Park, or the stadium amenities at the Charlotte Sports Park.

(Minimum 2 hours)	Category 1	Category 2
Up to 100 people	\$20.00 per hour	\$30.00 per hour
101-500 people	\$50.00 per hour	\$60.00 per hour
501-2000 people	\$80.00 per hour	\$130.00 per hour
Up to 5000 people	\$150.00 per hour	\$200.00 per hour

Athletic Fields are available to the public on a first come, first served basis, as available. Youth athletic leagues have first priority of use. There are rental fees to reserve a field for your use. Call 941.627.1074

Athletic fields	\$10.00 per hour
Field lights	\$10.00 per hour
Field prep	\$10.00 per rental
Field prep	\$10.00 per hour per field (tournament)

For information regarding the rental of the Charlotte Sports Park, please contact the stadium directly at 941.235.5010 for prices.

All fees are authorized through the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners and subject to change without notice.

- Ann Dever Regional Park, 941.681.3742
- Charlotte Sports Park, 941.235.5010
- Carmalita Meeting Room, 941.505.8686
- Carmalita Horse Arena, 941.627.1074
- Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 941.833.5444
- Harold Avenue Park, 941.627.1074
- Port Charlotte Beach Park, 941.627.1628
- Port Charlotte Beach Park Pool, 941.629.0170
- South County Regional Park, 941.505.8686
- Tringali Park Recreation Center, 941.681.3742
- Englewood Charlotte Public Library, 941.681.3736
- Mid-County Regional Library, 941.613.3160
- Port Charlotte Public Library, 941.764.5562
- Punta Gorda Public Library, 941.833.5460



How do I become a Friend of the Library?

Each library has an active Friends of the Library organization. The Friends of the Libraries help the libraries in many ways such as:

- Raising money to purchase books, materials, computers, furniture, and other equipment
- Sponsoring and funding adult and children's programs
- Advocating for the libraries in the community
- Encouraging volunteers to help in the libraries
- Hosting fund raising events and raffles
- Sponsoring volunteer luncheons

Membership applications are available at each library branch or online at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov. Support your local library and become a Friend! The benefits are endless.

Volunteer Opportunities

Charlotte County Community Services would like to thank the hundreds of current volunteers for their tremendous effort and the great impact they have made on the Department and the County, including:

- Children's events
- Young adult events
- Cultural arts
- Sports and athletics
- Special events
- Shelving books
- Friends of the Libraries
- Member of the Historical Center Society
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

We are seeking kind, caring, and giving people to be part of our volunteer team. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to be part of exciting and rewarding events and programs. Give a little or give a lot, but volunteer for the time of your life!

Volunteer Benefits

- Gain valuable experience
- Help develop your community
- Share your skills with others
- Help others enjoy the benefits of our activities
- Meet new friends and have fun

How do I get started?

Download and complete a volunteer application and consent form from www.CharlotteCountyFL.com/Volunteer. Submit the completed application to us. Once the application has been reviewed, you will be contacted to meet with our staff to determine your areas of interests, skills and availability.

Although the Charlotte County Community Service's Program Guide was prepared on the basis of the best information at the time, all information is subject to change without notice. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



How do I become a member of the Charlotte County Historical Center Society?

Join with our online application or call today and start enjoying the many benefits this membership offers such as:

- Free or discounted admission to 300+ museums and science centers
- The Charlotte Historian e-newsletter showcasing upcoming programs, events, and exhibits

Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals, \$35 for grandparents and families.

How do I become a Parking Law Enforcement Volunteer?

The Community Services Department partners with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office to keep our facilities safe for all of our patrons.

Citizens interested in participating in the Sheriff's Office Citizen Observation Patrol Class program may contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 941.575.5367. Citizens will assist with the handling of non-emergency situations.

EXTENSION SERVICE

25550 Harbor View Road #3, Port Charlotte, FL 33980
941.764.4340

**82 Years – UF/IFAS Charlotte County Extension
1935 to 2017**

**Agriculture/Horticulture/4-H Youth/Sea Grant
“Our Tradition, Our Mission!”**

Charlotte County Extension Service is a partnership between the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Charlotte County government, to provide scientific knowledge and expertise to the public that is research-based and unbiased.

Operating as part of the University's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences for the past 82 years, Charlotte County Extension provides information and conducts educational programs on issues such as 4-H /youth development, marine habitat, fisheries and boating, agriculture, commercial and residential landscape best management practices, natural resource conservation, water quality and quantity, and volunteer-enhanced opportunities.

Scan the QR Code below and like us on Facebook!



A mosaic of color - a Copperleaf shrub

HORTICULTURE

Horticulture is another word for gardening. In fact, horticulture can mean home gardening, urban forestry, Florida Yards and Neighborhoods, the Master Gardener program, safe pesticide use, and Commercial Horticultural topics. Gardening is America's number one hobby, and Florida Friendly landscapes are a part of almost everyone's lifestyle in Southwest Florida. Educating our growing population to make smart and safe decisions concerning plant selection, planting, and aftercare adds beauty and value to everyone's property and the community. Informed consumers, hand-in-hand with quality landscape professionals, can also help support the large Florida "Green Industry" economy. We are here to help you to become successful gardeners, educated consumers, and Professional Landscape Managers with the research-based, unbiased information generated from the University of Florida, Institute of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Extension Service.



Caladiums planted by Master Gardener volunteers shine at the East Port Environmental Campus

Green Industries – Best Management Training: Fertilizer Ordinance

October 26, November 18, December 16, January 18, February 17, March 15
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

\$25 per class, includes lunch

Charlotte County Extension offers Green Industries Best Management Practices (BMP) Training in regards to the Fertilizer Ordinance at the East Port Environmental Campus once a month. Participants will increase their understanding of the local County Ordinance, as well as Turf, Irrigation, Landscape, and Pesticide BMP's. After taking an end-of-class exam and receiving a 75% or higher score, each participant receives a Certificate of Completion showing that they are in compliance to properly apply fertilizer in Charlotte County. For more information and registration, please check: <http://charlotte.ifas.ufl.edu/horticulture/hort-fertilizer2.htm>.

Limited Urban Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Certification Program - the Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control can process applications for Limited Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Certificates. Beginning in January of 2014, ALL commercial fertilizer applicators MUST BE certified by this Bureau in order to make ANY TYPE of fertilizer application to commercial turf or ornamental areas; and/or the turf or ornamental areas of parks or fields (other than agricultural areas), and/or the turf or ornamental area of any residential property. Prior to issuance of this certification, the applicator MUST PROVIDE proof of having received training in "Green Industry Best Management Practices". These classes are offered by the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Rain Barrels Program

Charlotte County's Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program sells rain barrels for \$40 for the first barrel, and \$35 for each additional barrel. Each 55-gallon recycled food grade barrel comes with an instruction booklet and hardware kit, containing all necessary pieces for assembly and use. Barrels can be purchased at 25550 Harbor View Rd., Suite 3 in Port Charlotte Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 941.764.4340 or email Thomas Becker at Thomas.Becker@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

Rain barrels are important tools for water conservation. A ½ inch rain can easily fill one 55-gallon rain barrel, and that water can be used (without restriction) for irrigating plant beds, filling watering cans, or washing garden tools. Reduce the amount of potable water you use by purchasing a rain barrel today!

HORTICULTURE CONTINUED

Master Gardener Volunteer Program

New Class Starts March 2017

Florida Master Gardeners are University of Florida-trained volunteer teachers. Master Gardeners educate and provide research-based information to Floridians about gardening, America's most popular pastime. Their information about planning and maintaining urban, suburban, and rural landscapes always emphasizes environmental stewardship.

The Master Gardener Program is a major outreach that assists Extension in significant horticultural educational efforts in the community. Master Gardener volunteers provide much of the first contact through Plant Clinics, Plant Lifelines, and other educational programming.

The volunteers (or MGs as they call themselves) execute a variety of outreach tasks as determined by the program leader (usually the consumer horticultural agent). Duties include: answering horticultural questions over the phone, in person, or through the media; participating in public service projects; giving educational programs; supporting youth activities, performing soil sample evaluations; and assisting in field research. For more information, please check out: [http://charlotte.ifas.ufl.edu/horticulture/sprouting%20kit%202014%20\(2\).pdf](http://charlotte.ifas.ufl.edu/horticulture/sprouting%20kit%202014%20(2).pdf).



Jaboticaba fruit from the Extension Demonstration Garden

4-H Youth Development

Charlotte County 4-H is the youth outreach program of the University of Florida Institute for Food and Agriculture Sciences (IFAS). 4-H is a national youth development organization where the youth step up to the challenges of our changing, complex world. We call that a revolution of responsibility, which is a movement for positive change in every community in America. 4-H youth are a living, breathing, culture-changing revolution for doing the right thing, breaking through obstacles, and pushing our country forward by making a measurable difference right where they live. The 4-H Name & Emblem represents the ideals of the program with its focus on Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. 4-H Focus Areas for 2016-2017 are: Healthy Lifestyles, Leadership, Citizenship, the Sciences, and Workforce Preparedness.

Day camps, workshops, clubs, and activities targeting these areas are held throughout the year in various locations in Charlotte County. Youth 5 to 18 years old may join 4-H at any time during the year and may select one or more project clubs to participate in, or participate in special interest club activities. Adults are invited to become 4-H club leaders, assistant leaders, and special interest day camp leaders for all areas of Charlotte County. Leadership trainings, subject matter trainings, and events are held throughout the year for adult leaders. For information on requirements to become a Charlotte County 4-H Leader, or for 4-H youth membership information, please contact the Charlotte County 4-H office at 941.764.4345.

SEA GRANT

Sea Grant is a partnership of academia, government, and industry focusing on coastal and marine resources. It operates through a university-based network to meet environmental and economic needs. Base funding for Sea Grant comes from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the Department of Commerce. This partnership has created a national network of researchers and educators focused on promoting better understanding and more informed use of our coastal, ocean, and Great Lakes resources. Today, there are 32 Sea Grant programs, one in every coastal and Great Lakes state, and in Puerto Rico. Sea Grant conducts research, education, and outreach to use and conserve coastal and marine resources for a sustainable economy and environment.

Coastal Dock Construction and Habitat Considerations Workshop

A Coastal dock construction and habitat considerations workshop will be offered in February 2017. The workshop will cover permitting considerations for residential and multi-family dock construction, including seagrass, mangrove, smalltooth sawfish, manatee, and Aquatic Preserves protection measures.

Water Quality Seminar Series

October 17, November 14, December 19, January 9, February 13, March 13
Monthly water quality seminars will begin in October 2016 and be offered for six months, concluding in March 2017. The workshops, jointly offered by UF/IFAS Sea Grant and Horticulture programs, will cover the following topics: Harmful Algae Blooms, Florida Friendly Landscaping, Water Quality Benefits of Oysters and other Shellfish, Reuse Water, Tracing Nutrients and Bacteria to Their Source, and Watershed Impacts to Water Quality.

Florida Master Naturalist Program

The Freshwater Wetlands Module will begin in October 2016 and another Freshwater Systems Module will be offered in January 2017. Upland Systems will be offered in March 2017. The Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP) is an adult education program developed by the University of Florida (UF) and offered statewide by participating organizations. FMNP training will benefit persons interested in learning more about Florida's environment, seeking educational contact hours, or wishing to increase their knowledge for use in education programs volunteers, employees, and ecotourism guides. The program includes courses in three subject areas - Freshwater Wetlands, Coastal Systems, and Upland Habitats. Participants learn through classroom, field trip, and practical experience. Instruction on the general ecology, habitats, vegetation types, wildlife, and conservation issues of the environments are covered. Cost is \$275 for materials and field trips. For more information, please check our website at www.masternaturalist.ifas.ufl.edu.



LIBRARIES AND HISTORY ADMINISTRATION

2050 Forrest Nelson Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

941.613.3200

Monday to Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

How do I get a library card?

Library cards are free of charge to any Charlotte County resident. Children under the age of 16 must have a parent or legal guardian present to apply for a library card. Acceptable proofs of residency forms include the following:

- Valid Florida Driver's License with Charlotte County address
- Charlotte County Voter's Registration
- Charlotte County Property Tax Receipt
- Florida I.D. Card (Issued by Driver's License Bureau)
- Certificate of Residency
- Business License issued in Charlotte County
- Employment I.D.
- Charlotte County School I.D.
- Charlotte County Utility Bills

Non-residents may have a card for:

- \$10 for 3 months
- \$20 for 6 months
- \$35 for 12 months





514 East Grace Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
 941.629.PAST (7278)
 Monday through Friday
 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Learn about the region's fascinating past, from pre-historic times to the post-WWII development boom with several traveling exhibits, programs, and events offered through the Charlotte County Historical Center. Visit our website to see a list of upcoming programs, events, and exhibits.

All programs are held at the Historical Center unless otherwise noted.

LIFELONG LEARNING OFFERED BY THE HISTORICAL CENTER

Free

Educational opportunities that engage the public with lectures and presentations concerning local and national history. Presentations are targeted at all age groups and backgrounds, and may include guest speakers with professional credentials and experience.

Historical Voyagers

3rd Wednesday of the month

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Free

Join our volunteer team and discover the area's fascinating past. Bring history to life as a living historian, assist in public programs, or stay behind the scenes handling research, collections, and so much more! All experience levels, schedules, and residencies accepted.

Weeds and Seeds: A History of Dining in Southern Florida

Tuesday, October 11, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

at Florida Southwestern State College

26300 Airport Rd, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Free

This lecture examines Florida's prehistory and various plants utilized by early Floridians, as well as some of the 'meatier' issues of early diet in South Florida. Learn how the wealth of natural resources in southern Florida has made it a unique dining experience for over 10,000 years. Presented by Florida Public Archaeology Network.

Chilling Tales of Charlotte County

Friday, October 28

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Free

This presentation explores the stories of strange and unexplained phenomena lurking in the corners of our regional history.

Highwaymen Art in the Park

Tuesday, February 7, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

at Bayshore Live Oak Park

23157 Bayshore Rd, Punta Gorda, FL 33980

Free, Registration required

Discover the story of Florida's African-American landscape painters, the Highwaymen. Attendees will learn the history of these self-taught artists and then create their own painting of the park's beautiful landscape.

CCHC LIVING HISTORIAN/DOCENT PROGRAMS

A docent is a museum teacher; a person that assists the public in learning about a museum, historical site, etc. The CCHC docents & living historians present outreach programs throughout the community, often as living historians, which are trained presenters that have researched the historical person or event they are depicting.

Docent Monthly Meetings

Recur every third Wednesday of the month

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Meeting & planning for programs supporting the docent/living historian programs at CCHC. Please contact the Center at 941.629.PAST (7278) if interested in joining!

*Looking for new volunteers to join the team!
 Contact the Historical Center at 941.629.PAST (7278)
 for more information on joining our group.*

TRAVELING EXHIBITS

Small local history exhibits on display at various locations throughout Charlotte County.

Where in the World is Murdock, FL?

Opening TBA at Mid-County Regional Library

Free

Get a glimpse into what life was like during the formation of Murdock and learn of the trials and fortunes encountered by its early pioneers.

HISTORICAL MARKER PROGRAM

The Historic Marker Program is designed to preserve the history of our area's historic landmarks in educational displays for the community. A virtual tour is available online through our website.

Historic Marker Dedication Ceremonies TBA.



3450 N. Access Road, Englewood, FL 34224
941.681.3736

Library Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sunday and Monday: CLOSED

Book Discussion

3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Free

Come prepared to join in the discussion of the chosen title. Participants are responsible for obtaining their own copy of the featured book.

October 19	Natchez Burning: A Novel by Greg Iles
November 16	Go Set A Watchman: A Novel by Harper Lee
December 21	The Vacationers: A Novel by Emma Staub
January 18	The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein
February 15	A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving
March 15	Most Wanted by Lisa Scottoline
April 19	The Rainbow Comes and Goes by Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbuilt

Literary Discussion Group

Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

September 15, October 20, November 17, December 21, January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27

Free

Join our volunteer Tammie for a literary discussion - not a book discussion. This group discusses short stories from five to fifteen pages. We encourage each other to think about how and why a poem or short story was written and how the stories reflect real life. Tammie provides reading material prior to each meeting. For more information please contact Tammie Diehl at tamiamifl@comcast.net or call the library at 941.681.3736.

Charlotte County Master Gardeners

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Free

Have a gardening question? Master Gardeners are available to answer questions on gardening, tree and shrub care, lawn care, and household pests.

Drop In Story Time

Fridays, 11:00 a.m.

Free

All ages

Join us for a story in the children's room of the library. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Café Philo

Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Free

This group gathers to have stimulating dialog about the larger questions of life in an informal setting. For people who are seekers, wishing to share, and learn from and with others. This is a partnership program with the Arts and Humanities Council of Charlotte County.

Knitting & Crocheting Group

Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Free

All experience levels are invited to stop by and learn or teach how to knit and crochet, or just join the party while you do it. Participants are responsible for obtaining their own materials.

Computer Tutoring

Thursdays and Saturdays

One hour sessions by appointment

Free

Need help with your laptop, tablet or other tech device? Bring your laptop or other device to the library and let our computer tutor help you figure things out. Appointments fill up fast so please book your appointment early and let us know if you need to cancel.

Cooking with Chef Warren

2nd Thursday of the month, 2:00 p.m.

October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13

Free

Chef Warren presents cooking tips and a demonstration on how to cook healthy and affordable meals for all tastes.

Advice for your Device

Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 October 19, November 16, December 21, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19
 Free
 Do you have a question about one of your electronic devices? iPhone, iPad, Kindle, Android and more – make an appointment to meet with one of our computer gurus during these sessions for 15 or 30 minutes to get the help you need. Please register online at the library event calendar.

15th Annual Lemon Bay Fest: Englewood History with Zest!

February 4 to 11
 Time varies
 Free
 This event is a weeklong celebration of Englewood’s past, featuring tours, a series of informative Englewood history programs, and a day-long Cracker Fair. The programs are held at the Englewood Charlotte Public Library and the Elsie Quirk Library. For more information, check the website at www.lemonbayfest.com

Star Wars Reads Day

Dates TBD
 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 Free
 Come help us celebrate all things Star Wars with crafts, trivia, refreshments, giveaways, and a costume contest. All ages welcome - registration requested. May the Force be with you!

Beach Storytime

Englewood Beach
 2100 N. Beach Road Englewood FL, Pavilion #3
 Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 October 20, November 10, December 15, January 19, February 9, March 16, April 13
 Free
 Ages 2 and up. Join us under the pavilion next to the playground to listen to fun stories and make a seasonal craft! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

An American Girl Tea Party

Tuesday, February 14, 4:00 p.m.
 Free, Register online to reserve a spot
 Mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, and their favorite dolls are invited to attend our American Girl Tea Party. Based on the popular books and dolls, join us to make new friends and share our favorite American Girl stories. Create memories with crafts inspired by different girls through her story, games they played, and settle in for a lovely afternoon tea. Please register online for this program to guarantee a spot.

Teen Committees

Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m.
 October 5 & 26, November 2 & 30, December 7 & 21, January 4 & 25, February 1 & 23, March 1 & 29, April 5 & 26
 Free
 Ages 14 to 17. Join our Teen Committee! Make your voice heard through the library. What do you want to see happen? Come up with a monthly challenge on the first Wednesday and see how things went on the last Wednesday. Give input for programs, resources you would like the library to have, and get volunteer hours.

Gamer’s Group

Fridays, 4:00 p.m.
 October 21, November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17
 Free
 Preteens aged 10 and up, and teens up to age 19 are welcome to join us in creating their own worlds through visuals, stories, and games. Mediums vary, imagination grows. Games include Yu-gi-oh!, Tabletop Minecraft, Dungeons and Dragons, and more. Parents are welcome to join us and learn.

A Day at Hogwarts

Saturday, December 3, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Free, Register online to reserve a spot
 Ages 10 to 18, parents may also attend.
 You are cordially invited to attend a day of courses at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Your studies include a course of learning to play Quidditch, specially designed with Muggles in mind. Then stay a little longer to take part in our winter celebration, the Yule Ball. Due to Quidditch class, please wear comfortable sportswear and sneakers. You may bring a change of clothes for the Ball if you wish. Please register online for this program to guarantee a spot.

Halloween Spooktacular

October 25 to 29
 Time varies, see listings
 Free
 Come to the Library all week long for some Halloween Fun! All ages are welcome! We promise nothing too scary.
 Tuesday 3:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. What is Halloween?
 Tuesday 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. What is Dia de los Muertos?
 Wednesday 1:00 p.m. Easy, Puny, Incredible Costumes for every Age and Budget
 Thursday 1:00 p.m. Chilling Tales with the Charlotte County History Center
 Friday 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Frights with Horror Writer, Peter Salomon
 Saturday 10:00 a.m. B Movies and You: How to Survive if You are Suddenly in a Bad Horror Movie

Chess Club

Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Free
 All ages and experience levels are invited to drop in for a game of chess. No experience necessary.

ENGLEWOOD CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Elementary STEM Fun

Fridays, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

October 14, December 9, January 13, February 10, March 10

Free

Join us as we celebrate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math at the library! Children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade and their caregiver are welcome to experiment with us, and learn in the process. Check the library website or visit your local library to discover the theme for the month. Space is limited and registration is required to guarantee a space.

Doctor Who Club

Saturdays, 12:00 p.m.

October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8

Free

All ages are welcome to travel through Time and Space with The Doctor! Join us as we enjoy the many thrilling adventures of this timeless classic. If you love Sci-fi, Fantasy, or British television you are welcome to join us.

Teen Stress Busters

Fridays, 4:00 p.m.

October 7, November 14, December 2, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7

Free

Ages 13 to 17

Is school harder than you thought this year? Are you worried about your grades, social life or extracurricular activities? Join us for some relaxing activities including learning to meditate, coloring, poetry slam, and more. Need to find a job or get volunteer hours but don't know how or what to do? We are here to help with resources and suggestions.

MID-COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY



2050 Forrest Nelson Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Circulation: 941.613.3160

Reference: 941.613.3166

Youth Services: 941.613.3170

Library Hours

Monday to Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: CLOSED

Tales of the Paranormal

Tuesday, October 4, 6:00 p.m.

Free

Psychic and author Lorenzo Marion will share the truth about ghosts, spirit guides, haunted houses, angels, the afterlife, and more. Questions and answers will follow as time permits.

2nd Tuesday Film Series

2nd Tuesday of the month from December to April, 6:00 p.m.

Free

Screening of selected foreign and independent films. There will be a short discussion after the screening.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Tuesdays, 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

October 4, 11, 18 & 25; November 1, 8, 15 & 29; December 6 & 13; January 3, 10, 17 & 24; February 7, 14, 21 & 28; March 7, 14, 21 & 28; April 11 & 18

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages Birth to 35 Months. Babies from birth to walkers with a favorite adult are invited to join us for this engaging lap sit program. Together we share music, movements, games, and fun designed to foster parent/child bonding and support early brain development.

Book Discussion

Last Monday of the month from September to April, excluding December 6:00 p.m.

Free

Come prepared to join in the discussion for the month's chosen book. A limited number of copies will be provided at the library on a first-come, first-served basis.

HOOKED ON BOOKS!

1st Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Free

HOOKED ON BOOKS! is an informal book discussion gathering. Patrons meet along with members of the library staff to discuss and review recently read books and to share recommendations with the group. All are welcome!

Preschool Story Time!

Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

October 6, 13, 20 & 27; November 3, 10 & 17; December 1, 8 & 15; January 5, 12, 19 & 26; February 2, 9, 16 & 23; March 2, 9, 16 & 23; April 13 & 20

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 3 to 5. This program is designed to improve listening and group interaction skills through stories, movement activities, music, and dramatic play.

Toddler and Preschool Yoga!

Fridays, 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

November 4 & 18; December 2, 9 & 16; January 6, 13, 20 & 27; February 3, 10 17 & 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31; April 14 & 21

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 3 to 5

Interested in exposing your child to Yoga? Yoga at an early age encourages self-esteem and body awareness with a physical activity that's noncompetitive. Practicing yoga with your child is a fun and gentle way to exercise. Participants should bring a yoga mat or towel to class.

Preschool Spanish Class!

Mondays, 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

October 3, 10, 17 & 24; February 6, 13, 20 & 27

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 3 to 5

Songs, rhymes, finger plays, games, stories, movements, and hands-on vocabulary building. A music-based curriculum in a relaxed environment where parents learn along with their children!

Creepy Crafts!

Tuesday, October 25, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 3 to 10

Craft activities to creep you out, and get you into the spooky spirit! Use your imagination with our NEW Makerspace craft program. Children 5 and under must have a parent or guardian in attendance.

Harvest Artistry!

Tuesday, November 8, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 3 to 10

Craft activities to show what you are thankful for, and decorate for the Thanksgiving holiday. Use your imagination with our NEW Makerspace craft program. Children 5 and under must have a parent or guardian in attendance.

Winter Creations!

Tuesday, December 13, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 3 to 10

Join us as we make crafts that remind us of the winter weather! Use your imagination with our NEW Makerspace craft program. Children 5 and under must have a parent or guardian in attendance.

STEAM Fun!

Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

October 19, November 16, December 21, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Grades 2 to 5

Join us each month as we celebrate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math at the library! Children in Second through Fifth grade and their caregiver are welcome to experiment in the library!

Tinkerlab

Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

October 19, November 16, December 21, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 4 to 7

Join us each month as we celebrate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math at the library! Children ages 4 to 7 and their caregiver are welcome to join us at the library in experiments that encourage tinkering, curiosity, and creative thinking.

Bricks 4 Kidz! Lego Engineering!

Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 3 to 13

Build exciting models with moving parts out of Legos! This program builds kid's imaginations and creativity as they assemble amazing Lego kits. Who would think you could build a robot or a racecar with moving parts out of Legos? Join us and discover the possibilities!

Kids Got Game!

Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

October 26, November 23, December 28, January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Here's the chance for kids 8 to 12 to come into the library and play games. Wii, PlayStation 4, and Xbox gaming systems are available, as well as board games, cards, and Legos. Kids get the opportunity to compete against other kids, while learning skills through the selected games.

Family Game Night!

Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

October 5, November 2, December 7, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

All ages

Come join us for a family game night. Play an old favorite or learn a new game. The library will supply board games, chess, checkers, puzzles, and playing cards. You are welcome to bring your own favorite to share with your friends and family.

MID-COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY

Spring Break Out!

Wednesday, March 15, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Join us at the library to celebrate Spring Break! We will have crafts and activities to make sure your spring break is really your fun break. All school age children are welcome.

Dog Tales!

2nd Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 4 and up

Join us each month for this fun program! This program is open to children ages 4 and up. It allows children to read aloud to a pet therapy animal. It helps to build oral literacy skills while having a great time.

Bricks 4 Kidz! Battle Bots!

Thursdays, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

October 6, November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 12 to 19

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO OUTSMART THE COMPETITION IN THE BATTLE ARENA? Discover robotics during this Battle-Bot Workshop. Teens will design, build, and deploy as teams their own creations in a head-to-head arena style battle. Teens will learn about basic robotics, design concepts, symmetry, automatic, manual and autonomous controls.

Teen Advisory Board

2nd Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 12 to 18

Come join the Teen Advisory Board! Meet once a month to discuss your ideas for books, movies, activities, music, assist with programs, host events and share your program ideas for teens. It's easy to join. Pick up and fill out an application and return it to the library! Food will be served!

YA YA Young Adult Writers Group

October 6 & 27; November 3 & 17; December 1 & 15; January 5 & 26; February 2 & 23; March 2 & 23; April 6 & 27

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 12 to 18

Need help with a story you're writing, stuck on character development, or just want to get started? Stop in and get the help you need by published author Lisa Ashley. Learn editing, formatting, building characters, and help with poetry. Look forward to see your work published in April!

Where in the World is Murdock, FL?

November 18, 2:00 p.m.

Free

Learn about the history of Murdock, Florida and how it came to be.

Get Your Game On!

October 20, November 17, December 15, January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 12 to 18

Parents, drop off your kids and let them play games, hang out with their friends, and enjoy some food at this fun supervised program. Video games, board games, card games, Wii, Xbox, and the New Play Station 4.

Teen Job Fair

Saturday, April 22, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 15 to 21

In need of a summer job? Want help writing a resume or filling out an application? Stop by the library to meet with local employers or get application assistance from a library staff member! This is an Open House. Come prepared to ask and answer questions! Parents, there will be a waiting area for you while your teen visits with employers.

Career Conversations

3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 12 and up

Are you wondering about what you want to be when you grow up? Join us at the library for this monthly program featuring a different career each session. Possible fields under discussion will be STEM, law, business, trades & skilled labor, legal & criminal justice, and military. What kind of education did they need to get where they are today, what do they like most about their job, what is the most useful secret skill they need for their job? Each session will feature a panel of professionals to answer your questions! Some light refreshments will be served.

Safe Kids Florida

2nd Saturday of the month, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Over 8,000 families lose a child each year in the U.S. from preventable injuries. Join the library and our community partners and learn more about how to keep our kids safe from injury and injury related death. Possible topics include water safety, home safety, social media awareness, sexual risk avoidance, and fire safety. Injuries can affect children for a lifetime - but the right education, awareness, and planning can ensure that our kids grow up healthy and safe. All parents and caregivers should attend. Some light refreshments will be served.

Punta Gorda's Past

September 23, 2:00 p.m.

Free

Learn about some of Punta Gorda's most influential figures of the 19th century, and what life was like for residents during this time. During this PowerPoint presentation you will also discover the farming and fishing industries, railroads, and early tourism.



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Library Hours

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Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sunday and Monday: CLOSED

Onsite services available: Florida Notary & Proctor for testing.

Mini Movers Story Time

Fridays, 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Free
Ages 2 to 5

Children, with a favorite adult, are encouraged to come and share books, activities, music, and dancing with us. An emphasis will be placed on activities related to early childhood literacy and improving listening and group interaction skills.

Hora de los Niños

1er Viernes de cada mes, 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Gratis
2 a 5 años

Los niños con un adulto favorito se les anima a venir y compartir libros bilingües, actividades, música y baile con nosotros. El énfasis será puesto en actividades relacionadas con la alfabetización en la primera infancia y la mejora de las habilidades de escucha e interacción de grupo.

Sew Cool

1st Saturday of the month, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Free, Space is limited and registration is required
Kids and teens ages 8 and up are welcome to join us at the library for some sewing fun! Create small projects to take home and learn sewing basics. Beginners will learn how to sew buttons, sew seams on a sewing machine, and make simple clothing. For returning or more experienced sewers, learn to sew a hem, a zippered bag, and upcycle unwanted clothing.

Mobile Makerspace

2nd Saturday of the month, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Free
Kids, teens, and adults - all ages are welcome to join in on the creative fun. The mobile Makerspace provides technological tools and art supplies to help spark your imagination. Come join us to try it out, experiment, and create your self-directed masterpiece. Children under 8 must have a guardian in attendance.

All programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Port Charlotte Library.

Game Time

3rd Saturday of the month, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Free
Kids and teens ages 8 and up are welcome to join us at the library for some gaming fun! Bring your friends and family to the library to try games, both old and new. Board games, strategy games, an Xbox One, and a Nintendo Wii will be available.

Paint Like the Masters

4th Saturday of the month, except the 5th Saturday in December
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Free, Space is limited and registration is required
Kids and teens ages 5 and up are welcome to join us at the library for some painting fun! Learn about a famous work of art and how to create your own version of it to take home, or to hang for display in the library, if you wish. Children under age 8 must have a guardian in attendance.

Creepy Crafts!

Wednesday, October 26, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Free, Space is limited and registration is required
Join us as we make spooky seasonal crafts! Use your imagination with our NEW Makerspace craft program. Ages 3 to 10 are welcome, but children 5 and under must have a parent or guardian in attendance.

Harvest Artistry!

Wednesday, November 16, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Free, Space is limited and registration is required
Join us to create crafts to show what you are thankful for and decorate for the Thanksgiving holiday. Use your imagination with our NEW Makerspace craft program. Ages 3 to 10 are welcome, but children 8 and under must have a parent or guardian in attendance.

Winter Creations!

Wednesday, December 14, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Free, Space is limited and registration is required
Join us as we make wintery crafts. Use your imagination with our NEW Makerspace craft program. Ages 3 to 10 are welcome, but children 8 and under must have a parent or guardian in attendance.

Sweetheart Crafts!

Wednesday, February 8, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Free, Space is limited and registration is required
Join us as we make crafts to celebrate Valentine's Day. Use your imagination with our NEW Makerspace craft program. Ages 3 to 10 are welcome, but children 8 and under must have a parent or guardian in attendance.

Spring Break Game Time!

Friday, March 17, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Join us at the library for some Spring Break gaming fun! Bring your friends, ages 11 to 18, to the library to try games, both old and new. Board games, strategy games, an Xbox One, and Nintendo Wii will also be available.

April Showers & Flowers!

Wednesday, April 12, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Join us to make Spring crafts. Use your imagination with our NEW Makerspace craft program. Ages 3 to 10 are welcome, but children 8 and under must have a parent or guardian in attendance.

Tinkerlab

2nd Thursday of the month, October to April, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Join us the month as we celebrate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math at the library! Children ages 4 to 7 and their caregiver are welcome to join us at the library in experiments that encourage tinkering, curiosity, and creative thinking.

STEAM Fun!

2nd Thursday of the month, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Join us each month as we celebrate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math at the library! Children ages 8 to 12 are welcome to experiment in the library as we build models, create simple machines, explore nature, and decipher the world around us.

Writer's Tea

3rd Tuesday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Free

Peace River Writers is an organization dedicated to writers and the written word. Through an array of educational and informational programs, services, and events, this group aims at providing support for those who wish to pursue the craft of writing in any form. Have tea with us and join the community!

Genealogy Round Table

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 1:00 p.m.

Free

The Charlotte County Genealogical Society recognizes the importance of providing education for genealogists at all levels. Because ancestors multiply exponentially, it is important to understand the concepts involving genealogy to assure that you are connecting each generation to the previous one in such a way that you are certain you are claiming the right ancestor. Come meet with us and explore your family history!

Advice for Your Device

Thursdays by appointment

Free

Do you need help with your laptop, tablet, or other tech device? If you do, then give us a call at (941) 764-5562 and make an appointment to meet with a tutor who can help you figure things out! Appointments fill up fast, so please book early and let us know if you need to cancel.

Bricks 4 Kidz! Lego Engineering

1st Wednesday of the month, 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Build exciting models with moving parts out of Legos! This program builds imagination and creativity as we assemble amazing Lego kits. Who would think you could build a robot or a racecar with moving parts out of Legos? Ages 3 to 13 join us and discover the possibilities! Children 8 and under must have a parent or guardian in attendance.

StoryCorps.me at Your Library

1st Saturday of the month, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Free

The library will use the StoryCorps app to record a story from your past or present, or a conversation between two friends. This is a great way to learn more about someone in your life through the power of storytelling! We hope to collect and share stories about our community. You can keep the digital recording for yourself or choose to have your interview published to share with your friends, family, and community.

Mystery Reader's Book Club

2nd Wednesday of the month, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Free

Come prepared to join in the discussion of the chosen book title. A limited number of Kindle Paperwhite devices will be provided for loan on a first-come, first-served basis. Titles are picked in advance by the club members.

Fabric and Craft Artists & Quilter's Quest

3rd Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Free

Come meet others who love arts and crafts. Brag - bring in an article that you made and would love to show off. Swap - bring a piece of fabric from your stash that you would like to exchange. Participate - help make large projects that add quality to the community.

Charlotte County Master Gardeners

1st Tuesday of the month, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Free

Have a gardening question? Master Gardeners are available to answer questions on gardening, tree and shrub care, lawn care, and household pests.

YA YA Young Adult Writers Group

2nd Saturday of the month, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 8 to 18

Need help with a story you're writing, stuck on character development, or just want to get started? Stop in and get the help you need by published author Marion Menna. Learn editing, formatting, building characters, and get help with poetry!

PUNTA GORDA PUBLIC LIBRARY



424 W. Henry Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
941.833.5460

Library Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday and Monday: CLOSED

Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Ages 2 to 5

Children, with a favorite adult, are encouraged to come and share books, music, and activities with us. An emphasis will be placed on activities related to early childhood literacy.

Creepy Crafts!

Thursday, October 27, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Free, Registration is required
Grades K to 5

Craft activities to creep you out, and get you into the spooky spirit! Craft activities will be featured. All ages are welcome, but children 9 and under must have a parent or guardian in attendance.

Harvest Artistry!

Thursday, November 17, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Free, Registration is required
Grades K to 5

Craft activities to show what you are thankful for, and decorate for the Thanksgiving holiday. Craft activities will be featured. Children 3 and under must have a parent or guardian in attendance.

Winter Creations!

Thursday, December 22, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Free, Registration is required
Grades K to 5

Join us as we make crafts that remind us of the winter weather! Craft activities will be featured. All ages are welcome, but children 9 and under must have a parent or guardian in attendance. Space is limited and registration is required.

STEM Fun!

Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

October 13, November 10, December 15, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Grades K to 5

Join us each month as we celebrate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math at the library! Children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade and their caregiver are welcome to experiment in the library! Check the library website or visit your local library to discover the theme for the month.

Spring Break Out!

Thursday, April 6, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Join us at the library to celebrate Spring Break. We will have crafts and activities to make sure your spring break is really your fun break. All school age children are welcome.

Charlotte County Master Gardeners

2nd Wednesday of the month, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Free

Have a gardening question? Master Gardeners are available to answer questions on gardening, tree and shrub care, lawn care, and household pests.

Early Bird Movies

1st Thursday of the month, 4:00 p.m.

Free

We will feature a "new release" monthly for adults. Movie categories include: Action & Adventure, Comedy, Foreign Films, and Fantasy. Seating is limited. First-come, first-seated. Snacks provided by the Friends of the Punta Gorda Library.

What Are You Reading Today? Reader's Advisory Group

2nd Thursday of the month, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Free

Do you enjoy talking about reading or learning about what others are reading? This group is currently accepting new readers. Come over to the library and share a book you have recently read, and hear about what others are reading. This group's title recommendations and summaries are posted in the library.

PUNTA GORDA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dog Tales!

Please call the Punta Gorda Library for exact dates and times.

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 4 and up

Join us once a month for this fun program! This program is open to children ages 4 and up. It allows children to read aloud to a pet therapy animal and helps to build oral literacy skills while having a great time.

Café Philo

Fridays, 11:30 a.m.

Free

The group gathers to have stimulating real dialogue about the larger questions of life in an informal setting for people who are seekers, wishing to share, and learn from and with others. Café Philo is a co-sponsored program with the Arts and Humanities Council of Charlotte County.

Meet the Author Series

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Free

What would a library be without authors? This is an opportunity to meet local authors, promote local talent, and engage readers in a variety of genres available in our area. Each Tuesday highlights a different author at our open table that will be available to sell and sign their books, as well as talk to the community about their writing experiences. Authors can sign up for a spot by contacting the librarian at 941.833.5460.

Alzheimer's Education Sessions

4th Tuesday of the month, 2:00 p.m.

Free

The Alzheimer's Association of Southwest Florida will present monthly sessions on caregivers, routines, and additional topics to help those dealing with Alzheimer's in their families.

Saturday Family Films

1st Saturday of the month, October to April, 2:00 p.m.

Free

We will feature a "new release" monthly for children and families. Movie categories include: Action & Adventure, Animation, Comedy, Super Heroes, and Fantasy. Seating is limited. First-come, first-seated. Snacks provided by the Friends of the Punta Gorda Library.

Advice for your Device

By appointment only

Free

Do you need help setting up the new 3M Cloud Library on your device so that you can download Free eBooks from the library? Make an appointment to come into the Punta Gorda Library for some free help to get you started. Bring your device, your library card, and leave with a smile. For further information call 941.833.5460.

Technology @ Your Library

1st Thursday of the month, 11:00 a.m.

Free

Join us at the Punta Gorda Library as we explore the ever-changing technology that is available to everyone. Each month we will discover a different aspect of these new technologies, whether it be a website, a mobile technology, the library system's e-books and e-magazines, even basic "how to" skills for computers.

Book Discussion

4th Thursday of the month, 4:00 p.m.

Free

Come prepared to join in the discussion of the month's chosen book. A limited number of copies will be provided at the library on a first-come, first-served basis.



Up to **FIFTY** books and other materials may be checked out at any Charlotte County library with a valid library card for the following loan periods:

- 3 weeks:** Regular Books; Paperbacks; Audiobooks; Music CDs; Playaways
- 2 weeks:** New Adult Fiction; New Adult Non-Fiction
- 1 week:** Movies; Magazines; Playaway Views; Reference

Reserves and Renewals

- Maximum number of reserves per card is **EIGHT**.
- Reserves via Internet, in person, or by phone.
- Renewals via Internet, in person, or by phone (Maximum 2 renewals if no reserves pending)

Returning Materials

- Outside returns are available for after-hours returns at ALL locations.

Collections - Food for Fines

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

- Macaroni & cheese
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Tuna / Sardines
- Canned chicken
- Potatoes (box or can)
- Pasta / rice / side dishes
- Tomato sauce / diced
- Beans (all kinds)
- Canned fruit / vegetables
- Canned meals / meats
- Soups / Crackers
- Cereals / Oatmeal
- Single serving snacks
- Juice Boxes

PET SUPPLIES

- Dog / puppy wet and dry food
- Cat / kitten wet and dry food
- Treats for dogs and cats
- Brushes and combs
- Leashes and collars

Library Food Pantry Partners

- EDGEWATER
- ENGLEWOOD Helping Hand Inc.
- Parishside Parish

www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov (click on Library)



How do I request library materials online?

1. Go to www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov and select **Libraries & History**.
2. Select **Library Catalog** from the left-hand menu.
3. Type in your search terms for the item that you would like to request and click **Search**.
4. Click **Place Hold** under the item's title.
5. Enter your **Library Card** and **PIN** numbers OR your **EZ Log On**. Click **Log In**.
6. Specify the pickup location from the pull down menu. Click **Submit Hold**.
7. If you would like a specific volume or copy of an item, click in the circle beside **"I want a specific copy"** and then in the box next to the item that you wish to place on hold.
8. The library will notify you by phone, e-mail or text message when the item(s) are available for pick-up.

How do I renew my library materials online?

1. Go to www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov and select **Libraries & History**.
2. Select **My Account** from the left-hand menu.
3. Enter your **Library Card** and **PIN** numbers and click **Log In**.
4. Click on **Account Activity** under the search box.
5. Check each box to the right of item(s) that you want to renew.
6. Click **Renew** from the top menu (under the **Print Loans** icon).
7. Scroll down through your list to find out the new due dates. Some items may NOT be renewable.



BAYSHORE LIVE OAK PARK



23157 Bayshore Road, Charlotte Harbor, FL 33980
941.627.1628 x101

Bayshore Live Oak Park is the focal point of the Charlotte Harbor Historic District. Located along Charlotte Harbor, this dog friendly linear park provides beautiful vistas of the harbor and majestic sunsets. Historical nodes mounted on kiosks throughout the park describe important periods of the area. Learn more about the history of the area by contacting the Charlotte County Historical Center at 941.629.PAST (7278). Bayshore Live Oak Park features a new playground, community open space, rest room facilities, piers, canoe/kayak launch, pedestrian promenades, and two pavilions – one with a fireplace. The Park is ideal for weddings, picnics, recreational activities, and private or community functions. Call 941.627.1628 x100 for more information or to reserve a space for your next function.

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

Boppin' @ Bayshore with "American Graffiti"

Saturday, November 5, 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Free

Come join us for a family fun evening at Bayshore Live Oak Park. Enjoy a Classic Car Show and DJ with sounds from the 50's and 60's. The movie American Graffiti will begin at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget to bring your chairs!



ENGLEWOOD BEACH AT CHADWICK PARK



2100 N. Beach Road, Englewood, FL 34223
941.681.3742



This pristine beach offers white sand, sparkling blue waters, and spectacular sunset views year round. This beach offers many amenities including a 900 foot boardwalk with three covered lookouts, restroom facilities, showers, water stations, volleyball court, basketball courts, horseshoe pits, playground area, food vendors available on site, four small shelters with picnic table and grill, and three large pavilions, all of which contain picnic tables and charcoal grills. The pavilions are available to rent for birthday parties, family reunions, corporate parties, large picnics, and other special events. Reservations may be made at any recreation center. Fees are based on area used and length of time. This is a pay-to-park facility (\$.75/hour) and seasonal or annual parking passes may be purchased at any Charlotte County recreation center, swimming pool, the Tax Collector's office, or by calling 941.625.7529.

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

PORT CHARLOTTE BEACH PARK



4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952
941.627.1628

This picturesque bayfront beach offers sand, sheltered waters, and spectacular sunsets year round. Amenities at this park include a boardwalk with fishing pier, boat ramp, canoe/kayak launch, horseshoe pits, bocce courts, basketball courts, tennis courts, two volleyball courts, playground area, small shelters with a picnic table, two large pavilions, restrooms, heated swimming pool, and a recreation center. The pavilions and recreation center are available to rent for birthday parties, family reunions, corporate parties, large picnics and other special events. Please contact 941.681.3742

for pavilion rental information. Fees are based on area used and length of time. This is a pay-to-park facility (\$.75/hour) and seasonal or annual parking passes may be purchased at any Charlotte County recreation center, swimming pool, the Tax Collector's office, or by calling 941.625.7529.

Instructions for parking pay stations can be found in this Guide on Page 44.



Online, You're First in Line! Register at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov using Get Active.

BOAT RAMPS



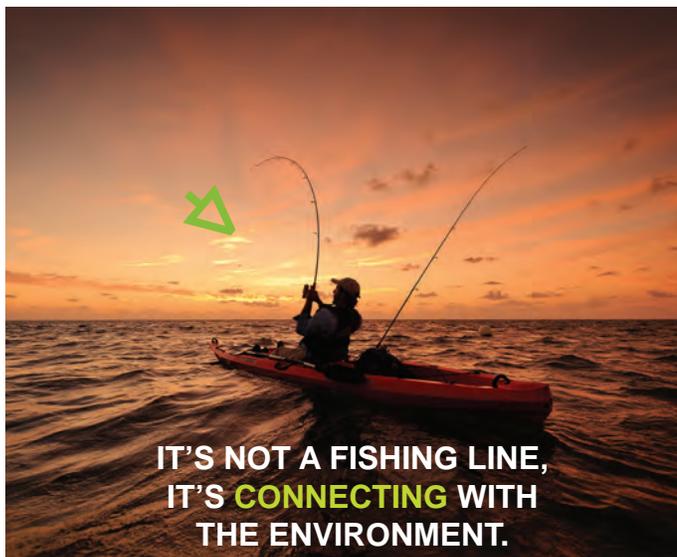
South Gulf Cove Park

Charlotte County boat ramps are open 24/7 and have metered parking (pay-to-park). Seasonal and annual parking passes may be purchased at any Charlotte County recreation center, swimming pool, and the Charlotte County Tax Collector's office, or by calling 941.625.7529. For more information, please see Page 3.

- Ainger Creek Park - 2011 Placida Road, Englewood
- Butterford Waterway Park - 13555 Marathon Boulevard, Port Charlotte
- Darst Park - 537 Darst Avenue, Punta Gorda
- El Jobean Boat Ramp - 4224 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte
- Harbour Heights Park - 27420 Voyageur Drive, Punta Gorda
- Hathaway Park - 35461 Washington Loop Road, Punta Gorda
- Placida Park - 6499 Gasparilla Road, Placida
- Port Charlotte Beach Park - 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte
- Riverside Park - 8320 Riverside Drive, Punta Gorda
- South Gulf Cove Park - 10150 Amicola Street, Port Charlotte
- Spring Lake Park - 3520 Lakeview Boulevard, Port Charlotte

CANOE/KAYAKING

- Ainger Creek Park - 2011 Placida Road, Englewood
- Allapatchee Shores Park - 3100 Hickory Court, Punta Gorda
- Ann Dever Regional Park
(Placida side entrance) - 6941 San Casa Drive, Englewood
- Bayshore Live Oak Park - 23157 Bayshore Road, Port Charlotte
- Bill Coy Preserve - 5350 Placida Road, Englewood
- Chester Roberts Park - 5084 Melborne Street, Port Charlotte
- Darst Park - 537 Darst Avenue, Punta Gorda
- El Jobean Boat Ramp - 4224 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte
- Harbour Heights Park - 27420 Voyageur Drive, Punta Gorda
- Hathaway Park - 35461 Washington Loop Road, Punta Gorda
- Placida Park - 6499 Gasparilla Road, Placida
- Port Charlotte Beach Park - 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte
- Riverside Park - 8320 Riverside Drive, Punta Gorda
- Spring Lake Park - 3520 Lakeview Boulevard, Port Charlotte
- Sunrise Park - 20499 Edgewater Drive, Port Charlotte
- Tippecanoe Environmental Park - 2400 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte



IT'S NOT A FISHING LINE,
IT'S **CONNECTING** WITH
THE ENVIRONMENT.



Blueway Trails

The Charlotte County Blueway Trails are filled with unique opportunities to observe Southwest Florida's native flora & fauna. Experience the natural wonders of Charlotte County's 219 miles of coastline!

Visit us online and click on the link to find out more information or scan the following with your Smartphone.

View the Brochure



View the Map





Charlotte County **Dog-Friendly** parks are a place for people to enjoy their dogs on-leash. With a little safety and knowledge of the rules, you and your furry loved one can enjoy a fun day at the park!

Charlotte County dog-friendly parks with designated areas open for walking your dog on a leash include:

- Ann Dever Regional Park
- Bayshore Live Oak Park *
- Cape Haze Pioneer Trail Park
- Randy Spence Park
- Harbour Heights Park
- Kiwanis Park
- North Charlotte Regional Park
- Ollie's Pond Park
- Port Charlotte Beach Park *



* Dogs are not permitted on beaches or fishing piers per County Ordinance: (Ord. No. 98-070, § 14, 12-1-98; Ord. No. 2000-033, § 2, 9-26-00; Ord. No. 2012-023, § 1, 6-12-12)

For additional information scan the QR Code or call us at 941.625.7529.

Rules for Dog-Friendly Parks:

- Dogs must be leashed at all times.
- Dog owners are responsible for the clean-up and removal of their dog's feces.
- Dog owners are required to remain inside of the park with their animals. Dogs may not be left unattended at any time.
- No more than two dogs per person on any one visit.
- Dogs only.
- Dogs must wear a collar with a current license attached.
- Dogs must be current on rabies vaccines.
- Female dogs in heat are prohibited.
- Dogs 4 months of age or under are prohibited.
- Dogs are not allowed on athletic fields.
- Owners should fill in any holes that their dog digs.
- Owners should be respectful of others.
- Aggressive dogs are not permitted.
- At the first sign of aggression the owner must remove their dog.

Contact Charlotte County Animal Control at 941.833.5690 for assistance with aggressive dogs that are not properly addressed.

PAW PARKS

Edgewater Paw Park

22410 Glass Lane,
Charlotte Harbor, FL 33980
941.627.1628

The Paw Parks offer over one acre of fenced-in land where your K-9 friend can behave like an animal! There are dog friendly water stations, bag stations, and trash cans for your depositing convenience and a small fenced-in area as an alternative for small dogs.

The Paw Parks were created as a place for people to enjoy their dogs, off-leash. Many families cannot afford the luxury of providing quality park time with their dogs, separate from the time they can spend with their children. If you choose to bring your child to the park, it is very important for your child's safety that you supervise your child closely. The safest place for your child is standing by your side or holding your hand. If you choose to let your child play within the dog area, please read the following guidelines. We invite you to join us for some quality K-9 time!



Oyster Creek Paw Park

at Ann Dever Regional Park
6791 San Casa Drive,
Englewood, FL 34224
941.681.3742

Rules for Paw Parks:

- Dogs entering or leaving the park must be on a leash (voice command is not sufficient).
- Dog owners must be in the fenced area within view of their dogs.
- Dogs should be under voice control.
- No more than two dogs per person on any one visit.
- No animals other than dogs are allowed in the park.
- No glass containers are allowed inside of the park.
- Food is not allowed in the park.
- Smoking is not allowed in the park.
- Be polite, scoop the poop!
- Bag stations and trash cans are available.
- Fill any hole your dog digs.
- Aggressive dogs are not permitted on the premises.
- Dogs must be removed from the dog park at the first sign of aggression.
- Dogs must wear current license tags.
- Dogs must be current on rabies vaccines.
- Female dogs in heat are prohibited from entering the park.
- Dogs 4 months of younger are not allowed inside the park.

ENVIRONMENTAL PARKS & CONSERVATION CHARLOTTE PRESERVES

Charlotte County Community Services invites you to experience nature's beauty at one of your environmental parks or preserves. Walk through the beautiful pine flatwoods and wetlands at Charlotte Flatwoods, bring your binoculars to view migratory and wading birds around Lemon Lake at Amberjack, or hike to the top of "Mount Tippecanoe" for a scenic view. Come and explore natural Florida in Charlotte County.

All trails are open from sunrise to sunset. Trail maps for each environmental park and Conservation Charlotte Preserve are available on the Charlotte County Natural Resources website at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov. For more information on any of the environmental parks preserves, please call the Department's Environmental Specialists at 941.613.3220.

ENVIRONMENTAL PARKS

Amberjack Environmental Park

Amberjack Environmental Park is a 225-acre preserve made up of rare and unique scrub, pine flatwoods, marshes, and other beautiful natural areas, located on the southern half of the Cape Haze peninsula. Many different wildflowers can be seen blooming year-round in these habitats. Amberjack Environmental Park is traversed by two wetlands, one that formed the headwaters of a tributary to the Lemon Bay Aquatic Preserve, and one that drains into the west branch of Coral Creek. They are havens for several species of wading birds, including great blue herons, glossy ibis, roseate spoonbills, and snowy egrets.

The park is located on the southern half of the Cape Haze peninsula in Englewood. Travel west on SR 776 (from Port Charlotte) and turn left onto CR 775 (Placida Rd). Drive approximately 4.3 miles and turn left on Gasparilla Pines Boulevard. Drive to the end of Gasparilla Pines and the park is on the right side of the road.

Ann Dever Regional Park and Oyster Creek Environmental Park

Ann Dever Regional Park encompasses over 250 acres of environmental lands. In the park you will find a sanctuary of old growth pines, scrub habitat, and mature pine flatwoods with mangrove fringe along Oyster Creek. Throughout these areas gopher tortoises have been observed, and along the creek perching snags are commonly used by osprey and the bald eagle. The boardwalk crossing Oyster Creek displays the variety of birds that utilize Oyster Creek and the surrounding tidal mangroves. The wetlands and mangroves provide habitat for wading birds species such as the wood stork, white ibis, roseate spoonbill, little blue heron, reddish egret, snowy egret, limpkins, and tricolored heron.

The parks are located in Englewood south of SR 776.

Oyster Creek Entrance: Travel west on SR 776 (from Port Charlotte) and turn left onto 775 (Placida Rd). Immediately after Lemon Bay High School the Park is on the left side across the street from Cedar Point.

Ann Dever Regional Park Entrance: Travel west on SR 776 (from Port Charlotte) and turn left onto San Casa Rd, the Park is on the right side of the road, use the skate park entrance, approximately 2 miles, the Preserve is on the right side of the road.

Cedar Point Environmental Park

Cedar Point is one of the last remaining large tracts of undeveloped land on Lemon Bay in Charlotte County. Cedar Point has pine flatwoods, scrub, scrubby flatwoods, mangrove swamps, salt marshes, and wetlands. Many species of animals inhabit pine flatwoods at Cedar Point, including bobcat, grey fox, yellow rat snake, pileated woodpecker, and bald eagle. Mangrove swamps are tidal wetlands that inhabit low energy shorelines in the coastal areas of southwest Florida. Mangrove trees are specially adapted to salt-and brackish-water environments. Mangroves provide habitat and nursery grounds for many species of fish and invertebrates. Situated on Lemon Bay, a long narrow estuary, Cedar Point is a great place to see wading birds in the mangrove fringes, watch for dolphins near the adjacent seagrasses and explore the pine flatwoods to find bald eagles, gopher tortoises, as well as a myriad of native plants.

The park is located in Englewood south of SR 776. Travel west on SR 776 (from Port Charlotte) and turn left onto SR 775 (Placida Rd). Immediately after Lemon Bay High School on the right is Cedar Point Environmental Park.

Cedar Point Environmental Park
2300 Placida Road, Englewood, FL 34224
941.475.0769

Cedar Point Environmental Park is one of Charlotte County's unique environmental parks. Situated on Lemon Bay, a long narrow estuary, Cedar Point is a great place to see beautiful wading birds that visit the mangrove fringe and adjacent seagrasses. The pine flatwoods are home to a pair of bald eagles, as well as gopher tortoises and a myriad of native plants.

Some amenities at the park for you include:

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| Canoe/Kayak | Nature Walking/Trail |
| Environmental Center | Picnicking |
| Fishing | Playground |
| Historic Cookie House | Restrooms |
| Nature Preserve | Room rentals |

This park has ongoing environmental programs which include nature walks and exploratory wading trips. Also located at this park is the Cedar Point Environmental Center, where you can find a variety of information and displays. Charlotte County Community Services has contracted with the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC), a non-profit organization, to provide free environmental programs on this and each of the County's environmental parks. Be sure to watch for programs as they are scheduled. For more information about programs and nature walks or the park call 941.475.0769 or 941.613.3220.



Charlotte Flatwoods Environmental Park

Charlotte Flatwoods Environmental Park is 487 acres of mature pine flatwoods, Hydric pine flatwoods, dry prairie, depressional marsh wetlands, and permanent freshwater ponds. Charlotte Flatwoods Environmental Park abuts both Southwest Florida Water Management preserve lands as well as Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission preserve lands, creating an important wildlife corridor to the Babcock/Webb Wildlife Management Area.

The depressional marsh wetlands and larger slough system are home to several species of wading birds, as well as a family of sandhill cranes. The wetland areas also provide habitat for a wide assortment of reptiles and amphibians including the American alligator, banded water snake, and cricket frogs. Bobcats, deer, otters, and turkey can be observed roaming through the pine flatwoods and dry prairies.

The park is located in southern Punta Gorda, near the County line. Travel south on US 41 past Punta Gorda. The park is located on the northwest corner of Zemel Rd & US 41. A parking area is located to the right directly off US 41.

Tippecanoe Environmental Park

Tippecanoe Environmental Park is a 380 acre preserve with a diverse assortment of habitats including oak scrub, scrubby flatwoods, coastal hammocks, floodplain forests, salt marshes, and mangrove swamps. Scrub provides the ideal habitat for the Florida scrub-jay, as well as other protected species such as the gopher tortoise, eastern indigo snake, and gopher frog. Tippecanoe Environmental Park also boasts a rich history with multiple shell middens on the property, some dating as far back as 2,500 years.

The park is located in the El Jobean area of Port Charlotte. Travel onto SR 776 toward the El Jobean area. The park is located behind the Charlotte Sports Park Stadium, 2300 El Jobean Road.

CONSERVATION CHARLOTTE PRESERVES

Bill Coy Preserve

This 80.84-acre preserve is located along the northern section of Buck Creek on the Cape Haze Peninsula. The entire preserve is comprised of native habitat, predominantly scrubby flatwoods, and mesic pine flatwoods. These flatwoods transition into coastal hammock and mangrove swamp along Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay - an aquatic preserve and outstanding Florida water.

The Conservation Charlotte preserve is located along the northern section of Buck Creek on the Cape Haze Peninsula. Travel west on SR 776 (from Port Charlotte) and turn left onto CR 775 (Placida Rd). Proceed south approximately 4 miles; the Preserve is on the right side of the road.

Peace River Preserve

This 450-acre site is a mixture of scrubby flatwoods, mesic flatwoods, xeric and mesic hammocks, scattered depressional marshes, and mangrove swamp. The southern and eastern portions of this site transition into high marsh and mangrove communities that are typically flooded.

The Conservation Charlotte preserve is located in the Deep Creek area of Port Charlotte, along the western shores of the Peace River. Travel I-75 to the Kings Hwy exit, exit to the north. Turn right onto Sandhill Blvd and proceed approximately 2 miles, the Preserve is on the right side of the road.



Prairie Creek Preserve

The vast majority of this 1,603+ acre preserve is comprised of a mixture of upland habitats that have been well maintained by prescribed fires. The diverse array of habitat include scrub, scrubby flatwoods, palmetto prairies, and pine flatwoods. Prairie Creek, a tributary of Shell Creek Reservoir, traverses through the center of the property. The property provides habitat for several listed species of wildlife, including the Florida scrub-jay, gopher tortoises, and eastern indigo snake.

The Conservation Charlotte preserve is located in eastern Charlotte County along Prairie Creek, a tributary of the Shell Creek Reservoir. Travel I-75 to the Highway 17 exit, exit to the north. Proceed approximately 7 miles; the Preserve is on the right side of the road.

Shell Creek Preserve

This 370+ acre site was the largest area of unprotected native habitat remaining along the un-channelized portion of Shell Creek. The character of the preserve is unusual for south Florida. From the waterline, the creek banks rise almost vertically for several feet indicating that this creek is very old geologically in comparison to most south Florida waterways. Cypress and bottomland hardwoods line the creek shores giving way to xeric hammock, and further landward are intermittent small areas of mesic hammock and scrub leading to large expanses of longleaf pine dominated mesic flatwoods.

The Conservation Charlotte preserve is located along the southern fork of Shell Creek in eastern Charlotte County. Travel I-75 to the Highway 17 exit, exit to the north. Turn right on Washington Loop Rd, following Washington Loop to Trails End Rd, turn right. Follow signs to the Shell Creek Preserve.

Thornton Key Preserve

Charlotte County's Thornton Key Preserve contains 31+ acres in the central portion of Thornton Key, one of Charlotte County's Gulf barrier islands. The Preserve contains valuable habitat such as tropical coastal hammock that includes several rare plant species, mangrove swamps, salt barrens, and herbaceous marshes. The preserve is one of the few examples of tropical hardwood hammock habitat remaining in southwest Florida.

The Conservation Charlotte preserve is a barrier island in Lemon Bay south of Stump Pass and east of Palm Island; in the center portion of the island. Access to Thornton Key is by boat, canoe or kayak only. Access through Old Knights Pass east of Palm/Knight Island - Longitude: -82.332019, Latitude: 26.889019.

Tippecanoe II

Tippecanoe II is a 182-acre mitigation preserve for the Florida scrub-jay, and contains scrub habitat and scrubby flatwoods, xeric hammock, mesic flatwoods, upland mixed forest, marshes, and a small area of palm hammock. These habitats, home to Florida scrub-jay, are also home to other listed species such as the gopher tortoise, the Florida mouse, Eastern indigo snake, and gopher frog.

FISHING

PARK	FRESH	SALT
Ainger Creek Park	..... creek	
Allapatchee Shores Park	..... creek	
Anger Fishing Pier	..... bay	
Ann Dever Regional Park **	..... pond	..... creek
Audubon Pennington Nature Park	..... pond	
Bay Heights Park	..... bay	
Bayshore Live Oak Park	..... harbor	
Bissett Park	..... pond	
Boca Grande Fishing Pier	..... bay	
Butterford Waterway Park *	..... canal	..... canal
Cedar Point Environmental Park	..... bay	
Chadwick Park	..... bay	
Charlotte Sports Park	..... pond	..... canal
Chester Roberts Park	..... river	
Darst Park	..... river	
El Jobean Fishing Pier	..... river	
Englewood Beach	..... gulf	
Gulfstream Park	..... pond	
Harbour Heights Park *	..... river	..... river
Harold Avenue Park	..... canal	
Hathaway Park	..... creek	
Kiwanis Park	..... pond	
Lake Betty Park	..... canal	

PARK	FRESH	SALT
Learning Garden *	..... canal	..... canal
Lister Park	..... canal	
McGuire Park	..... canal	
Myakka Park	..... river	
North Charlotte Regional Park	..... pond	
Ollie's Pond Park	..... pond	
Placida Rotary Centennial Park	..... creek	
Port Charlotte Beach Park	..... harbor	
Riverside Boat Ramp *	..... creek	..... creek
South County Regional Park	..... pond	
South Gulf Cove Park *	..... canal	..... canal
Spring Lake Park	..... canal	
St. Paul's Linear Park *	..... canal	..... canal
Sunrise Park	..... canal	

All Charlotte County fishing locations are public fishing areas and licenses are needed.

For more information on Fishing & Licenses, please visit www.myfwc.com/license

For park locations, please turn to the Park Facility section.

* conditions change due to rainfall

** long walk to creek

KID'S PLAYGROUNDS

Ann Dever Regional Park - 6791 San Casa Drive, Englewood
 Bayshore Live Oak Park - 23157 Bayshore Road, Charlotte Harbor
 Bissett Park - 12455 Path Avenue, Punta Gorda
 Carmalita Athletic Park - 2610 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda
 Cedar Point Environmental Park - 2300 Placida Road, Englewood
 Deep Creek Park - 25555 Sandhill Boulevard, Punta Gorda
 Edgewater Park - 22410 Glass Lane, Port Charlotte
 Englewood Beach/Chadwick Park - 2100 North Beach Road, Englewood
 Englewood East Park - 11120 Sunnydale Avenue, Englewood
 Franz Ross Park - 19355 Quesada Boulevard, Port Charlotte
 G. C. Herring Park - 3406 Indiana Road, Cape Haze
 Harbour Heights Park - 27420 Voyageur Drive, Punta Gorda
 Harold Avenue Park - 23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte

Higgs Park - 21400 Higgs Court, Port Charlotte
 Kiwanis Park - 3100 Donora Street, Port Charlotte
 Lake Betty Park - 2215 Conway Boulevard, Port Charlotte
 Maracaibo Kidspac Park - 1505 Maracaibo Street, Port Charlotte
 McGuire Park - 21125 McGuire Avenue, Port Charlotte
 Port Charlotte Beach Park - 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte
 Randy Spence Park - 4333 Kerrigan Circle, Port Charlotte
 Rotonda Park - 100 Rotonda Boulevard East, Rotonda West
 Scotts Park - 6430 Scott Street, Punta Gorda
 South County Regional Park - 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda
 South Gulf Cove Park - 10150 Amicola Street, Port Charlotte
 Tringali Park - 3460 N. Access Road, Englewood



Ann Dever Regional Park

The Natural Resources Division helps to protect, restore, and conserve the environmental resources of Charlotte County, such as the valuable ecosystems, along with plant and animal species. Natural Resources reviews all development activity proposed within Charlotte County for potential impacts to the soil, water, vegetation communities, and state or federally listed wildlife. The Natural Resources Division is also tasked to manage Charlotte County's environmental lands. Charlotte County has been acquiring environmentally sensitive lands since the mid 1990's, through direct purchases, grant funds and, in 2006, the voters approved Conservation Charlotte program. For more information about Natural Resources, their programs or becoming a volunteer, please call 941.613.3220.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY'S ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM

Starting in the 1950's, local businesses and clubs were deploying materials to create artificial reefs in the Gulf of Mexico. In 1960, the first documented Charlotte County reef was deployed in the Gulf of Mexico, the Englewood Fish Haven, consisting of materials from a bridge in Englewood. In 1982, the State created the State's Artificial Reef Program to assist local governments in building artificial reefs. From 1981 to 2008, the local Sea Grant Agents assisted Charlotte County government, local businesses, and fishing clubs in developing and implementing the County's Artificial Reef Program. In 2009, the program was passed on to Charlotte County's Parks & Natural Resources Division.

Today, with the help of local dive groups, fishing clubs, and local businesses, the program continues to thrive.

Several studies have shown that Artificial Reefs are extensively used and generate millions of dollars to the local economy. In 1997, a study in the Florida Keys showed that the natural and artificial reefs generated \$127 million dollars annually to the Key's economy. In 2009, a study of Charlotte County artificial reefs generated nearly \$23 million dollars in net economic impacts annually that supports 306 full and part time jobs within the County.



BEACH NESTING BIRDS

Part of the Florida beach experience is enjoying the beautiful seabirds and shorebirds, from elegant white egrets to splendid black skimmers and graceful terns. Beach-goers are fortunate to observe a tremendous variety of birds along beaches which are critical to shorebird nesting. These stretches of beach provide a place where shorebirds can lay their eggs and raise their young, as they prefer isolated undisturbed areas. Florida coastline stretches nearly 1,200 statute miles with 13 million people living on or near the coast and another 50 million people visiting the beaches to vacation.

With the coastline experiencing rapid growth and widespread coastal development, shorebirds and seabirds have few places left to go. Due to the decline in undisturbed beaches, nesting shorebirds utilize the same beaches as the public. Repeated disruptions from people and pets can cause the birds to take flight and endanger the survival of the eggs and chicks. Protecting shorebirds and seabirds in Florida is no small task. Realizing that the conservation and management of these species is beyond the reach of any one agency or organization, Charlotte County staff and volunteers, along with local and regional partnerships, maintain collaborative efforts to educate the general public and protect nesting sites. Each year, February through September, a portion of our beaches, known as historical nesting sites, are roped and posted to promote successful nesting. Nest sites outside the roped area, are posted once a nest is discovered. Monitors walk the beaches regularly to observe, document nesting activity, and to ensure important sites within their respective areas are adequately protected. Volunteer Shorebird Stewards monitor nesting activity and conduct educational outreach informing the general public about shorebird nesting activity. These efforts have been created in an effort to make the most of our available resources and promote safe nesting.

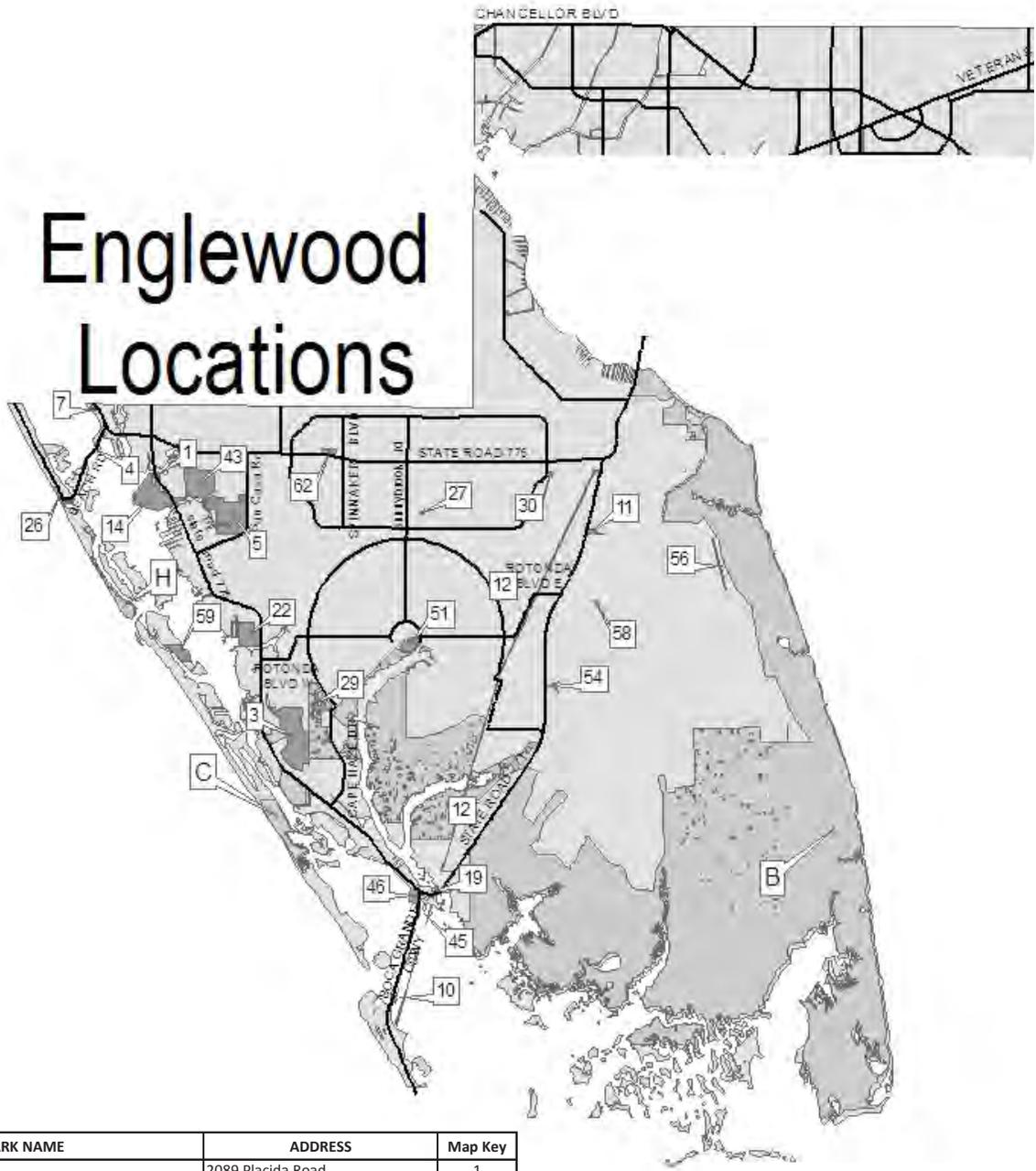
SEA TURTLE PROTECTION

Sea turtles are reptiles in a shell; their bodies are covered by a thick, sturdy surface which provides protection for their soft, inner body and sensitive organs. Sea turtles must breathe air to survive. They lack gills, and have lungs just like human beings. Sea turtles can tolerate a wide range of salinities, making it possible for them to travel throughout our world's warm-water environments. They spend their entire lives in the ocean. The only time they come ashore is to lay eggs and carry on a new generation. Their nesting season, depending upon the species, ranges from April through November. The females make their way back to the very beach they were hatched from to lay their eggs.

Sea turtles will lay a clutch, or group of eggs, averaging 50-200 eggs, depending upon the species. Incubation ranges between 45-65 days. At this time, hatchlings emerge from the nest cavity and make their sea-finding journey. Their survival rates are low. Survival rates for hatchlings are extraordinarily low; it is said only 1 in 1000 hatchlings will reach adulthood. Artificial lighting is reported as the #1 cause of hatchling mortality. Landward lights can disorient hatchlings that depend upon the illuminated horizon for direction. Other threats to sea turtles include pollution, temporary structures left on the beach overnight, fishing line and other ocean debris, floating balloons or plastic bags which resemble jellyfish, and dogs running at-large on the beach. In May 1989, and later amended in June 1998, Charlotte County adopted a Sea Turtle Protection Ordinance (Article XII) which provides standards and criteria for the protection of sea turtle nesting, coastal development, and prohibits artificial lighting on the nesting zone during the nesting season. It is also designed to provide a balance between the needs of residents and visitors and threatened and endangered sea turtles.

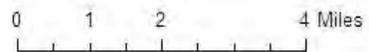
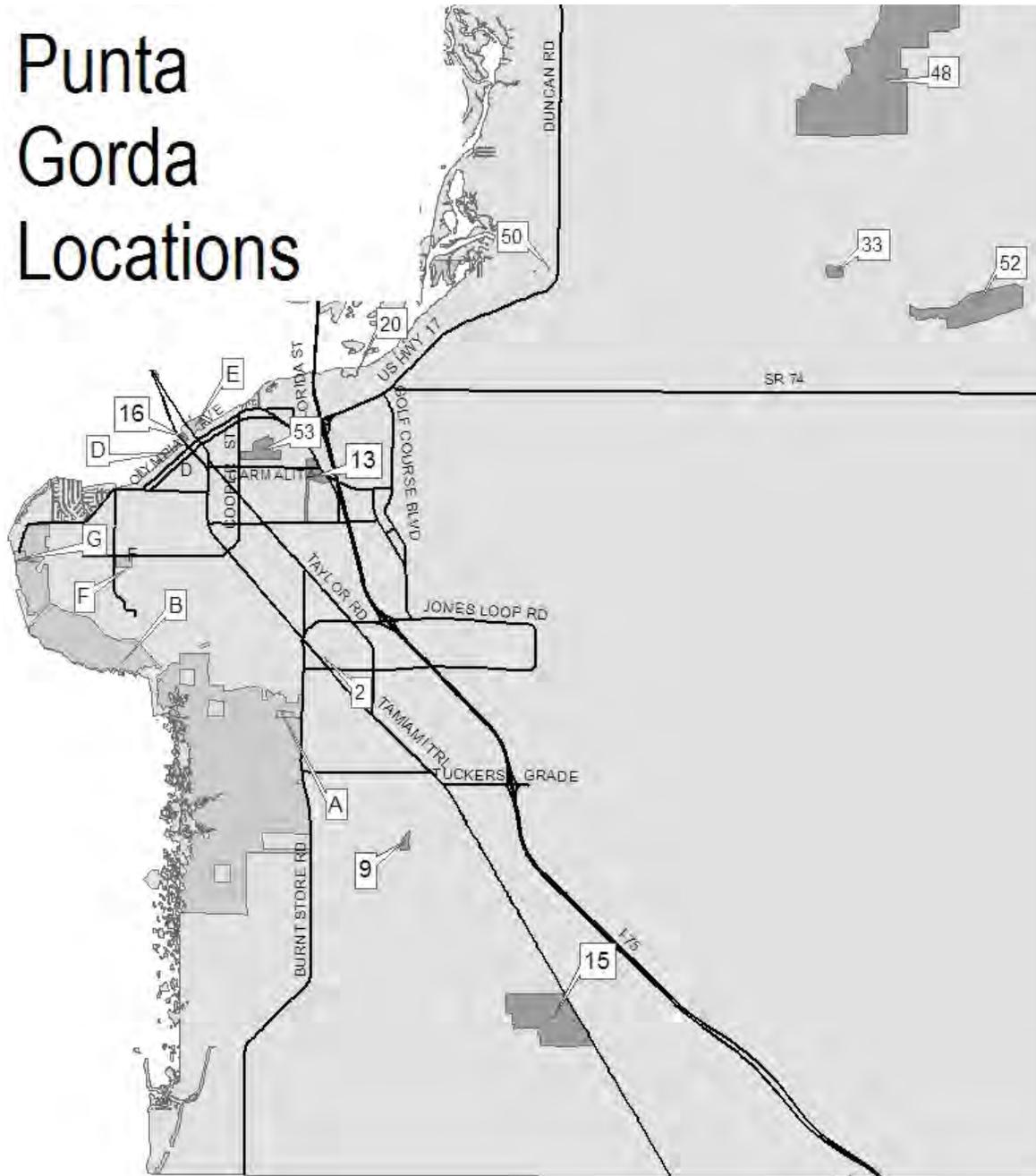


Englewood Locations

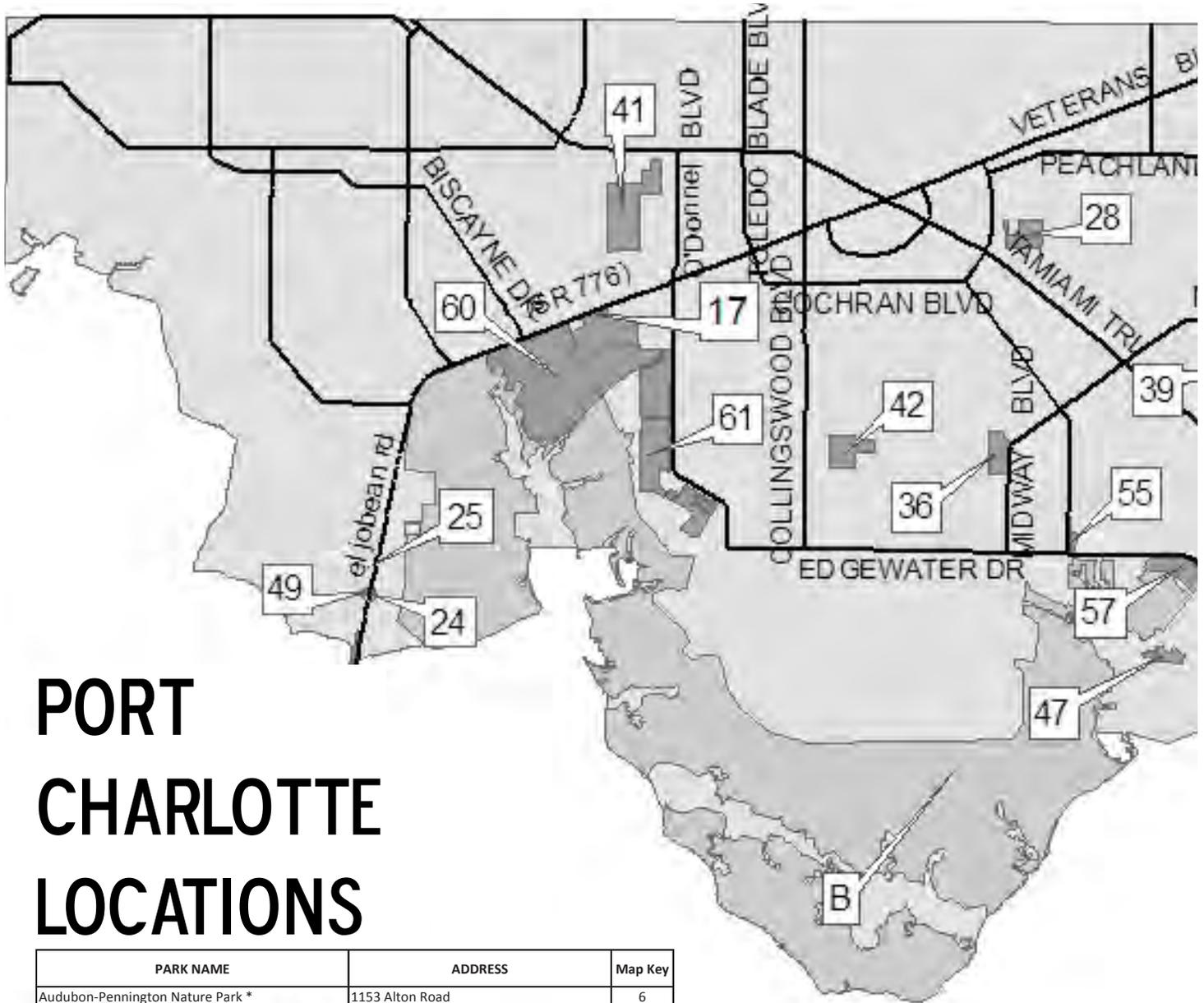


PARK NAME	ADDRESS	Map Key
Ainger Creek Park	2089 Placida Road	1
Amberjack Environmental Park	6450 Gasparilla Pines Blvd	3
Anger Fishing Pier	1385 Beach Road	4
Ann Dever Regional Park	6791 San Casa Drive	5
Bay Heights Park *	1000 S McCall Road	7
Bill Coy Preserve	5350 Placida Rd	22
Boca Grande Fishing Pier	5810 Gasparilla Road	10
Butterford Waterway Park	13555 Marathon Boulevard	11
Cape Haze Pioneer Trail Park	1688 Gasparilla Road	12
Cedar Point Environmental Park	2300 Placida Road	14
Centennial Fishing Pier	14021 Gasparilla Rd	19
Englewood Beach/Chadwick Park	2100 North Beach Road	26
Englewood East Park	11120 Sunnydale Avenue	27
G. C. Herring Park	3406 Indiana Road	29
Gulfstream Park	12873 Gulfstream Boulevard	30
Oyster Creek Environmental Park	2333 Placida Road	43
Placida Fishing Pier	13120 Pier Rd	45
Placida Park	6499 Boca Grande Causeway	46
Rotonda Park	100 Rotonda Boulevard East	51
South Gulf Cove Park	10150 Amicola Street	54
St. Paul Linear Park	9000 St. Paul Drive	56
The Learning Garden **	13577 Blake Drive	58
Thornton Key Preserve	8 Thornton Key Preserve	59
Tringali Park	3460 N Access Road	62

Punta Gorda Locations

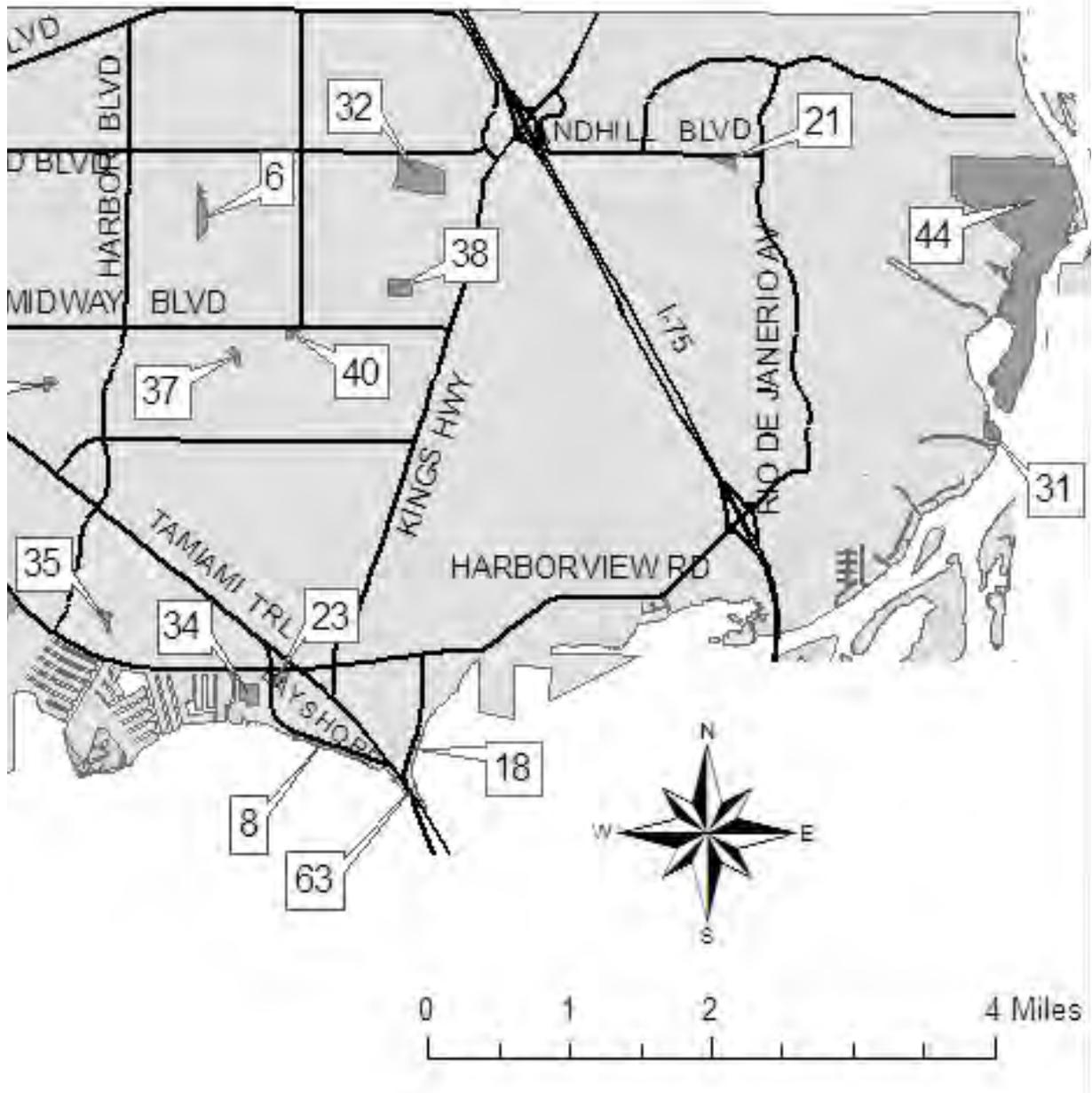


PARK NAME	ADDRESS	Map Key
Allapatchee Shores Park	3100 Hickory Court	2
Bissett Park	12455 Path Avenue	9
Carmalita Park	2605 Carmalita Street	13
Charlotte Flatwoods Environmental Park	15801 Tamiami Trail	15
Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center ***	75 Taylor Street	16
Darst Park	537 Darst Avenue	20
Hathaway Park	35461 Washington Loop Road	33
Prairie Creek Preserve	1900 Duncan Rd	48
Riverside Park	8120 Riverside Drive	50
Shell Creek Preserve	4334 Nellis Lane	52
South County Regional Park	670 Cooper Street	53



PORT CHARLOTTE LOCATIONS

PARK NAME	ADDRESS	Map Key
Audubon-Pennington Nature Park *	1153 Alton Road	6
Bayshore Live Oak Park	23157 Bayshore Road	8
Charlotte Sports Park	2300 El Jobean Road	17
Chester Roberts Park	5084 Melbourne Street	18
Deep Creek Park	25555 Sandhill Boulevard	21
Edgewater Park	22410 Glass Lane	23
El Jobean Boat Ramp	4224 El Jobean Road	24
El Jobean Pier	Gardner Road at River Beach Drive	25
Franz Ross Park	19355 Quesada Boulevard	28
Harbour Heights Park	27420 Voyageur Drive	31
Harold Avenue Park	23400 Harold Avenue	32
Hickory Bluff Park	4399 Willow Street	34
Higgs Park	21400 Higgs Drive	35
Kiwanis Park	501 Donora Street	36
Lake Betty Park	2215 Conway Boulevard	37
Live Oak Point	5100 Tamiami Trail	63
Maracaibo Kidspac Park	1505 Maracaibo Street	38
McGuire Park	21125 McGuire Avenue	39
Midway Park	23023 Midway Boulevard	40
North Charlotte Regional Park	1185 O'Donnell Boulevard	41
Ollie's Pond Park	18235 Avon Avenue	42
Peace River Preserve	28000 Sandhill Blvd	44
Port Charlotte Beach Park	4500 Harbor Boulevard	47
Randy Spence Park	4333 Kerrigan Circle	49
Spring Lake Park	3520 Lakeview Boulevard	55
Sunrise Park	20499 Edgewater Drive	57
Tippecanoe Environmental Park	2400 El Jobean Road	60
Tippecanoe II	16259 Joppa Ave	61



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Information	PARK NAME	ADDRESS	CITY/ZIP	Acreage	Map Key	BBQ Grills	Baseball Fields	Basketball Courts	Bike Trails/BMX	Birding	Boat Ramps	Bocce Courts	Canoe/Kayak	Concession Stand	Disc Golf	Environmental Center/Garden	Fishing	Fitness Trails
681.3742	Ainger Creek Park	2011 Placida Road	Englewood 34224	1.98	1						1		X				X	
505.8686	Allapatchee Shores Park	3100 Hickory Court	Punta Gorda 33950	0.322	2								X				X	
613.3220	Amberjack Environmental Park	6450 Gasparilla Pines Blvd	Rotonda 33947	223.33	3					X								
681.3742	Anger Fishing Pier	1385 Beach Road	Englewood 34224	0.14	4												X	
681.3742	Ann Dever Regional Park	6791 San Casa Drive	Englewood 34224	178	5	X		2	BMX*	X				X			X	
625.7529	Audubon-Pennington Nature Park *	1153 Alton Road	Port Charlotte 33952	11.11	6					X							X	
681.3742	Bay Heights Park *	1000 S McCall Road	Englewood 34223	2.68	7												X	
627.1628	Bayshore Live Oak Park	23157 Bayshore Road	Port Charlotte 33980	10.38	8	X							X				X	
613.3220	Bill Coy Preserve	5350 Placida Rd	Englewood 34224	79.04	22					X								
505.8686	Bissett Park	12455 Path Avenue	Punta Gorda 33950	19.11	9	X		1									X	
681.3742	Boca Grande Fishing Pier	5810 Gasparilla Road	Gasparilla Island	10	10												X	
681.3742	Butterford Waterway Park	13555 Marathon Boulevard	Port Charlotte 33981	6.88	11						X						X	
681.3742	Cape Haze Pioneer Trail Park	1688 Gasparilla Road	Rotonda 33946	87.72	12				X									
627.1074	Carmalita Park	2605 Carmalita Street	Punta Gorda 33950	56	13				BMX					X				
475.0769	Cedar Point Environmental Park	2300 Placida Road	Englewood 34224	136.31	14					X						X	X	
681.3742	Centennial Fishing Pier	14021 Gasparilla Rd	Placida 33946	3.01	19												X	
613.3220	Charlotte Flatwoods Environmental Park	15801 Tamiami Trail	Punta Gorda 33955	487.36	15					X								
639.5833	Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center ***	75 Taylor Street	Punta Gorda 33950	7.82	16													
235.5010	Charlotte Sports Park	2300 El Jobean Road	Port Charlotte 33948	83.1	17		6							X			X	
627.1628	Chester Roberts Park	5084 Melbourne Street	Port Charlotte 33980	0.3	18								X				X	
505.8686	Darst Park	537 Darst Avenue	Punta Gorda 33982	0.56	20						1		X				X	
627.1074	Deep Creek Park	25555 Sandhill Boulevard	Punta Gorda 33983	6.09	21			1										
627.1628	Edgewater Park	22410 Glass Lane	Charlotte Harbor 33980	3.88	23													
681.3742	El Jobean Boat Ramp	4224 El Jobean Road	El Jobean 33953	1.25	24						X		X					
625.7529	El Jobean Fishing Pier	Gardner Road at River Beach Drive	El Jobean 33953	10.51	25												X	
681.3742	Englewood Beach/Chadwick Park	2100 North Beach Road	Englewood 34223	12.67	26	X		1		X							X	
681.3742	Englewood East Park	11120 Sunnysdale Avenue	Englewood 34224	1.99	27	X		1										
627.1074	Franz Ross Park	19355 Quesada Boulevard	Port Charlotte 33948	30.85	28	X												
681.3742	G. C. Herring Park	3406 Indiana Road	Cape Haze 33947	19.32	29			2										
681.3742	Gulfstream Park	12873 Gulfstream Boulevard	Englewood 34224	3.17	30												X	

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PARK NAME	Football Fields	Gymnasium/ Fitness Center	Historic Features	Horse Arena	Horsehoes	Horse Trails	Inline Hockey Rink	Multi-Purpose/ Open Space	Nature Preserve	Nature Trail/ Walking Trail	Paw Park (X)	Dog Friendly (XX)	Picnic Shelters/ Pavilion Rentals	Picnicking/ Picnic Tables	Playgrounds	Recreation Building	Remote Control Features	Restroom / Port-o-lets	Room Rentals	Running Track	Shuffleboards	Skatepark	Soccer Fields	Softball Fields	Stadium	Swimming Pool/Driving Ball Beach	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts
Ainger Creek Park																		X										
Allapatchee Shores Park														X														
Amberjack Environmental Park									X	X																		
Anger Fishing Pier																		X										
Ann Dever Regional Park	3/L							X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X			X				P	2	
Audubon-Pennington Nature Park *									X	X																		
Bay Heights Park *								X						X														
Bayshore Live Oak Park			X					X	X	X	XX	X	X	X				X										
Bill Coy Preserve									X	X																		
Bissett Park					X			X					X	X	X			X			1						1	
Boca Grande Fishing Pier																		X										
Butterford Waterway Park																												
Cape Haze Pioneer Trail Park			X							X	XX		X					X										
Carmalita Park	3/2L			X									X	X				X	X			X		5/L				
Cedar Point Environmental Park			X						X	X			X	X				X										
Centennial Fishing Pier																		X										
Charlotte Flatwoods Environmental Park									X	X								X										
Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center ***										X								X	X									
Charlotte Sports Park								X									X	X	X						X			
Chester Roberts Park			X																									
Darst Park														X														
Deep Creek Park														X	X			X									2	
Edgewater Park											X		X	X				X										
EI Jobean Boat Ramp																		X										
EI Jobean Fishing Pier																		X										
Englewood Beach/Chadwick Park					X								X	X	X			X								B	2	
Englewood East Park					X								X	X				X			1							
Franz Ross Park	3/2L								X	X		X	X	X				X									4	
G. C. Herring Park								X					X	X			X	X		X								
Gulfstream Park														X														

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627.1074	Harbour Heights Park	27420 Voyageur Drive	Punta Gorda 33983	8.21	31	X		1			1		X				X	
627.1074	Harold Avenue Park	23400 Harold Avenue	Port Charlotte 33980	41.3	32	X	4/L	2/L						X			X	
505.8686	Hathaway Park	35461 Washington Loop Road	Punta Gorda 33950	29	33						1		X				X	
629.7278	Hickory Bluff Park	4399 Willow Street	Charlotte Harbor 33950	11.25	34													
627.1074	Higgs Park	21400 Higgs Drive	Port Charlotte 33952	4.86	35			1										
627.1628	Kiwanis Park	501 Donora Street	Port Charlotte 33952	31.69	36	X				X							X	X
627.1074	Lake Betty Park	2215 Conway Boulevard	Port Charlotte 33952	3.37	37	X		1									X	
625.7529	Live Oak Point	5100 Tamiami Trail	Charlotte Harbor 33980	5.38	63												X	
627.1074	Maracaibo Kidspage Park	1505 Maracaibo Street	Port Charlotte 33980	11.56	38	X	3							X				
627.1074	McGuire Park	21125 McGuire Avenue	Port Charlotte 33952	4.96	39	X		1									X	
627.1074	Midway Park	23023 Midway Boulevard	Port Charlotte 33952	3.49	40													
627.1074	North Charlotte Regional Park	1185 O'Donnell Boulevard	Port Charlotte 33948	103.3	41		4/L							X	X		X	
625.7529	Ollie's Pond Park	18235 Avon Avenue	Port Charlotte 33948	41.18	42					X							X	
681.3742	Oyster Creek Environmental Park	2333 Placida Road	Englewood 34224	137.37	43													
613.3220	Peace River Preserve	28000 Sandhill Blvd	Punta Gorda 33983	420.39	44					X								
681.3742	Placida Fishing Pier	13120 Pier Rd	Placida 33946	0.88	45												X	
681.3742	Placida Park	6499 Boca Grande Causeway	Placida 33946	19.8	46						2		X					
627.1628	Port Charlotte Beach Park	4500 Harbor Boulevard	Port Charlotte 33952	16.08	47	X		1			2	2	X				X	
613.3220	Prairie Creek Preserve	1900 Duncan Rd	Punta Gorda 33982	1645.5	48					X			X					
681.3742	Randy Spence Park	4333 Kerrigan Circle	El Jobean 33953	1.4	49	X		1										
505.8686	Riverside Park	8120 Riverside Drive	Punta Gorda 33590	0.71	50						1		X				X	
681.3742	Rotonda Park	100 Rotonda Boulevard East	Rotonda 33947	32.13	51	X			X									
613.3220	Shell Creek Preserve	4334 Nellis Lane	Punta Gorda 33982	366.56	52					X								
505.8686	South County Regional Park	670 Cooper Street	Punta Gorda 33983	84.3	53		4/L	3/L						X			X	
681.3742	South Gulf Cove Park	10150 Amicola Street	Gulf Cove 33946	4.8	54	X					1						X	
627.1074	Spring Lake Park	3520 Lakeview Boulevard	Port Charlotte 33952	6.05	55						1		X				X	
681.3742	St. Paul Linear Park	9000 St. Paul Drive	Port Charlotte 33981	8.33	56												X	
627.1074	Sunrise Park	20499 Edgewater Drive	Port Charlotte 33952	40.28	57					X			X				X	
628.1224	The Learning Garden **	13577 Blake Drive	Port Charlotte 33981	1.54	58											X/G	X	
613.3220	Thornton Key Preserve	8 Thornton Key Preserve	Englewood	35.04	59					X			X					
613.3220	Tippecanoe Environmental Park	2400 El Jobean Road	Port Charlotte 33948	354.13	60					X			X					
613.3220	Tippecanoe II	16259 Joppa Ave	Port Charlotte 33948	190.18	61					X								
681.3742	Tringali Park	3460 N Access Road	Englewood 34224	10.17	62			3										
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627.1074	Harbour Heights Park				X							XX	X	X	X				X			4						2/L	1
627.1074	Harold Avenue Park		X/G												X	X	X		X	X					3/L			4/L	
505.8686	Hathaway Park						X			X	X								X										
629.7278	Hickory Bluff Park			X					X																				
627.1074	Higgs Park								X					X	X	X				X									
627.1628	Kiwanis Park									X	X	XX	X	X	X				X										
627.1074	Lake Betty Park								X					X	X	X				X									
625.7529	Live Oak Point										X				X				X										
627.1074	Maracaibo Kidspace Park														X	X			X						3				
627.1074	McGuire Park					X			X						X	X			X									4/L	
627.1074	Midway Park								X										X									2	
627.1074	North Charlotte Regional Park									X	X	XX		X					X						4/L	1/L			
625.7529	Ollie's Pond Park									X	X	XX																	
681.3742	Oyster Creek Environmental Park																												
613.3220	Peace River Preserve									X	X																		
681.3742	Placida Fishing Pier																		X										
681.3742	Placida Park																		X										
627.1628	Port Charlotte Beach Park				X							XX	X	X	X	X			X	X							B/P	1	1
613.3220	Prairie Creek Preserve					X			X	X																			
681.3742	Randy Spence Park								X			XX	X	X	X				X										
505.8686	Riverside Park														X														
681.3742	Rotonda Park								X	X	X			X	X	X			X									2	
613.3220	Shell Creek Preserve									X	X																		
505.8686	South County Regional Park		X/G						X						X	X	X	X	X	X				4/L	1/L		P	2/L	2
681.3742	South Gulf Cove Park													X	X	X			X										
627.1074	Spring Lake Park									X	X				X				X										
681.3742	St. Paul Linear Park										X																		
627.1074	Sunrise Park									X	X				X				X									2	
628.1224	The Learning Garden **														X														
613.3220	Thornton Key Preserve									X	X																		
613.3220	Tippecanoe Environmental Park									X	X								X										
613.3220	Tippecanoe II									X	X																		
681.3742	Tringali Park		X/GF					X							X	X	X		X	X								4/L	2

Aug 2016 Note: Area Code is 941 for all parks *** Operated by SMG

PICNIC PAVILIONS

ANN DEVER REGIONAL PARK

6791 San Casa Drive
Englewood, FL 34224



PARK AMENITIES

Basketball Courts	Pavilion Rentals
Cricket/Multipurpose Field	Restrooms
Dog Park	Skate Park
Football Fields	Swimming Pool with Diving Well *
Nature Trails	Tennis Courts

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742

Rental Rate is \$20 per hour plus tax.

Commercial use is \$40 per hour plus tax.

* Additional Fee of Regular Pool Admission

Shelter Size: 1600 sq ft	Electric: Yes
Table #: 14 tables	Lighting: Yes
Seating Capacity: 160 people	Restrooms: Yes
Grill: Yes	Paid Parking: No
Water: Yes	

BAYSHORE LIVE OAK PARK

23157 Bayshore Road
Charlotte Harbor, FL 33980



PARK AMENITIES

Amphitheater	Fishing Pier	River Walk
Canoe/Kayak Launch	Historical Gathering Places	Restrooms

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742

Rental Rate is \$20 per hour plus tax.

Commercial use is \$40 per hour plus tax.

Shelter Size: 2200 sq ft	Electric: Yes
Table #: 10 tables (6 outdoor classroom)	Lighting: Yes
Seating Capacity: 100 people	Restrooms: Yes
Grill: Yes (pavilion only)	Paid Parking: No
Water: Yes	Fireplace: Yes (pavilion only)

Bayshore Live Oak Park's Outdoor Classroom is also available for rental.

Pavilion Rental Information:

- The minimum rental time for shelters is two hours as stated by the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners approved fee resolution.
- Reservations are for the picnic pavilion only and do not include reservation of exclusive use of other park areas or amenities. Rental of open space areas is available to accommodate additional needs, such as a bounce house.
- Liquor Liability insurance is required when renting a pavilion when alcoholic beverages will be consumed.
- Call 941.681.3742 for rental information.
- You may not limit access to park patrons nor charge admission to the park.
- Sale of food and/or beverage to the public is prohibited.
- Glass containers are prohibited.
- Alcoholic beverages are permitted from sunrise until sunset. *
- No music can be played or performed before 9 a.m. or after 9 p.m. Noise levels must follow County Noise Ordinance 94-02.
- Parking fees (if applicable) are not included in the shelter rental.
- Pavilion and surrounding area must be left in the same condition upon arrival.
- Licensee must observe all posted park rules.

* The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in any County parks & recreation facility located within a Community Redevelopment Area AND between sunset & sunrise in all other parks and recreation facilities, except where alcoholic consumption is expressly authorized by the terms of a County lease, outdoor festival license, or other similar County event or temporary use permit.

Community Redevelopment Area Parks:

Charlotte Harbor CRA - Bayshore Live Oak Park, Edgewater Park, and Chester Roberts Park

Parkside CRA - McGuire Park, Lake Betty Park

Murdock Village CRA - North Charlotte Regional Park

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

BISSETT PARK

12455 Path Avenue
Punta Gorda, FL 33950



PARK AMENITIES

Basketball Court	Restrooms
Horseshoes	Shuffleboard Court
Playground	Tennis Courts

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742

Rental Rate is \$10 per hour plus tax.

Commercial use is \$20 per hour plus tax.

Shelter Size: 40' x 20'	Electric: No
Table #: 8 tables	Lighting: Security lighting only
Seating Capacity: 64 people	Restrooms: Located in park
Grill: Yes	Paid Parking: No
Water: No	

ENGLEWOOD BEACH AT CHADWICK PARK

2100 North Beach Road
Englewood, FL 33223



PARK AMENITIES

- | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Basketball Court | Pavilions | Swimming beach |
| Beach Wheelchairs (1) | Picnic Shelters | Volleyball court (sand) |
| Fishing | Playground | |
| Horseshoes | Restrooms | |

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742

Pavilion #1 Located on peninsula (1857 Gulf Boulevard)

Rental Rate is \$20 per hour plus tax.

Commercial use is \$40 per hour plus tax.

Shelter Size: 2400 sq ft

Table #: 16 tables

Seating Capacity: 128 people

Grill: Yes

Lighting: No

Water: Yes

Restrooms: Port-o-lets

Electric: Yes

Paid Parking: Yes - \$.75 per hour

Pavilion #2

Located next to basketball court and horseshoe pits

Rental Rate is \$10 per hour plus tax.

Commercial use is \$20 per hour plus tax.

Shelter Size: 980 sq ft

Table #: 6 tables

Seating Capacity: 48 people

Grill: Yes

Lighting: No

Water: No

Restrooms: Yes

Electric: No

Paid Parking: Yes - \$.75 per hour

Pavilion #3

Located next to playground and sand volleyball court

Rental Rate is \$10 per hour plus tax.

Commercial use is \$20 per hour plus tax.

Shelter Size: 980 sq ft

Table #: 6 tables

Seating Capacity: 48 people

Grill: Yes

Lighting: No

Water: No

Restrooms: Yes

Electric: No

Paid Parking: Yes - \$.75 per hour

FRANZ ROSS PARK

19355 Quesada Boulevard
Port Charlotte, FL 33948



PARK AMENITIES

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Football Fields | Playground |
| Nature Trail | Restrooms |
| Pavilion Rentals | Tennis Courts (lighted) |

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742

Rental Rate is \$20 per hour plus tax.

Commercial use is \$40 per hour plus tax.

Shelter Size: 1800 sq ft

Electric: Yes

Table #: 15 tables

Lighting: No

Seating Capacity: 96 people

Restrooms: Yes

Grill: Yes

Paid Parking: No

Water: Yes

HARBOUR HEIGHTS PARK

27420 Voyageur Drive
Punta Gorda, FL 33950



PARK AMENITIES

- | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Basketball Court | Boat Ramp | Playground |
| Butterfly Garden | Multipurpose Field | Restrooms |
| Boat Docks | Pavilion | Tennis Courts (lighted) |

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742

Rental Rate is \$20 per hour plus tax.

Commercial use is \$40 per hour plus tax.

Shelter Size: 1600 sq ft

Electric: Yes

Table #: 12 tables

Lighting: Yes

Seating Capacity: 72 people

Restrooms: Yes

Grill: Yes

Paid Parking: No

Water: Yes

PICNIC PAVILIONS

HATHAWAY PARK

35461 Washington Loop Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33950



PARK AMENITIES

Birding	Canoe/Kayak Launch	Nature Trail
Boat Ramp	Horse Trails	Port-o-lets

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is \$20 per hour plus tax.
Commercial use is \$40 per hour plus tax.

Shelter Size: 1700 sq ft	Electric: No
Table #: 8 tables	Lighting: No
Seating Capacity: 80 people	Restrooms: Port-a-let
Grill: Yes	Paid Parking: No
Water: No	

KIWANIS PARK

501 Donora Street
Port Charlotte, FL 33952



PARK AMENITIES

Boardwalk	Nature Trail	Playground
Gazebo	Pavilions	Restroom

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is \$20 per hour plus tax.
Commercial use is \$40 per hour plus tax.
Gazebo included in rental rate.

Shelter Size: 2 - 10' x 20'	Electric: No
Table #: 2 tables each	Lighting: No
Seating Capacity: 16 people each	Restrooms: Yes
Grill: Yes	Paid Parking: No
Water: No	

LAKE BETTY PARK

2215 Conway Boulevard
Port Charlotte, FL 33952



PARK AMENITIES

Basketball	Multi-Purpose Field/Open Space	Playground
BBQ Grills	Picnic Shelters/Pavilion Rentals	Restroom
Fishing	Picnicking/Picnic Tables	

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is \$10 per hour plus tax.
Commercial use is \$20 per hour plus tax.

Pavilion #1 Located to the left of the playground
Shelter Size: 10' x 20' Electric: No
Table #: 2 Lighting: No
Seating Capacity: 16 people Restrooms: Yes
Grill: Yes Paid Parking: No
Water: No

Pavilion #2 Located to the right of the playground
Shelter Size: 10' x 20' Electric: No
Table #: 2 Lighting: No
Seating Capacity: 16 people Restrooms: Yes
Grill: Yes Paid Parking: No
Water: No

PORT CHARLOTTE BEACH PARK

4500 Harbor Boulevard
Port Charlotte, FL 33952



PARK AMENITIES

Basketball	Horseshoes	Swimming Beach
Boat Ramp	Pavilions	Swimming Pool *
Bocce	Playground	Tennis Courts
Canoe/Kayak	Recreation Building	Volleyball (sand)
Fishing Pier	Restrooms	

PORT CHARLOTTE BEACH PARK CONTINUED

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
 Rental Rate is \$10 per hour plus tax.
 Commercial use is \$20 per hour plus tax.
 * Additional Fee of Regular Pool Admission

Pavilion #1 Located beach side near boardwalk
 Shelter Size: 800 sq ft Electric: Yes
 Table #: 8 tables Lighting: No
 Seating Capacity: 48 people Restrooms: Yes
 Grill: Yes Paid Parking: Yes - \$.75 per hour
 Water: Yes

Pavilion #2 Located beach side near playground
 Shelter Size: 800 sq ft Electric: Yes
 Table #: 8 tables Lighting: No
 Seating Capacity: 48 people Restrooms: Yes
 Grill: Yes Paid Parking: Yes - \$.75 per hour
 Water: Yes

RANDY SPENCE PARK

4333 El Jobean Road
 El Jobean, FL 33953



PARK AMENITIES

Basketball Court Playground
 Restrooms - Port-o-lets

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
 Rental Rate is \$10 per hour plus tax.
 Commercial use is \$20 per hour plus tax.

Pavilion Size: 2 - 10' x 30'
 Use of both covered shelters included in one pavilion rental
 Table #: 4 tables Lighting: Yes
 Seating Capacity: 32 people Restrooms: Port-o-lets
 Grill: Yes Paid Parking: No
 Water: No Electric: Yes



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ROTONDA COMMUNITY PARK

100 Rotonda Boulevard East
 Rotonda West, FL 33947



PARK AMENITIES

Bike Trail Playground
 Multipurpose Field Restrooms
 Nature Preserve Tennis Courts

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
 Rental Rate is \$20 per hour plus tax.
 Commercial use is \$40 per hour plus tax.

Shelter Size: 1600 sq ft Electric: Yes
 Table #: 9 tables Lighting: Yes
 Seating Capacity: 72 people Restrooms: Yes
 Grill: Yes Paid Parking: No
 Water: Yes

SOUTH GULF COVE PARK

10150 Amicola Street
 Gulf Cove, FL 33946



PARK AMENITIES

Boat Ramp Picnic Shelters/Pavilion Rentals Playground
 Fishing Picnicking/Picnic Tables Restrooms

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
 Rental Rate is \$10 per hour plus tax.
 Commercial use is \$20 per hour plus tax.

Pavilion #1 Located beach side near boardwalk
 Shelter Size: 980 sq ft Grill: Yes
 Table #: 6 tables Restrooms: Yes
 Seating Capacity: 48 people
 Paid Parking: No

REGIONAL PARKS

ANN DEVER REGIONAL PARK



6791 San Casa Drive, Englewood, FL 34224
941.681.3742

Ann Dever Regional Park has over 306 acres of land, 50 acres for active use, 120 acres of environmental land and 36 acres north of the creek. There is more to this park than a swimming pool and basketball courts. It also features a diving well, football fields, tennis courts, a cricket/multipurpose field, a dog park, a skate park, pavilion rentals, restrooms, and nature trails. The Oyster Creek Waterfront Trail connects the Ann Dever Regional Park with Cedar Point Environmental Park. The trail allows unfettered access to both parks providing trail users the opportunity to experience both parks' marine life, water fowl, and flora from a unique perspective by allowing them to traverse Oyster Creek under SR 775. The trail can be accessed by either the Oyster Creek Environmental Park or Cedar Point Environmental Park and

was made possible in part by a grant from the State of Florida Recreation Trails Program.

In 2010, the Rotary Club of Placida wanted to honor the late Ann Dever, who many knew as a tireless advocate and champion of our Parks & Recreation division of Charlotte County. Ann Dever served the community and the department in many capacities, including serving several terms as the District 3 nominee to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, as well as serving as the Chairman.

Ann's personality and love of children, parks, recreation, and fishing were larger than life and all of these can be demonstrated here at this park. By naming this facility in her honor, we will always remember her for all she has done and generously given!

NORTH CHARLOTTE REGIONAL PARK



1185 O'Donnell Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
941.627.1074

North Charlotte Regional Park is 103+ acres within the Murdock Village CRA. With four lighted baseball fields, a softball field, and four soccer fields, the park is also home to the Snowbird Classic College Baseball Tournament in March. The park also features a challenging 18 "hole" Disc Golf course.



Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

NORTH CHARLOTTE REGIONAL PARK CONTINUED

THE PRESERVE DISC GOLF COURSE



VETERAN'S MEMORIAL WALKWAY

In 2009 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5690 partnered with the County to develop the Veteran's Memorial Walkway. The walkway features a brick plaza with the US Flag, Florida Flag, and POW/MIA flag with a granite monument honoring all veterans. The walkway allows quiet retrospect to where a monument stands for each branch of the military as well as POW/MIA's. The VFW holds a memorial ceremony on Veteran's Day each year.



SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL PARK



670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
941.505.8686

Located in the heart of Punta Gorda between Carmalita and Cooper Street lies a 84.3 acre regional park. Amenities include baseball and soccer fields, a recreation center and pool with diving well, basketball and tennis courts, an RC car track, community garden, playground, and retention lakes stocked with redfish. For information about the Sailing and RC Clubs that meet at the park, refer to Page 45 for a list of leagues.



Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

SKATE PARKS



Charlotte County Community Services offers two Skate Parks. All skaters must abide by the rules and have a signed waiver on file with Charlotte County. Patrons may go to any County Recreation Center or Pool to pick up and submit the waiver form. Those skaters 18 years and older may sign the waiver themselves. For children 17 years of age and younger, the waiver must be signed by a parent or guardian in front of a staff member. If it is not signed in front of a staff member, the form must be notarized. Picture ID is required at all times when using the skate parks. Our staff, as well as the local Rotary Clubs, will randomly check waivers and IDs.

Admission is free to all patrons on a drop-in basis daily, except for special events or activities such as tournaments or classes.

Rules for both Skate Parks...

- **Skateboarding and Inline skating only**
- **Bikes at Don Cerbone are allowed only on Tuesdays & Thursdays**
- **Skating is at your own risk**
- **Anyone under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult 18 or over**
- **All participants must have a signed waiver on file to skate**
- **Waxing is not allowed**
- **Required Safety Equipment must be worn at all times: strapped helmet. Elbow pads, knee pads, and wrist guards strongly recommended**
- **No food or beverages within the skating area**
- **Profanity, reckless behavior, and willful destruction of property will not be tolerated**
- **Failure to adhere to rules will result in loss of skating privileges**



J.M. BERLIN/ROTARY SKATE PARK

6941 San Casa Drive, Englewood, FL 34224
(at Ann Dever Regional Park)
941.681.3769

Hours when school is in session

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Closed Wednesday
Saturday & Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

School Summer Vacation

Monday to Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

BMX Hours (this location only)

BMX will be allowed in the park every Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the last Sunday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

BMX School Summer Vacation Hours

Tuesdays and the last Sunday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This 18,000 sq. ft. amenity was designed and built by Team Pain, world famous/Florida-based skate park designers, and features China banks, concrete bowls, beginner, street, and transition elements.

The Skate Park was funded, in part, through a significant donation by the Berlin Family and the fundraising efforts of Englewood area Rotary Clubs.

Start to Shred Skate Program

Starting October 1st

Every Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All ages and skill levels welcome

For beginners, intermediate, and advanced skaters interested in improving or learning new skills.

*Participants must provide their own skateboard and helmet.

*Participants must have or obtain a Charlotte County Skate Pass.



CAPTAIN DON CERBONE MEMORIAL SKATE PARK

2605 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(at Carmalita Park)
941.505.8686

Hours are Monday to Sunday dawn to dusk.

Tuesdays & Thursdays Bikes

The Captain Don Cerbone Memorial Skate Park is a shining example of a community project made possible by the determination and commitment of private citizens, the generosity of the business community, and the support of local government.

STATE PARKS

Stump Pass State Park

900 Gulf Boulevard, Englewood, FL 34233 (*Map Key - H*)
941.964.0375

At the southwest corner of Charlotte County, there is a mile of beach where seashells and shark teeth wash up, and anglers fish the surf for prize catches. Visitors can enjoy an excellent view of the Gulf of Mexico, as well as a stretch of undeveloped Florida coastline. Visitors come to this secluded beach to enjoy the year-round swimming and sunbathing; shelling is best during the winter months. A hiking trail passes through five distinct natural communities that provide homes for many species of wildlife; covered picnic tables are located along the trail. While at the park, visitors might see West Indian manatees, gopher tortoises, snowy egrets, least terns, and magnificent frigatebirds. Ranger-led nature hikes are available in the winter.

Don Pedro State Park

8450 Placida Road, Cape Haze, FL 33946 (*Map Key - C*)
941.964.0375

This beautiful park is part of an extensive chain of barrier islands extending along Florida's Gulf Coast. Between Knight Island and Little Gasparilla Island, Don Pedro is accessible only by private boat or ferry. Boaters can tie up at the dock on the mangrove-lined bay side of the island. Access the dock via the channel south of the Cape Haze power line crossing, but be sure to idle, as the channel is only 2.5 feet deep. Keep your eyes peeled for endangered species such as West Indian manatees, gopher tortoises, bald eagles, and American oystercatchers. With one mile of white sand beach, enjoy sunbathing, swimming, snorkeling, and shelling on Don Pedro's Gulf side. Boat and surf fishing are other favorite pastimes of visitors to the 230-acre park. Hikers and nature lovers can explore trails of the Park's land base portion on the Cape Haze Peninsula. The 100-acre land base also offers a fishing dock, nature trails, and a picnic shelter.

Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park

12301 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33955 (*Map Key - B*)
941.575.5861

This park is comprised of 42,000 acres and protects 70 miles of shoreline along Charlotte Harbor in Charlotte and Lee Counties. Visitors can take advantage of opportunities to hike, fish, paddle, and observe wildlife in the park's many natural communities, including mangrove forests, marshes, scrub habitats, and pine flatwoods. Most of the park is shallow water fringed by mangroves, providing amazing opportunities to view wading birds, manatees, dolphins, and other wildlife. The park is best accessed by kayak or canoe. Portions of two paddle trail systems wind through the park. Hikers and bird-watchers can access Charlotte Harbor's upland areas at pedestrian walkthroughs available in each section of the park, and explore the wildlife found along three marked trails. Visitors can also enjoy the resources provided by the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) located in the park. Visitors are welcome to explore other areas of the Preserve, unless posted as closed, but should be aware that these areas are a remote and primitive wilderness. Visitors should take a compass, a map, and sufficient water for their trip. No restrooms or drinking water are available.

FOR LOCATIONS OF THESE PARKS PLEASE NOTE THEIR MAP KEY AND REFER TO PAGES 28 THROUGH 31.

CITY OF PUNTA GORDA PARKS

Gilchrist Park

400 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 (*Map Key - D*)
941.575.3352

11 acres along Charlotte Harbor, sidewalk for walking, jogging, and biking, basketball court, playground, two tennis courts, one fishing pier, gardens, gazebo, restrooms, shelters, picnic tables, small beach, and four parking lots.

Laishley Park

100 Nesbit Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 (*Map Key - E*)
941.575.3352

Gazebo with pond and fountain, Veterans garden, shelter with picnic tables, restrooms, fishing pier, boat ramp, sidewalk for walking, jogging and biking, parking throughout park.

Ponce de Leon Park

3400 Ponce De Leon Parkway, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 (*Map Key - G*)
941.575.3352

10 acres on Charlotte Harbor at Ponce de Leon Inlet, ¼ mile raised boardwalk through wetland area, educational signage, boat ramp, boat trailer parking, two fishing piers, playground, man-made beach, shelter, restrooms, picnic tables, Peace River Wildlife Center, parking, and beautiful view.

Nature Park

1623 Aqui Esta Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 (*Map Key - F*)
941.575.3352

21 acre park situated in the center of Punta Gorda Isles neighborhood. The park includes palmetto forest and salt/high marsh habitats, which include a multi-use recreational trail and observation deck. The remainder of the park is disturbed upland areas which present opportunities for the development of a variety of outdoor recreational activities.

CHARLOTTE HARBOR ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER (CHEC)

Alligator Creek Location

10941 Burnt Store Road, South Punta Gorda, FL 33955 (*Map Key - A*)
941.575.5435

The Alligator Creek Preserve, established in 1987, it is adjacent to the 30,000+acre Charlotte Harbor State Park Preserve. CHEC is located on property owned by the State of Florida, and the Center's portion is leased to the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, Inc. for environmental education and recreation. The Alligator Creek Preserve includes four (4) miles of nature trails. Year-round volunteers offer interpretive trail walks to the public free of charge. Please take only pictures and leave only footprints!

Cedar Point Location

2300 Placida Road, Englewood, FL 34224 (*Map Key - 14*)
941.475.0769

Cedar Point Environmental Park was purchased by Charlotte County in 1992, the trails established in 1995, and the Visitor Center opened to the public in 1998. CHEC has been actively involved in its management and the coordination of its educational and recreational programs since 1995. This is a 115-acre Charlotte County Park that borders Ainger Creek, Oyster Creek, and Lemon Bay. The Visitor's Center is free and open to the public. Three trails lead directly to Lemon Bay. Please take only pictures and leave only footprints!

PARKING PAY STATION AND BEACH AND BOAT RAMP INFORMATION

BEACH AND BOAT RAMP PARKING PAY STATIONS

- Remember your space number
- Enter the space number on the pay station machine
- Select the amount of time you want to stay

Pay for your time with exact change or credit card. If you pay more than the amount selected you will be credited the additional time. Sorry, NO REFUNDS are available, and NO CHANGE is provided.

Please remember, if you do not want to pay at the machine, you can get a seasonal or annual parking pass!

HOURS FOR PARKING

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 Boat Ramps & Fishing Piers - 24 hours a day, seven days a week

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Seasons and Contacts Months indicated are playing seasons. Registration is typically held in the preceding month.

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Baseball												
<u>Recreation/Travel Baseball (4-18)</u>												
Port Charlotte Little League - Harold Avenue Park - Lou Agosto - 941.629.1220		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
Cal Ripken - South County Regional Park - Dominic Mincielli - 407.963.7121		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
Charlotte Thunder Travel - Tom Birdsall- 941.626.6286	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Iron Pigs IBC Nations Travel Baseball - NCRP - Wayne Harrell - 941.626.1274		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Basketball												
Harold Avenue Youth Basketball (4-17): Harold Avenue Park - 941.627.1074	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Harold Avenue Men's Basketball (18+): Harold Avenue Park - 941.627.1074		X	X	X				X	X	X		
Armed & Dangerous Girls Basketball (5-17): Harold Avenue Park -Teddy Spikes - 941.249.1116			X	X	X							
Bocce												
Port Charlotte Beach - Bill Gurnick - 941.661.0573	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cycling												
Charlotte BMX, Inc.- Carmalita Park - Amanda Carr, Pres.- charlottebmxtrack@yahoo.com	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Cricket												
Southwest Florida Cricket League: Abdool Khaleel - 941.627.2667	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Equestrian												
Punta Gorda Horseman's Association: Carmalita Park - Laura St. John, Pres. - 941.769.4720	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Football/Cheerleading												
<u>Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading (5-15)</u>												
Englewood Cats: Ann Dever Regional Park - Andrew Mitchell - 941.286.2203							X	X	X	X	X	
Port Charlotte Bandits: Franz Ross Park -Shea Davis - 941.661.9368		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	
Charlotte Warriors: Carmalita Park - Ivan Nelson - 941.587.3159		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	
Flag Football												
Make It Count Sports - Youth (5-15): Franz Ross Park - Elgin Hicks - 941.268.1891	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Armed & Dangerous - Adult (18+): Carmalita Park - Teddy Spikes - 941.249.1116					X	X	X		X	X	X	
C4 Sports-Youth (5-15) & Adult (18+): Franz Ross Park - Rachele Fuste - 305.338.2104	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Inline Hockey												
Charlotte County Inline Hockey (5-17): Tringali Park - Rob Kruzel - 941.441.6888	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X
Radio Control Racing												
RC Sailing - Sun Coast Model Sailing Club - SCRCP - Paul Newfield - 941.628.8802	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Shuffleboard												
Port Charlotte Shuffleboard Club: Higgs Park - Ron Reese - 941.235.2153	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Skating/Skateboarding												
Captain Don Carbone Memorial Skate Park: Carmalita Park - 941.505.8686	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
J.M. Berlin/Rotary Skate Park: Ann Dever Regional Park - 941.681.3742	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Soccer												
C.C.S.F Recreational (4-16): North Charlotte Regional Park - Erick Toth, Pres.- 941.815.0336			X	X	X				X	X	X	
C.C.S.F. Competitive (9-18): South County Regional Park- Charlie Dimonda, VP - 941.628.2216			X	X	X				X	X	X	
Softball												
Miss Charlotte Fast Pitch Girls Softball (5-17): Brandi Hendrickson - 941.628.4912		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
C.C. Christian Association Adult League (18+): Carmalita Park - Clayton Hotchkiss -941.456.6934		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	
Adult Commercial (17+): Carmalita Park - Wayne Berryhill - 941.916.6440		X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X
Half Century League (50+): Carmalita Park - Paul Kanaszka - 941.661.2984		X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X
Morning Senior League(55+): Carmalita Park - Jim Day- 941.391.5528	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X
Swimming												
Charlotte County Swimming - JR Whaley, Coach - 941.740.0976	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tennis												
Charlotte County Women's Tennis League: Ruth Damron - 941.629.0594	X	X	X							X	X	X
Charlotte County 50 + Women's Tennis League: Maureen Garafalo, Pres.- 941.743.3765	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X
Peace River Men's Tennis League: Harold Ave. - 941.627.1074	X	X	X	X							X	X

Please note league contact information changes regularly. For the most current information and links to league websites, visit the Charlotte County Community Services webpage at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov

AQUATICS - ANN DEVER REGIONAL PARK POOL

RECREATION



7001 San Casa Drive, Englewood, FL 34224
941.681.3743

Ann Dever Regional Park Pool is a heated, eight lane, twenty-five yard competition pool with a shallow water play area and attached dive well equipped with a one meter diving board, and wheelchair ramp for accessibility. Recreational amenities include a water basketball hoop.

Recreational Swim Hours

Tuesday to Friday - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Spring and Summer,
- 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fall and Winter
(Daylight Savings Time)

* Pool hours are subject to change.

General Pool Admission

Daily Fees	Adult (16 and up) is \$2.50 + tax Child (ages 2-15) is \$1.50 + tax
Yearly Passes	Adult (16 and up) is \$75 + tax Child (ages 2-15) is \$50 + tax Family passes (2 adults & 2 children) is \$200 + tax and \$30 for each additional child

Water Exercise Punch Passes \$27 for 10 classes (= one free class!)

LEARN TO SWIM

Spring/Summer Learn to Swim

Ages 6 months to adult
\$45 per session
Tuesday through Friday
Session 1 March 21 to March 31
Session 2 April 11 to April 21
Session 3 May 2 to May 12
Session 4 May 23 to June 2
Session 5 June 13 to June 23
Session 6 July 5 to July 18
Session 7 July 25 to August 4

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

AMERICAN RED CROSS CERTIFICATION COURSES

LIFEGUARDS WANTED - Monthly Lifeguard Training Classes

Ages 15 and up
\$200
October 5 to 29
January 4 to 28
February 1 to 25
March 1 to 25
April 5 to 29
Wednesdays & Fridays, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Students will learn the skills required of professional Lifeguards. Students successfully completing will earn national certification. Please schedule a swim skills test. Lifeguard scholarship program available to qualified candidates.

AQUATICS FOR FITNESS

Lap Swim - Tuesday to Friday

All ages
Morning - 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Lunchtime - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Twilight - 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
At least four lap lanes are available for swimmers. Kick boards and pull buoys are also available.

Water Aerobics

18 and over, \$3 per class
Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Increase range of motion, strength, and cardiovascular ability in a relaxed, fun atmosphere.

AQUATICS - ANN DEVER REGIONAL PARK POOL

AQUATICS FOR FITNESS CONTINUED

Deep Water Aerobics

18 and over, \$3 per class

Class limited to 12 participants

Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

This class uses deep water jogging and exercises to challenge and strengthen the entire body. Participants are in a vertical position, in water up to 12 feet deep. Flotation belts and water noodles are used, but swimming ability is required. *Classes end April 26 and will restart in October.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

April Pools Day

Free admission, All ages

Saturday, April 1, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A fun day of water activities featuring a free water aerobic class, free swim lesson, games, inflatable slides, an underwater weapon recovery by local police agency, and much more!

AQUATICS - PORT CHARLOTTE BEACH PARK POOL



4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952
941.629.0170

Port Charlotte Beach Park Pool is a picturesque recreational pool located on Charlotte Harbor. The pool features a shallow and deeper water play area and a pool lift for accessibility.

Pool Hours

Tuesday to Friday - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

General Pool Admission

Daily Fees Adult (16 and up) is \$2.50 + tax

Child (ages 2-15) is \$1.50 + tax

Yearly Passes Adult (16 and up) is \$75 + tax

Child (ages 2-15) is \$50 + tax

Family passes (2 adults & 2 children) is \$200 + tax
and \$30 for each additional child

Water Exercise Punch Passes \$27 for 10 classes (= one free class!)

This facility will be closed Monday, October 17 - Friday, October 21 for annual maintenance, facility upgrades, and staff training. Dates subject to change, please call to confirm.

AQUATICS FOR FITNESS

Aquacize

18 and Over

\$3 per class

Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

An excellent way for people to increase strength, flexibility, and overall health. The class utilizes low impact movements to increase range of motion, strength, flexibility, heart rate, and breathing rate all in a relaxed fun atmosphere. Limit 25 participants.

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

AQUATICS - SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL PARK POOL

RECREATION



670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
941.505.8686

South County Regional Park Pool is a heated, eight lane, twenty-five yard competition pool with a shallow water play area and separate dive well equipped with a one meter diving board, and wheelchair ramp for accessibility. Recreational amenities include a water basketball hoop and inflatable water volleyball game.

Recreational Swim Hours

Tuesday to Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Spring and Summer,
- 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fall and Winter
(Daylight Savings Time)

* Pool hours are subject to change.

General Pool Admission

Daily Fees Adult (16 and up) is \$2.50 + tax
 Child (ages 2-15) is \$1.50 + tax

Yearly Passes Adult (16 and up) is \$75 + tax
 Child (ages 2-15) is \$50 + tax
 Family passes (2 adults & 2 children) is \$200 + tax
 and \$30 for each additional child

Water Exercise Punch Passes \$27 for 10 classes (= one free class!)

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

LEARN TO SWIM

Spring Learn to Swim

Ages 6 months to adult
\$45 per session
Tuesday through Friday
Session 1 March 7 to March 17
Session 2 March 28 to April 7
Session 3 April 18 to April 28
Session 4 May 9 to May 19

Summer Learn to Swim

Ages 6 months to adult
\$45 per session
Tuesday through Friday
Session 1 May 30 to June 9
Session 2 June 20 to June 30
Session 3 July 11 to July 21
Session 4 August 1 to August 11

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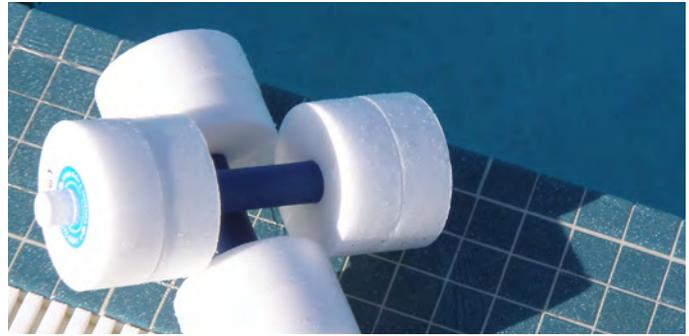
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Please contact South County Regional Park Pool at 941.833.3810 or Ann Dever Regional Park Pool at 941.681.3743 for details!

Charlotte County Community Services and the American Red Cross Centennial Campaign

Swim Lesson Scholarship Program



AQUATICS FOR FITNESS

Aqua Zumba

18 and Over
 \$8 per class (or punch card \$32 for 5 classes)
 Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (year round)
 Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (September through May)
 Have fun dancing to Latin and other rhythms while improving your fitness without wear and tear on the joints.

Lap Swim

Early Bird, 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Tuesday to Friday
 Lunchtime, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday to Friday
 Twilight, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday to Friday
 At least four lap lanes are available for swimmers. Kick boards and pull buoys are also available. Yearly pass required for Early Bird Lap Swim.

Water Aerobics

18 and Over
 \$3 per class
 Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
 Increase range of motion, strength, heart rate, and breathing rate all in a relaxed, fun atmosphere.

SPECIAL EVENTS

April Pools Day

Saturday, April 1
 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Free
 A free, family fun day featuring water games, slides, and activities for all ages!

Moonlight Movies

Saturday, June 17
 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 Movie begins at sunset.
 \$3 plus tax per person
 Family friendly & fun! Swim under the stars and enjoy watching a movie on a giant screen while in the pool.

LIGHTNING NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS

WeatherBug® Outdoor Lightning Alerting Systems have been installed at all three (3) aquatic facilities to enhance the safety of our patrons and allow for continual live updates on the county website.

Ann Dever Regional Park Pool, Port Charlotte Beach Park Pool, and South County Regional Park Pool are now equipped with the most advanced, automated lightning warning system available. This alert system provides both audible and visible alarms while alerting staff and patrons to the presence of lightning within 10 miles of the pool. By viewing the real-time lightning status at any of our pools through the county's website, patrons can now know ahead of time whether pool activity is temporarily suspended due to lightning.

CHARLOTTE HARBOR EVENT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

RECREATION



75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
941.833.5444

Whether you're looking for something to do or are planning your next big event, the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center has it all. The Event Center has been voted the "Best Banquet Facility" in the Charlotte Sun's Reader's Choice Awards the last five years and the "Best Place for Business and Brides" in the Florida Weekly.

Save the Date for YOUR Special Occasion. The Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center is truly a multi-functional facility offering panoramic waterfront views of the Peace River and Charlotte Harbor. In addition to the ample rental space, delicious food and beverage options, and expert customer service, we can provide audio-visual service and support for your event productions. We pride ourselves in providing a level of service and attention to detail that keeps our clientele coming back. Whether you are managing a show or exhibiting at one, we provide the tools and assistance to help your event be successful.

- Holiday Parties/Celebrations
- Anniversary Parties
- Fundraisers
- Wedding Ceremonies & Receptions
- Birthday Parties/Celebrations
- Special Occasions
- Conventions
- Expos/Tradeshows

The Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center is managed by SMG (www.smgworld.com). Founded in 1977 and headquartered in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, SMG provides management services to over 210 public assembly facilities including convention centers, arenas, stadiums, and performing arts theaters worldwide, totaling more than ten million feet of exhibition space and over 1.5 million entertainment seats.

Since 1983, SAVOR has been providing food and beverage services to a wide range of public facilities across the United States, and in Europe and Mexico. Key to our operating philosophy is to consider each venue individually, remaining flexible to specific needs, and responsive to regional preferences. The ongoing excellence of our food and beverage services heightens your patrons' enjoyment of an event and provides an important revenue source for your facility.

Listed below are the events open to the public. For more information, please call 941.833.5444 or our website at www.CharlotteHarborECC.com.

- 10/8-9 7th Suncoast Canary and Finch Club and Show
- 10/8-9 Fall Port Charlotte Punta Gorda Home and Garden Show
- 10/16 US Marine Band Concert
- 10/29 Tim Gardner Productions/Body Building Pro Bikini Competition
- 11/1-3 Sew Worth It Annual Retreat
- 11/11-13 Riverfront Classic Invitational Gymnastic Tournament
- 11/18 Animal Welfare League Fundraiser
- 12/10 Mistletoe Ball
- 12/22 P. Tchaikovsky The Nutcracker (Ballet in 2 Acts with an Epilogue)
- 1/13-14 Southwest Florida Wood Art Expo & Competition
- 1/21-22 Winter Port Charlotte Punta Gorda Home and Garden Show
- 1/28 30th Annual C.A.R.E. Ball
- 2/2 Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce Business Expo
- 2/11 AAA Travel Expo
- 2/17-18 14th Bi-Annual Quilt Show - Follow the Sun
- 2/22-23 Hookin' on the Harbor Convention
- 2/24-26 2017 Princess Classic Gymnastics Invitational and 2017 Princess & Knights Classic for T&T
- 3/3 Dancing with the Charlotte Stars
- 3/4 33rd Annual Port Charlotte Doll Club Show
- 3/23 Coastal Conservation Association Annual Banquet
- 3/25 2017 Conquistador Ball

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or visit our website
www.CharlotteHarborECC.com



2300 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
 941.235.5010
 Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Charlotte Sports Park is one of the showcase facilities within Charlotte County and a perfect location for special events, corporate functions, sports tournaments, and other recreation activities. This 82-acre park is the Spring Training Home of the Tampa Bay Rays and Home of the Charlotte Stone Crabs, the Tampa Bay Rays High-A affiliate.

This state-of-the-art facility features a 360 degree fan-friendly pedestrian concourse, a luxury hospitality suite level, two outfield berms, a children's play area, an outfield bar, practice fields, batting cages, a covered pavilion, and meeting rooms. The stadium seating capacity is approximately 7,500.

The Charlotte Sports Park is also connected to Tippecanoe Environmental Park which features walking trails, a boardwalk, a canoe/kayak launch, and plenty of birding opportunities.

Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo Bus Trip - "Creatures of the Night"

Saturday, October 8, 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Registration required by October 3

Encounter animals at night, ghoulish dance party, scare zones, and eerie adventures for the whole family.

For further information, contact the Charlotte Sports Park at 941.235.5010

**Program availability subject to change and/or cancellation.*

FOR OTHER CHARLOTTE SPORTS PARK EVENTS, PLEASE SEE THE SPECIAL EVENTS SECTION ON PAGE 60.

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Box Level Reserve Level

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

HAROLD AVENUE PARK RECREATION CENTER



23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL 33980

941.627.1074

Business Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

2016 Operational Closings:

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 24 - Thanksgiving

November 25 - Day After Thanksgiving

December 26 - Christmas Observed

2017 Operational Closings

January 2 - New Years Day Observed

February 20 - Presidents Day

May 29 - Memorial Day

The center offers a multi-purpose gymnasium with 6 basketball goals and two large meeting rooms. Outdoor facilities include a children's playground area, two lighted basketball courts, four lighted tennis courts, softball fields and baseball fields. The recreation center is perfect for parties, dances, sports, competitions or meetings. Rental rates are based on amount of space used and type of event to be held.

ADULT ACTIVITIES & LEAGUES

Adult Spring Basketball League

Men's League February 26 to May 7

Registration Opens - November 1

Registration Closes - February 1

Games Sunday Afternoons/Evenings - Schedule TBD

Ages 18 & Up (must be out of high school)

Team Fee - \$350

Eight week regular season with playoffs following to determine the champion.

Contact the Harold Recreation Center for additional information.

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament

Adult Co-ed Volleyball Tournament

4 v 4 format

Saturday, March 11

Registration Opens - November 1

Registration Closes - February 1

Team Fee - \$100

Get your team together and come out for this event that is guaranteed to be fun for all! Guaranteed a minimum of 3 games.

Ichiban Bonsai Kai

Charlotte County Bonsai Club

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

\$50 Annual Membership

Bonsai is the propagation and training of trees in special trays. Members are responsible for all materials. For additional information visit our website at www.IBonsaiK.wix.com/bonsai

Charlotte County Table Tennis Club

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fridays, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

\$2 Drop in fee

No matter what your table tennis skill level is, there is a place for you. This schedule will continue through the school year and then be modified over the summer. We have seven tables in action so there is plenty of room for everyone.

Modified Dance

Dates - TBD based on class interest. Minimum of 8 people needed to run class.

Days - Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Registration Fee - \$90 (six classes)

Ages 30 and over

Contact Roxanne Anderson at roxiemovementability@gmail.com or at

941.468.1891 for more information.

This one hour class will meet for six sessions. The class teaches modified dance principles for those affected with impaired balance or generalized weakness and poor stamina. Come meet new people and have fun in the class!

Drop In Pickleball

Monday to Friday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

\$3 Drop in fee

Nets will be provided. Players should be prepared to provide their own paddles and balls.

Drop In Gym

All ages (children under 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult)

Schedule varies (please call ahead 941.627.1074)

\$2 Drop in fee

Charlotte County's hot spot for pick-up games of basketball. You never know who you will meet on the court!

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES & LEAGUES

Drop In Youth Gym

Most Saturdays, March 5 to May 7 (Call to confirm)
 9 to 17 year olds (children under 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult)
 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 \$2 Drop in fee

Co-Ed Youth Basketball League (Fall/Winter Session)

Player Evaluations - October 19, 20, 22 (Depending on Age Level)
 Jamboree Kick Off - November 5
 Regular Season November 12, 2016 to February 11, 2017
 Practice Days - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday
 Practice Times - Scheduled with Coach between 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Games (14u & Under) Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Younger divisions start earlier)
 Games (17u) Sundays 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Ages 4-17 (participants must provide copy of birth certificate) *Minimum Age - 4
 Registration Fee - \$65/player
 Registration Opens - August 13
 Registration Closes - October 12 (No late registrations accepted after first game)
 This is one of the most popular recreational youth leagues in Charlotte County. Many high school stand outs have started their careers in the league. Each player is guaranteed equal playing time over a 10 week regular season. 10u, 12u, 14u, and 17u divisions will participate in a tournament at the end of the season. Practices are limited to two per week (one indoor/one outdoor).
 ***Register early. Spots are limited. Once a division is full it is cut off and you are not guaranteed a spot, even if it is prior to the registration deadline. Late fee of \$10 for any registration taken after October 12.

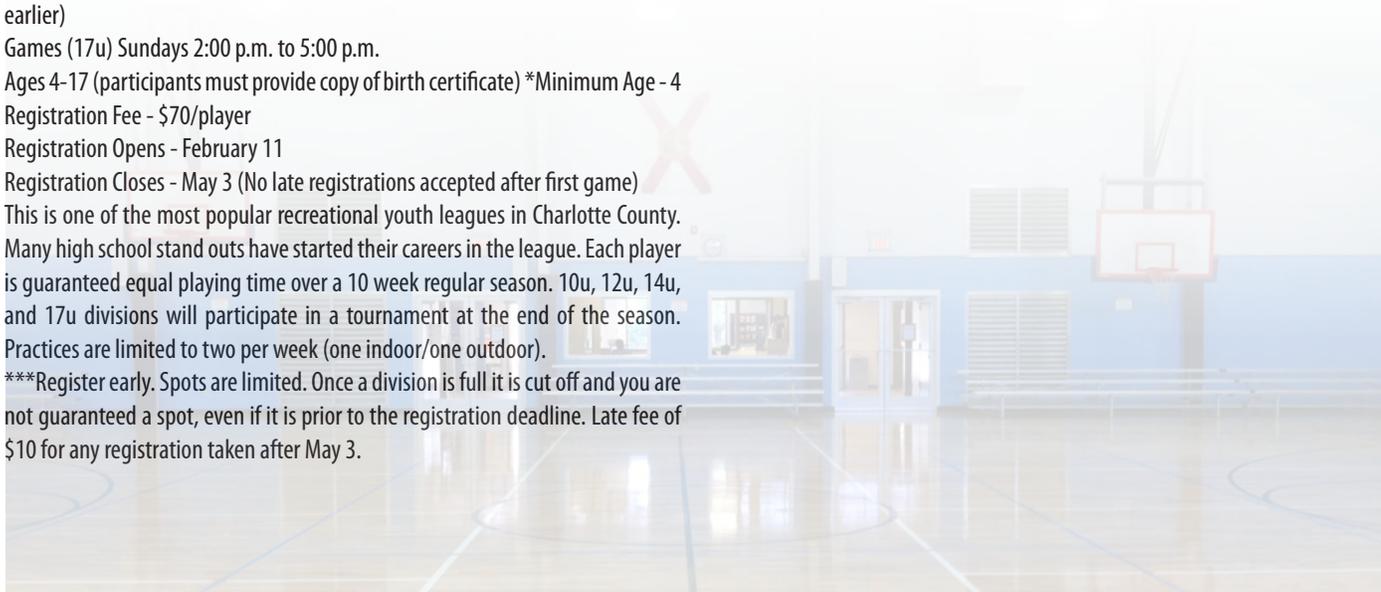
Co-Ed Youth Basketball League (Spring/Summer Session)

Player Evaluations - May 10, 11, 13
 Jamboree Kick Off - May 27
 Regular Season runs June 3 to August 5
 Practice Days - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday
 Practice Times - Scheduled with Coach between 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Games (14u & Under) Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Younger divisions start earlier)
 Games (17u) Sundays 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Ages 4-17 (participants must provide copy of birth certificate) *Minimum Age - 4
 Registration Fee - \$70/player
 Registration Opens - February 11
 Registration Closes - May 3 (No late registrations accepted after first game)
 This is one of the most popular recreational youth leagues in Charlotte County. Many high school stand outs have started their careers in the league. Each player is guaranteed equal playing time over a 10 week regular season. 10u, 12u, 14u, and 17u divisions will participate in a tournament at the end of the season. Practices are limited to two per week (one indoor/one outdoor).
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Ozzie Smith's 27th Annual Baseball Camps

4 Day Camp – June 5 to 8, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Harold Avenue Baseball Fields
 Registration Fee - \$179 (Early Bird Registration Before May 1 - \$159)
 Ages - 7 to 18 year olds
 Register online at www.ozziesmithssportsacademy.com or by calling 636.532.0288

Camps will cover hitting, bunting, pitching, infield, outfield, base running, sliding, cut-offs, rundowns, pickoffs, and include a daily scrimmage game. Ozzie's instructors are motivating and energetic. All instructors have played at the collegiate and/or the professional level and enjoy teaching athletes. We strive to teach, not babysit. Our goal is to reach every camper at their level and build confidence and skill levels. All camper are divided by age and ability. Campers should bring their own glove, hat, bat, sunscreen, water bottle, and lunch.



PORT CHARLOTTE BEACH PARK RECREATION CENTER



4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

941.627.1628

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This facility offers over 6,000 square feet of indoor rental space, a large kitchen, and a beautiful outdoor deck overlooking the beach and harbor. Outdoor facilities include boat ramps, picnic pavilions, barbecue grills, public beach, bocce ball courts, horseshoe courts, fishing pier, and a heated swimming pool. This facility is ideal for wedding receptions or social gatherings such as dances, meetings, or banquets. Fees based on the amount of space and hours of event.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Charlotte Harbor Kids Fest at Port Charlotte Beach Park

Saturday, February 25, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Free

Join us for Kids Fest! Come see what Charlotte County organizations and vendors have to offer children in the community. This fun-filled family event features games, activities, and did we mention fun?

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

Santa's Candy Land at Port Charlotte Beach Park Recreation Center

Saturday, December 10, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Free

Charlotte County Community Services invites you to enjoy beautiful Holiday decorations, music, games, and activities for the kids. Have your camera ready for a photo opportunity with Santa.

Inshore Insight! at Port Charlotte Beach Park Recreation Center

Tuesdays in April, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

\$7 per night, \$20 for the series

Learn from top Fishing Guides who specialize in our local waters! This is your chance to ask the "How to?" from the experts who know. Enjoy snacks, refreshments, and a chance to win a door prize. Pre-registered guests will receive a free parking pass for the event



SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL PARK RECREATION CENTER



670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
941.505.8686

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This facility will be closed December 10 - 16 for annual staff training and facility maintenance.

Dates subject to change, please call to confirm.

South County Regional Park offers a multipurpose recreation center featuring a gymnasium with six basketball goals and a large meeting room. A variety of recreational programs and classes are offered throughout the year. Outdoor amenities include two lighted basketball courts, four lighted baseball and one lighted softball fields, four lighted soccer field with a fourth soccer field offering daytime use, two lighted tennis courts, RC car track, and a 25 yard heated swimming pool. Pool activities include open swim, lap swim, swim lessons, and aquatic exercise classes. The gymnasium, meeting room, and pool are available for private use; rental fees are based on amount of space used and type of event to be held.



Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

Message Pavers

Pavers at the entry to our beautiful Community Garden are available for you to purchase and display your message on. Express yourself for only \$25 for one or \$40 for two. Help support the Community Garden movement!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Youth Dance

Mondays

Pre-Ballet II (age 4 to 5) 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Tumbling II (ages 6 to 11) 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Jazz/Hip Hop III (ages 10 to 13) 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Intermediate Acro (ages 7 to 11) 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Ballet/Tap I (ages 7 to 10) 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Jazz/Hip Hop II (ages 9 to 12) 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Intro to Dance II (ages 6 to 7) 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

Intro to Dance I (ages 5 to 7) 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Ballet/Tap II (ages 9 to 12) 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Jazz/Hip Hop I (ages 7 to 10) 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays

Pre-Ballet I (ages 3 to 5) 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Tumble I (ages 5 to 10) 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Private Lessons (any age) 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For information on classes and registration fees, call Lyn Muckerheide at 941.626.6344

Tot Sports Program

Year Round

Mondays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Ages 4 to 6

\$45 per child

September 19 to October 17 Basketball

November 7 to December 5 Soccer

January 9 to February 13 Hockey

February 27 to March 27 Flag Football

These five week programs are offered to learn the basics of the sport program in an age appropriate setting. Parent participation is required.

Families Helping Families

\$25 per block

Buy a block on our "Families Helping Families" wall and support local children going to Summer Camp.

You and your family can paint your brick however you like.

Show some support for children in need!

Call 941.505.8686 for more information.

YOUTH PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Jr. Sports Program

Year Round

Mondays, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Ages 7 to 10

\$45 per child

September 19 to October 17 Basketball

November 7 to December 5 Soccer

January 9 to February 13 Hockey

February 27 to March 27 Flag Football

These five week programs are offered to learn the basics of the sport program in an age appropriate setting.

Youth Garden Club

3rd Friday of every month

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ages 8 to 18

Free program

This program is designed to teach youth to garden and about health/nutrition. In this program they will learn how to grow fruits and vegetables, then learn how to cook them into tasty meals and treats. Pre-registration is required.

Kids Night Out

2nd Saturday of every month

5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Ages going into Kindergarten to 8th grade

\$20 per kid

Sorry parents, no grown-ups allowed for this fun filled night of games, crafts, prizes, pizza, and much more! Pre-registration is required for this program.

Tae Kwon Do

Year Round

Thursdays & Fridays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ages 5 and up

Multi skill level program taught by a 4th degree black belt and Certified Instructor that will take you through the requirements necessary to advance belt degrees and become a successful student of your craft. Call Gene Marshner at 941.815.7500 for more information.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Men's Basketball League

Ages 45 and older

Starts Thursday, January 12

Games are scheduled 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

\$50 per person

Last day for registration, January 2

Yoga

Starts January 10

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

\$8 per class or \$32 for 5 classes

Gentle yoga for all body types, ages and fitness levels. Bring your yoga mat and have some fun getting your mind, body, and spirit in shape.

Radio Controlled Planes

Starts November 7

Mondays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

\$5 Drop in fee

Bring your radio controlled airplanes over and fly them high in the gym.

Drop-In Basketball

\$2 per person

Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dog Obedience

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

\$70 per dog

Various levels of training offered. Call 941.613.DOGS (3647) for more information about this six week session.

Adult Dance

Advance Social Dance

Starting December 2

Carmalita Meeting Room, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Call Russ or Wilma at 941.661.1920 for more information

Social Dance

Starting November 9

Mondays, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Call Prentice at 239.770.5257 for more information

SPECIAL EVENTS

Monster Splash

Saturday, October 29, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Free family fun event for all ages! There will be mask making, games, swimming, prizes, and more. Come join the fun.

SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL PARK RECREATION CENTER

Pickleball

Monday to Wednesday

Beginners / Intermediate - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Intermediate / Advance - 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday

Pickleball Drills - 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Beginners Instructional - 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All Levels - 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday

Pickleball Drills - 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Beginners Instructional - 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Beginners / Intermediate - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Intermediate / Advance - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday

Pickleball League - 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

(More information contact Linda Coe at 502.435.4317)

Beginners / Intermediate - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Intermediate / Advance - 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



5th Annual Deck the Halls with Pickleballs

December 10, noon to midnight

Register by December 4 for \$18

Late or Day of Registration is \$25

12 hours of pickleball, a buffet style dinner and desserts, and raffles throughout the night. All proceeds go toward Kid's Camp Connection, which is a scholarship program that helps children in Charlotte County attend summer camp.

TRINGALI PARK RECREATION CENTER



3460 N. Access Road, Englewood, FL 34224

941.681.3742

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Due to seasonal programming/activities the hours of operation are subject to change.

Tringali Park offers a multipurpose recreation center featuring a gymnasium with a newly renovated wood floor and is equipped with six basketball goals. A variety of recreational programs and classes are offered throughout the year. Outdoor amenities include four lighted tennis courts, four lighted basketball courts, a children's playground area, and a lighted inline hockey rink. Tringali Park also offers a 2,580 square foot Community Center with a stage, kitchen, and small meeting room. The Community Center is perfect for wedding receptions, parties, dances, plays, banquets, and meetings. Rental rates are based on amount of space used and type of event to be held.

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

Would you like to make some money and have fun?

If you are certified or an expert in a field and can teach it to others, the County may be interested in your talents!

Charlotte County has a program for Contract Instructors to teach at facilities throughout our County.

For additional information, please call any facility or 941.625.PLAY.

TRINGALI PARK RECREATION CENTER

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Super Mini Sports Program

Year Round

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Ages 4 to 6

\$30 per child and \$15 for any additional child. Pre-registration is required.

Basketball: September 14 to October 12

Soccer: October 26 to November 30

Hockey: January 11 to February 8

T-Ball: March 1 to March 29

Tennis: April 12 to May 10

This program is to introduce 4 to 6 year olds to the basic fundamentals of a wide variety of sports!

Jr. Sports Program

Year Round

Mondays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Ages 7 to 10

\$30 per child and \$15 for any additional child. Pre-registration is required.

Basketball: September 12 to October 10

Soccer: October 24 to November 28

Hockey: January 9 to February 13

Baseball: February 27 to March 27

Tennis/Pickleball: April 10 to May 8

Junior Sports promotes learning and honing the basic fundamentals for a wide variety of sports!

Elementary Fun Night

October 14 & 28

November 18

December 9

January 13 & 27

February 10 & 24

March 10 & 24

April 14 & 28

May 12 & 26

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

\$3 per child

A night of games, sport activities, music, dance, food, and more geared toward elementary aged kids. Concessions are available for purchase. This is a lock-in event and the child must be signed in by an adult. A one-time pre-registration is required.

Jr. Magic Youth Basketball League - Fall/Winter

Registration is now open!

League play begins November 7. Pre-registration is required.

Ages 5-12 (participants must provide a copy of birth certificate)

\$30 per player

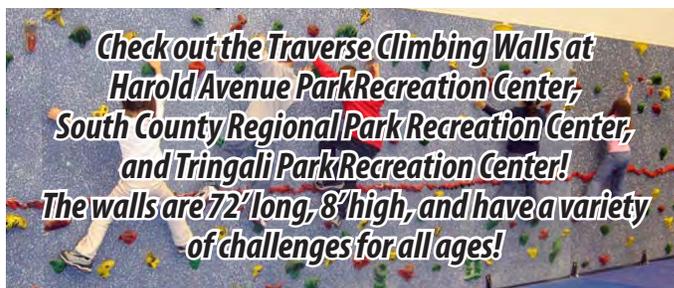
Tringali Park Recreation Center and Orlando Magic have partnered up to bring you Jr. Magic Youth Basketball League. This co-ed recreational league provides an opportunity for children ages 5 through 12, split into different age divisions, to compete in organized play. The league focuses on skill development, fundamentals, and teamwork. All players will receive a Jr. Magic jersey, certificate for participating, and also a free ticket to select Orlando Magic games.

Black Friday Play Day

November 25, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

\$10 per child with multi-child discounts available.

Parents, tackle the Black Friday Sales while we entertain your children. Snacks and lunch provided.



Break Camp

Are you not sure what to do with your kids over their breaks from school while you have to work? Well don't worry, we have you covered.

For Campers in VPK to 8th grade

Camp Times: 7:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Spots are limited, so register today!

Thanksgiving Break Camp

November 21 to 23, \$36 before November 3, \$45 after

Winter Break Camp - Week 1

December 19 to 23, \$60 before December 1, \$75 after

Winter Break Camp - Week 2

December 26 to 30, \$60 before December 1, \$75 after

Winter Break Camp - Week 3

January 2 to 3, \$24 before December 1, \$30 after

Spring Break Camp

March 13 to 17, \$60 before February 23, \$75 after

Tringali Twilight Theater

Fridays, October 7, November 4, December 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Free

Join us for a fun, relaxing night at the movies! Bring your family! Bring a date! Admission is free and concessions will be available for purchase. There will be games, trivia contests, and entertainment! Fun for all ages! Call for more information on the movie being shown.

Intro to Dance

Tuesdays, starting September 13 to November 15

6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Ages 8-12

\$50 per participant

10-week introductory program designed for those who have not had formal training and are curious about dance. Five different styles of dance will be taught - jazz, hip hop, lyrical, Broadway jazz, and Bollywood. Pre-registration is required; space is limited. Special dance shoes are not needed.



ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

Drop In Basketball

Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Schedule varies (please call ahead 941.681.37.42)
 All ages (children under 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult)
 \$2 per session
 \$14 punch pass for 8 visits
 West Charlotte County's hotbed for pick-up basketball games. So if you think you got game, this is the perfect place to put it to the test while having fun in the process.

Drop In Pickleball

Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Schedule varies (please call ahead 941.681.37.42)
 \$3 per session
 \$27 punch pass for 10 visits
 \$75 punch pass for 50 visits
 It's a little tennis, a bit of ping pong, a splash of badminton, and not to mention fun to say. Come enjoy a friendly pick-up game of pickleball in our air conditioned gymnasium.

Ballet

Mondays and Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 \$30 per month
 Instructor Susanna Mazzar teaches people of all ages the art of ballet, tap, and jazz dancing. This activity helps instill grace and confidence, in addition to muscle toning, flexibility, and balance.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Basketball League Fall 2016

Sundays, October 16 to January 15
 \$350 per team
 Pre-registration is required; spots are limited. Deadline to register is October 3. Tringali Fall 2016 Adult Basketball League is for adults ages 18 and older. The intent of the league is to provide fulfillment and enjoyment for those individuals desiring to play basketball in an organized environment. Season includes a minimum of 10 games, with a championship tournament for t-shirts and trophy.

Jazzercise

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday starting November 2
 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
 Fees vary
 Jazzercise is a pulse-pounding, beat-pumping, body-blasting fitness program that gets you results...fast. It's a high intensity dance party that fuses cardio, strength, Pilates, hip hop, yoga, and kickboxing.

Yoga

Mondays, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Fees vary
 Looking for some tranquility in your life? Well, Yoga might be the activity for you. Enjoy an atmosphere of stress relief, relaxation, and overall health with our instructor Linda Davidson. A floor mat or cover and loose fitting attire are recommended.

Drop In Line Dancing

Every Monday starting November 14
 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Must purchase punch pass at Tringali Park Recreation Center
 \$3 per session
 \$10 punch pass for 4 visits
 \$30 punch pass for 12 visits

SPECIAL EVENTS

Trick or Treat Down Spooky Street

Saturday, October 22, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Tringali Park Community Center
 Free
 Children of all ages, come in your costumes, bring your trick-or-treat bags to collect goodies, and visit local merchants at this Safe Walk. Be ready to have fun with games and activities!

Community Garage Sale

Sundays, November 6, December 4, January 8, February 5, March 5
 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Event is Free to shoppers
 Indoor vendor space includes two (2) tables for \$21.40
 Outdoor vendor space is \$16.05 w/ no tables provided
 Clean out those closets and garages and join your neighbors for a fun and profitable day!

Winter Wonderland

Saturday, December 17, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Tringali Park Community Center
 Free
 Free holiday themed children's event for all ages. Come take a picture with Santa, make crafts, have snacks, play games, and have fun!

17th Annual "Fit for Life" Senior Games

Registration is now open!
 March 1 to 31
 \$12 registration fee plus \$4 per event of participation
 Events ranging from cycling, swimming, table tennis, golf, bocce, basketball, tennis, track and field, bowling, pickleball, and RC sailing. "Fit for Life" Senior Games is an opportunity to promote healthy lifestyles of seniors within our community, and to provide a venue for those who are continuing to stay active, that can allow them to qualify for Florida State Senior Games.

Big Surf XVIII Youth Learning Fishing Tournament

Saturday, April 8, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Chadwick Park Pavilion #1
 Ages 3 to 12
 Free to the first 75 kids, pre-registration is required.
 Bring your sunscreen, hat, bait, and fishing rod, and come prepared for a learning experience in fishing techniques and equipment. Be prepared for a morning full of fun, prizes, and a cookout following the event.

SPECIAL EVENTS

GET UP... GET OUT... GET ACTIVE!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Boppin' @ Bayshore with "American Graffiti"

Saturday, November 5, 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Free

Come join us for a family fun evening at Bayshore Live Oak Park. Enjoy a Classic Car Show and DJ with sounds from the 50's and 60's. The movie American Graffiti will begin at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget to bring your chairs!

Santa's Candy Land at Port Charlotte Beach Park Recreation Center

Saturday, December 10, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Free

Charlotte County Community Services invites you to enjoy beautiful Holiday decorations, music, games and activities for the kids. Have your camera ready for a photo opportunity with Santa.

Charlotte Harbor Kids Fest at Port Charlotte Beach Park

Saturday, February 25, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Free

Join us for Kids Fest! Come see what Charlotte County organizations and vendors have to offer children in the community. This fun-filled family event features games, activities, and did we mention fun?

5th Annual Tippecanoe Trail & Mud Run

Saturday, November 12 at the Charlotte Sports Park

Register at www.ACTIVE.com or call 941.613.3220 for additional details.

Lt. Carl A. Bailey Cemetery Tour

Friday, November 11, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

at the Lt. Carl A. Bailey Cemetery

27399 Holleyman Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Free

Celebrate Veteran's Day with a guided tour through Lt. Carl A. Bailey Cemetery. Learn the story of the "Fighting Bailey Brothers", as well as all other known veterans interred in this historic cemetery. This is an outdoor walking tour; closed-toe, athletic footwear is highly recommended.

Gaylord Palms Resort Bus Trip - "Ice!"

Saturday, December 10, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Registration required by November 11

Over 2 million pounds of ice sculptures, snow tubing, Cirque holiday show, tree and lights show, festive décor, shows, scavenger hunt, and much more!

For further information, contact the Charlotte Sports Park at 941.235.5010.

**Program availability subject to change and/or cancellation.*

Santa's Helpers 5K

Friday, November 18 at the Charlotte Sports Park

Register at www.runsignup.com or call Janice at 941.223.0333.

Lowry Park Zoo Bus Trip - "Christmas in the Wild"

Saturday, December 3, 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Registration required by November 18

Be immersed in a festival of lights and holiday traditions in the unique setting of the Zoo at night.

For further information, contact the Charlotte Sports Park at 941.235.5010.

**Program availability subject to change and/or cancellation.*

Run for the Animals 5K

Saturday, October 29 at the Charlotte Sports Park

Register at www.runsignup.com or call Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, Dale Phillips at 941.258.3900.

A Day at Hogwarts

Saturday, December 3, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

at Englewood Charlotte Public Library

Free, Register online to reserve a spot

Ages 10 to 18, parents may also attend.

You are cordially invited to attend a day of courses at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Your studies include a course of learning to play Quidditch, specially designed with Muggles in mind. Then stay a little longer to take part in our winter celebration, the Yule Ball. Due to Quidditch class, please wear comfortable sportswear and sneakers. You may bring a change of clothes for the ball if you wish. Please register online for this program to guarantee a spot.

Teen Job Fair

Saturday, April 22, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

at Mid-County Regional Library

Free, Space is limited and registration is required

Ages 15 to 21

In need of a summer job? Want help writing a resume or filling out an application? Stop by the library to meet with local employers or get application assistance from a library staff member! This is an Open House. Come prepared to ask and answer questions! Parents, there will be a waiting area for you while your teen visits with employers.

Moonlight Movies at Charlotte Sports Park

Saturday, October 15, 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Movie begins at sunset

Free

Family friendly & fun! Enjoy watching a movie on a giant screen in the stadium.

For further information, contact the Charlotte Sports Park at 941.235.2010.

SW Florida Lung Cancer 5K Run/Walk & Mile of Memories Memorial Walk

Saturday, November 5 at the Charlotte Sports Park

Register at www.runsignup.com

Nature Festival

Saturday, November 19, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Charlotte Sports Park

Free Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program on Southwest Florida.

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2017 Adaptive Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 2017
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Bayshore Live Oak Park
23157 Bayshore Road Port Charlotte

An Egg Hunt accommodating children with special needs and their families. There will be Recreational Games, Arts & Crafts, Story Time, Music, Prizes, and your children get to meet the Easter Bunny! Children will collect the empty eggs and turn them in for a goodie bag afterwards. Don't forget to bring your Easter Basket. Event is free for all!



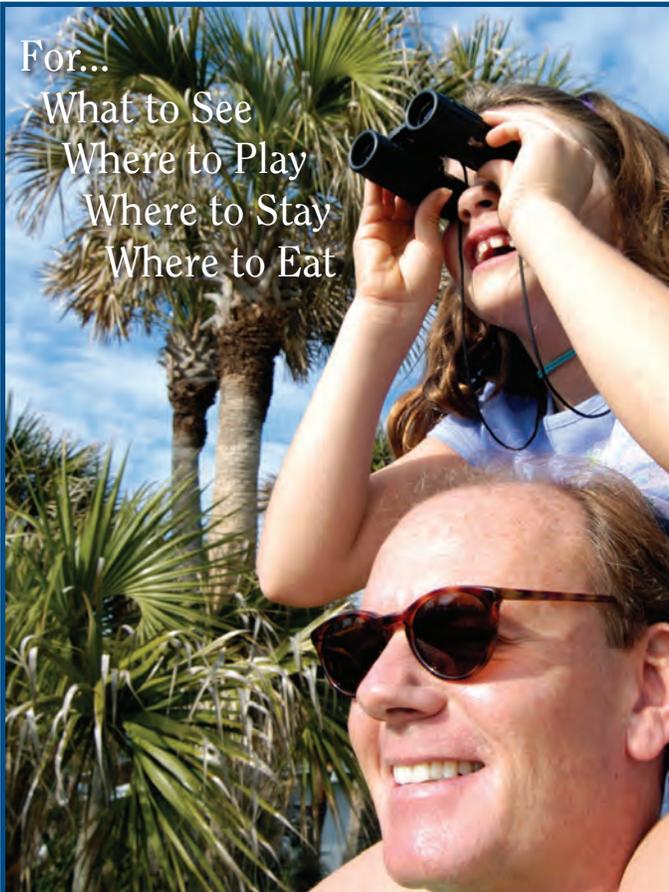
53rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15, 2017
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
North Charlotte Regional Park Soccer Fields
1185 O'Donnell Blvd. Port Charlotte



There will be Recreational Games, Bounce Houses, Ice Cream Truck, Face Painting, Fun Races, Blood Drive, Raffle Prizes, and your children get to meet the Easter Bunny! Don't forget to bring your Easter Basket. Event is free for all!





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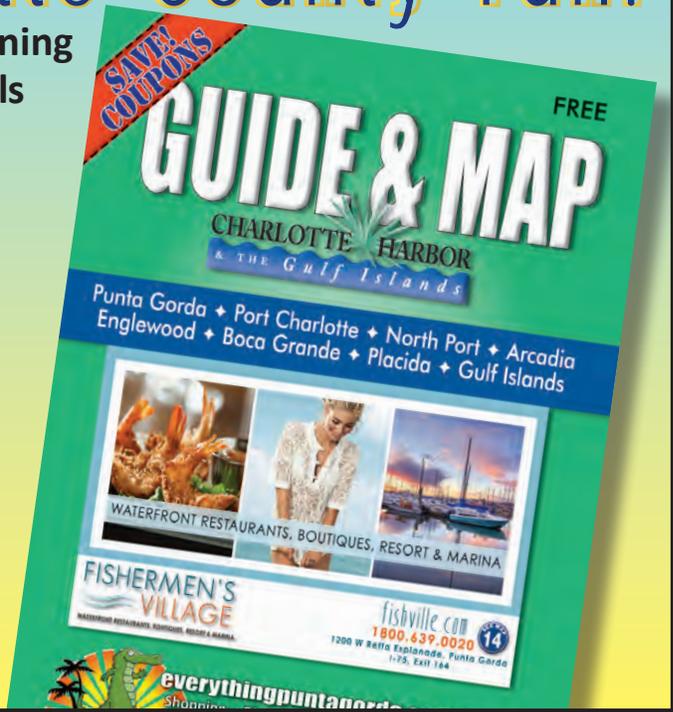
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 Ann Dever Regional Park Pool
 Trish Sturgess at 941.833.3809
 South County Regional Park Pool

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 Rotonda, FL 34224
 941.613.3220

Ann Dever Regional Park

6791 San Casa Drive
 Englewood, FL 34224
 941.681.3742

Ann Dever Regional Park Pool

7001 San Casa Drive
 Englewood, FL 34224
 941.681.3743

Bayshore Live Oak Park

23157 Bayshore Road
 Charlotte Harbor, FL 33980
 941.627.1628 x100

J.M. Berlin/Rotary Skate Park

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 Englewood, FL 34224
 941.681.3789

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at Carmalita Park
 2605 Carmalita Street
 Punta Gorda, FL 33950
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514 East Grace Street
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 941.629.PAST (7278)

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 Punta Gorda, FL 33955
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Charlotte Sports Park

2300 El Jobean Road
 Port Charlotte, FL 33948
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Englewood Beach at Chadwick Park

2100 North Beach Road
 Englewood, FL 34223
 941.681.3742

Englewood Charlotte Public Library

3450 North Access Road
 Englewood, FL 34224
 941.681.3736

Harold Avenue Park Recreation Center

23400 Harold Avenue
 Port Charlotte, FL 33980
 941.627.1074

Mid-County Regional Library

2050 Forrest Nelson Boulevard
 Port Charlotte, FL 33952
 941.613.3160

North Charlotte Regional Park

1185 O'Donnell Boulevard
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 941.627.1074

Port Charlotte Beach Park Pool

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