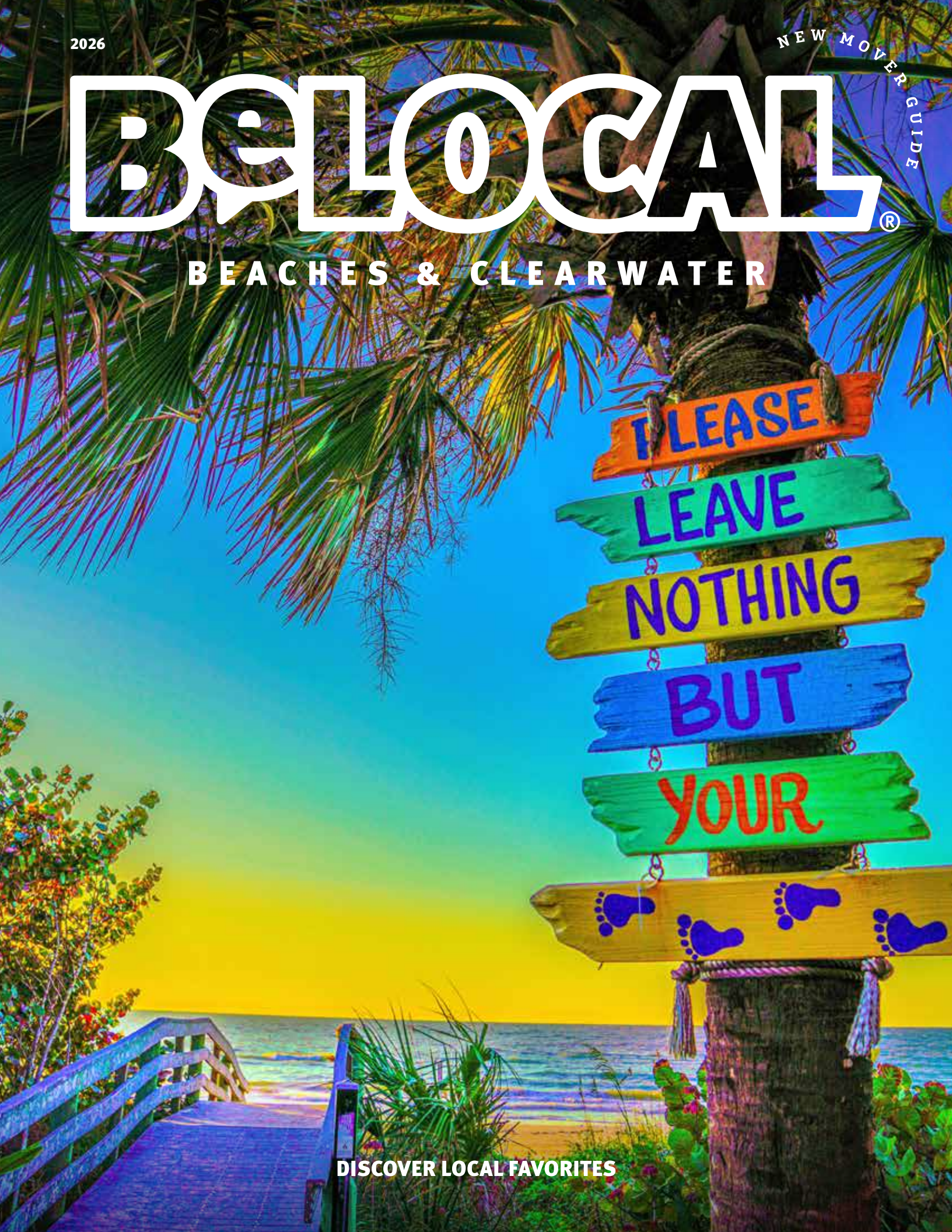
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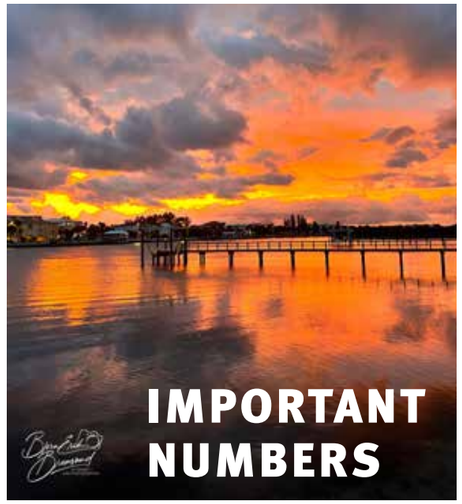
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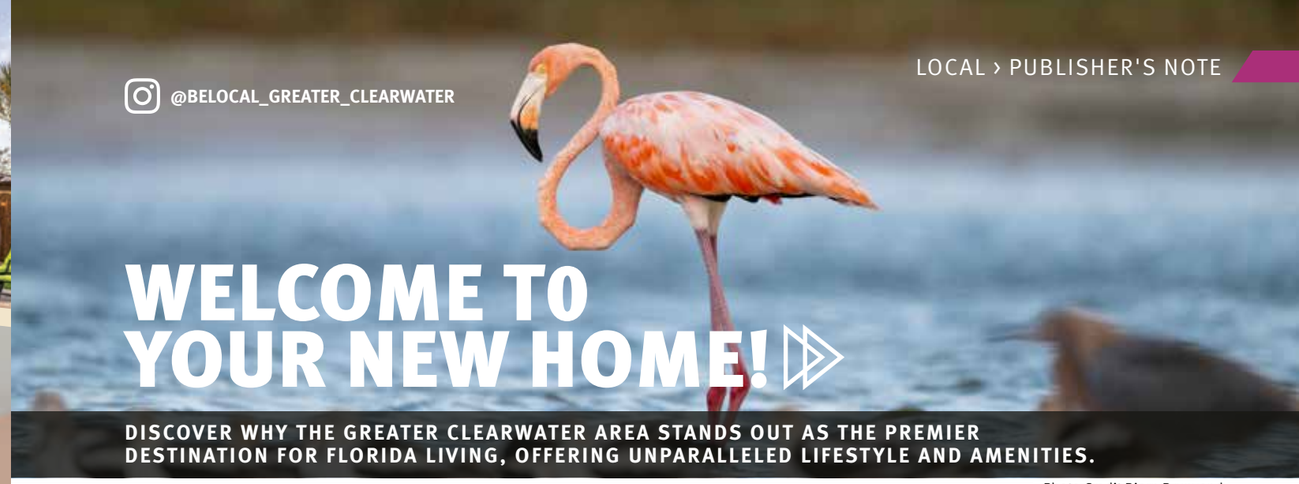
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Got questions, want to shout out a remarkable local business, or need more resources for settling into your new home and community? Don't hesitate to reach out. Clearwater is brimming with hidden treasures, and we're here to help you find them all.

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HISTORICAL highlights

The Roots of Pinellas County: A Historical Look at Clearwater, Dunedin, Indian Rocks, and Largo

CLEARWATER

Clearwater's origins trace back to 1528 when Spanish explorer Panfilo de Narvaez first landed on its shores, 37 years before the establishment of St. Augustine. De Narvaez's expedition marked one of the earliest European encounters with the area, which was inhabited by a large tribe of Native Americans. Despite initial resistance, the Indian communities were gradually displaced, only to see their territory reclaimed during the Seminole Wars from 1835 to 1842.

Among the first permanent settlers was Dr. Odet Philippe, a French Count and surgeon in Napoleon's Navy, who established a plantation in the mid-1830s. In 1841, Fort Harrison was constructed on the bluffs overlooking what was then called Clearwater Harbor, serving as an encampment for soldiers. Upon the fort's abandonment, homesteaders began claiming land, with James Stevens being the first to obtain a land title in 1842, marking the beginning of Clearwater as a burgeoning community.

While Clearwater initially developed as an agricultural and fishing hub, it slowly expanded, with limited access to outside resources. The local springs, noted for their clear water, supplied Native Americans and early settlers with fresh water, contributing to the area's identity. Clearwater Harbor was officially incorporated in 1891 and became chartered as a municipality on May 27, 1915.











DUNEDIN MARINA, CIRCA 1900

INDIAN ROCKS

The name Indian Rocks is associated with local legends involving Chief Chic-a-Si, who was said to have been healed by spring waters near large rocks in the area. According to the legend, after drinking from these waters, the chief regained his health, leading Native Americans to return annually for healing and fishing. Another, simpler tale posits that early settlers named the area after observing Native Americans using rocky outcrops to cross from the mainland to fish. While the true origin of the name remains uncertain, both stories enrich the cultural tapestry of Indian Rocks Beach.



GULF BOULEVARD, INDIAN ROCKS BEACH



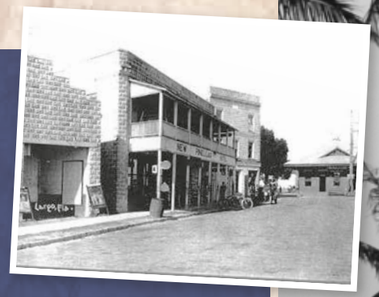
DUNEDIN

The establishment of Dunedin began with Richard L. Garrison receiving a land grant in 1852, shortly after Florida's statehood. The settlement initially bore Jonesboro, influenced by local merchant George Jones. It wasn't until 1882 that Scottish merchants J.O. Douglas and James Somerville petitioned for a name change to Dunedin, which they derived from the Scottish Gaelic term for Edinburgh.

Dunedin developed as a key trading center, thanks to a newly built dock that accommodated larger vessels, and once boasted the largest fleet of sailing vessels in Florida. The community was officially incorporated in 1899 and later elevated to city status in 1925.







LARGO

Originally inhabited by the Timucua Indians, the area that would become Largo saw significant change following the arrival of Spanish explorers like Panfilo de Narvaez in 1528. After centuries of failed attempts at settlement by various explorers, Count Odet Philippe became the first permanent settler in the region in 1823, paving the way for subsequent families throughout the 1800s.

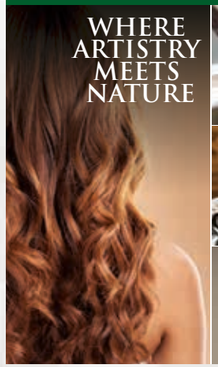
In 1886, with the advent of the Orange Belt Railroad, residents felt the need to give their community a name. Although some proposed Luluville after a resident's daughter, they ultimately chose Largo, likely due to the presence of a large lake that has since been drained. By the early 1900s, Largo emerged as a center for the citrus industry, earning the title "Citrus City."



Largo was officially incorporated in 1905, becoming the first town in Florida to adopt a town manager system by 1913. Over decades, it faced challenges, including the Great Depression and freezes that devastated its agricultural base. However, post-World War II saw a population boom as returning veterans discovered the region's appeal, transforming Largo into a thriving city with a population exceeding 22,000 by 1970.

These historical narratives of Clearwater, Dunedin, Indian Rocks, and Largo reflect the rich tapestry and resilience of the local communities throughout Pinellas County, each contributing uniquely to the region's legacy.

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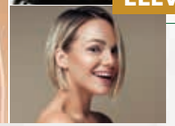




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Bjorn Erik Brunvand
ATTORNEY AND PHOTOGRAPHER

LOCAL TIP

Make a point to watch the sunset at least three times a week—if not seven. My favorite spot is at Indian Rocks Beach. **- Jerilyn**

Clearwater Beach

Clearwater Beach is one of the most beautiful (and most popular) beaches in the country. In fact, it's consistently ranked as one of the top beaches in the U.S. by authorities like TripAdvisor and Travel and Leisure. And it's no surprise why – the wide, sweeping, white-sand beach is absolutely stunning. And the warm, calm waters of the Gulf of Mexico are just unbeatable.

Caladesi Island State Park

This beautiful state park is located just off offshore from Dunedin and can be accessed by ferry, which operates 365 days a year and only costs $6 per person (well worth the cost).

Caladesi Island State Park has a marina with floating docks with 30-amp electric service and water hookups. A covered pavilion with a grill is available for picnicking. A snack bar and gift shop are located in the marina. Some of the amenities include fishing, hiking, paddle boarding, picnicking, and swimming. Canoes and kayaks are available for rent.
1 Causeway Blvd, Dunedin, FL 34698 ▸ (727) 469-5918 (ferry)

Indian Shores / Tiki Gardens

This public-access beach is situated on 9.9 acres and offers restrooms, beach showers, a water fountain, and a 170-space parking area (parking fee charged).
19601 Gulf Blvd. Indian Shores, FL 34635

Honeymoon Island Beach State Park

One of Florida's best-loved state parks, Honeymoon Island has more than four miles of beach to explore along with a three-mile trail through one of the last remaining virgin slash pine forests. A natural barrier island, this state park boasts pristine nature trails and abundant wildlife, including eagles, osprey, and great horned owls. Ground animals include raccoons, armadillos, and don't be surprised to see an endangered gopher tortoise walking across your path or hear the call of an osprey—or the bark of Fido, who may explore the dog beach, which is a half-mile hike off the main road. The Pinellas Trail has a spur that runs the length of the Dunedin Causeway right to the park entrance.
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safety harbor parks

Philippe Park

This would be my must-include for Safety Harbor. It's the oldest park in Pinellas County and sits along Tampa Bay, with huge shade trees, walking areas, picnic shelters, playgrounds, a boat ramp and beautiful waterfront views. It's also home to the historic Tocobaga Indian mound, a National Historic Landmark. (Pinellas County)
2525 Philippe Parkway

Safety Harbor Waterfront Park

Right on Tampa Bay and close to downtown, this is a great place for walking, relaxing by the water and enjoying the scenery. It includes a nature boardwalk, shaded picnic area and open recreational space. (Safety Harbor)
105 Veterans Memorial Lane

Folly Farm Nature Preserve

This one has more of a whimsical, nature-focused feel, with a nature-themed playground, gardens, walking areas and plenty for families to explore. (Safety Harbor)
1538 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. N.

Marshall Street Park

A shady 9.5-acre neighborhood park with walking trails, playground, shelters, basketball, tennis and pickleball courts. This could actually tie nicely into the pickleball section we just did. (Safety Harbor)
500 Marshall St.



Indian Rocks Beach

While all of the tourists are stacked deep at Clearwater Beach, most locals head for the white sandy dunes of Indians Rocks Beach, where there are usually very few people on the beach, and you'll be able to spread out and enjoy a peaceful relaxing experience. After a long day at the beach, head to the original Crabby Bills on Gulf Boulevard at Fourth Avenue North for a premium adult beverage and a dozen fresh succulent oysters to start. Sit back and relax while listening to live music at their outdoor bar where a full menu is available for dinner.
1700 Gulf Blvd., Indian Rocks Beach, FL 34635

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John S. Taylor Park

Taylor Park consists of 156.5 acres, including a 53-acre freshwater lake. Discover the sport of disc golf on a course set in the natural beauty of this park that also hosts a tree-lined 1.8-mile multi-purpose shell trail.

Amenities include a ball field, boat ramp (non-motorized), disc golf, fishing, picnic area, playground equipment, restrooms, seven picnic shelters with grills, and is located on the Pinellas Trail.
1100 Eighth Ave. SW., Largo, FL 33770

Eagle Lake Park

Great care was given to the restoration of the land's natural habitat during the park's development. One key feature is a wetlands section on the western side of the park, which has been restored with 100-percent native plants. The park is home to fox squirrels, numerous bird species, gopher tortoises, and water turtles.

Amenities include six picnic shelters, three restrooms, playground, dog park, a paved 12-foot wide recreation trail, numerous shell paths for walking and enjoying nature, 2,000 feet of boardwalks over restored wetlands, fishing, three vending stations
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Largo Central Park

Largo Central Park is a beautiful, 70-acre park located in the heart of Largo. Its rolling grounds and fountains have set it apart as one of the finest parks in the county. Rainbow Rotary Playground is one of the only playgrounds in the Bay area completely accessible to disabled users.
101 Central Park Dr., Largo, FL 33771
(727) 586-7415

George C. McGough Nature Park

This park is also known as "the turtle park" for its abundant aquatic turtle population. Escape the hustle and bustle of the city and stroll through the shady oak hammock or through the mangroves along the Intercoastal waterway. Make sure you visit the nature center, which houses live animal exhibits and hands-on activities for children.
11901 146th St. N., Largo, FL 33774
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LOCAL TIP



"Largo Central Park is beautiful to walk through during the holidays with all of the beautiful lights they put up." **– Dottie S.**

Bill Woerner
PHOTOGRAPHY

Sand Key Beach State Park

This beautiful park has two distinct areas—a beach and a park. In the park proper are two picnic shelters with grills, a playground, a restroom, and a dog park. Grills, picnic tables, and water fountains are but a few amenities.

A salt marsh with viewing benches further enhances the park where heron, roseate spoonbill, great horned owl, anhinga, and common moorhen nest and feed.

Sand Key Park houses the base of operations for the artificial reef program, an interdepartmental cooperation program to build a reef in the Gulf. Sand Key Park's natural communities include a beach where sea turtles annually deposit eggs.

Amenities include a concession booth, boardwalk, nature trail, two beach wheelchairs, outdoor showers, two bathhouses with separate changing stalls and restrooms, parking (fee charged), dog park, playground, restrooms, two shelters with grills, umbrella and cabana rentals as well as kayak and bicycle rentals.

1060 Gulf Blvd.,
Clearwater, FL 33767
(727) 588-4852
www.pinellascounty.org/park/15_sand_key.htm

LOCAL TIP



"One of the best-kept secrets is Sand Key Park. One of the most beautiful beaches with plentiful parking on beautiful Sand Key." **– Deborah V.**





Largo Central Park Nature Preserve

Largo Central Park Nature Preserve (LCPNP) is a 31-acre nature park virtually surrounded by water. The park is home to hundreds of wildlife species for viewing. Over 130 species of birds, otters, red fox, American alligator, marsh rabbits, wild turkey, and bats all feed or live within the park. A 5-mile kayak/canoe route begins at the park and ends at Park Boulevard. Due to environmental reasons fishing is not allowed at the park. Dogs are not allowed.

150 Highland Ave. N., Largo, FL 33770 ›› (727) 586-7415

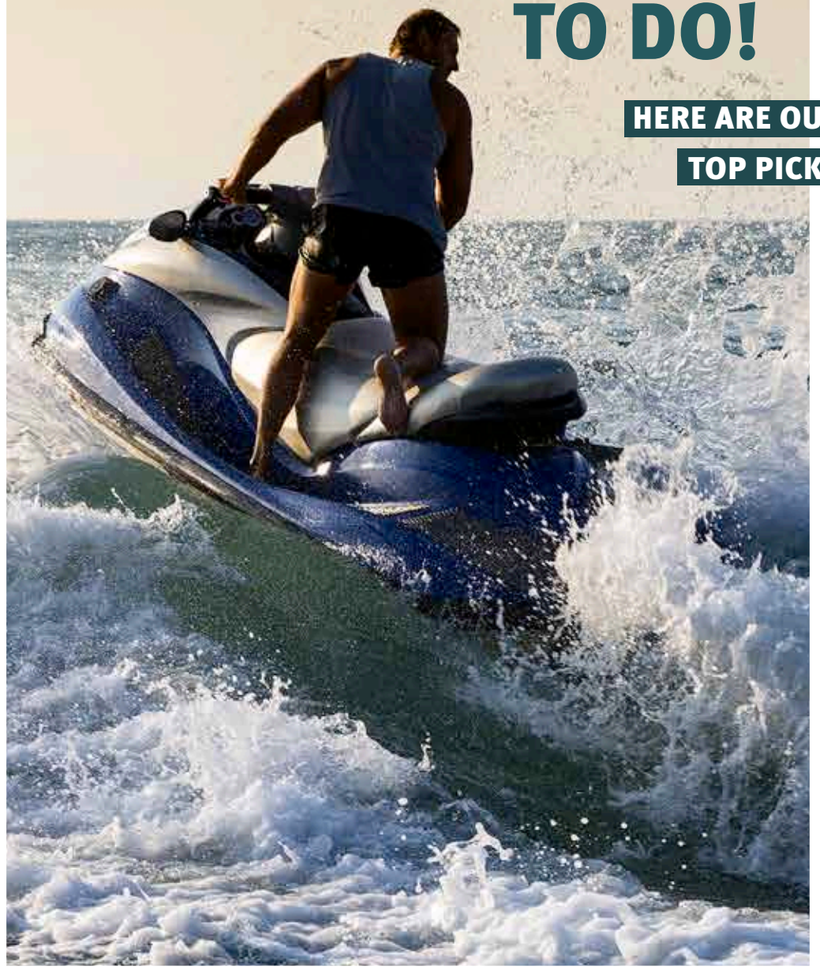
John R. Bonner Nature Park

This park is Largo's best-kept secret! Bonner Park is on the Great Florida Birding Trail because of its diverse migratory bird population. Bonner Park features picnic facilities, nature trails, a playground, and a covered pavilion. This beautiful park overlooks the waterway.

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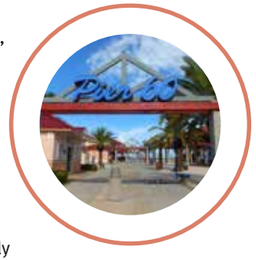


▸ CLEARWATER BEACH MUNICIPAL MARINA

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25 Causeway Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33767
(727) 562-4955

▸ PIER 60 PARK AND SUNSETS AT PIER 69



Located in the middle of the island of Clearwater Beach, Pier 60 Park is located at the pier's promenade to provide visitors a focal point to gather each evening and watch the sunset. The park features two unique covered-playground areas that include swings, slides, monkey bars, a ship, and one of the world's largest sandboxes, Clearwater Beach. A street festival located on the promenade portion of Clearwater Beach's famous fishing pier, the Sunsets at Pier 60 Daily Festival, celebrates the setting of the sun and features artists, craftsmen, and performers with weekend musical entertainment.

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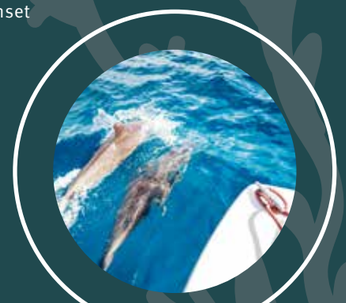


▸ CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM

The Clearwater Aquarium, located at 249 Windward Passage, is famous for rescuing Winter, the dolphin featured in the movie *Dolphin Tale*, and offers visitors a chance to learn about marine rescue efforts; more details about their exhibits and programs can be found at their website, **www.seewinter.com**.

▸ SUNSHINE BOAT TOURS

Sunshine Boat Tours at John's Pass features three exciting excursion boats: the Sunshine, a spacious vessel perfect for dolphin watching and sightseeing cruises; the Pirate Ship, a fun-filled pirate-themed boat ideal for family adventures and sunset cruises; and the Sunset Cruise Boat, which offers relaxing evening trips to enjoy breathtaking Gulf Coast sunsets. For more details and booking information, visit their website at **www.sunshineboattours.com**









LOCAL TIP



"Don't miss the Florida Botanical Gardens and Heritage Village to learn about our local history and nature. Both are in Largo and are free. Watch for special events throughout the year. You can even bring your dog!" – **Carrie T.**

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SMALL DONATION DURING THE HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY, ADMISSION TO THE BOTANICAL GARDENS IS FREE.

▸ FLORIDA BOTANICAL GARDENS

The Florida Botanical Gardens is a serene 100+-acre oasis featuring beautiful native and exotic plants, themed gardens, and peaceful walking paths. With free admission and seasonal events, it's a relaxing spot for nature lovers, families, and photographers alike.

12520 Ulmerton Rd, Largo, FL 33774 ›› flbg.org

▸ JOHN'S PASS VILLAGE & BOARDWALK

John's Pass is a lively waterfront destination known for its boardwalk, local shops, restaurants, and water adventures like dolphin cruises and boat rentals. Just steps from the beach, it's a must-visit spot for dining, shopping, and coastal fun.

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249 Windward Passage, Clearwater Beach
(727) 441-1790

▸ PINELLAS COUNTY TRAIL

The Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail is a rail-trail that stretches from Tarpon Springs in the north to St. Petersburg in the south, passing through the towns of Palm Harbor, Dunedin, Belleair, Clearwater, Largo, Seminole, South Pasadena, and Gulfport. The Trail, created along a portion of an abandoned railroad corridor is a multi-use trail everyone can enjoy. It provides a unique, protected greenspace for walking, jogging, skating, and biking, and skating. Some trail users are able to commute to work using the Pinellas Trail instead of a motor vehicle. The distance that the main trail currently covers is 47 miles. The Pinellas Trail was named after Fred Marquis, a former Pinellas County Administrator who served from 1979 until 2000.
Parks and Conservation Resources Admin Office
12520 Ulmerton Rd., Largo, FL 33774
(727) 582-2100 – select option #2

▸ HIGHLAND FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

The Highland Family Aquatic Center includes an activity and multipurpose pool and offers private and open session rentals by reservation, special events, open swim sessions, swimming lessons, and water aerobics. The aquatic center is a family-friendly mini-waterpark providing a wide variety of fun play experiences for all ages.
400 Highland Ave., Largo, FL 33770 ›› (727) 518-3016

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(727) 445-1200
clearwaterjolleytrolley.com



▸ LAWN BOWLING

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1040 Calumet St., Clearwater, FL
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315 S. Gulfview Blvd., Clearwater ›› (888) 787-3789

▸ CLEARWAKE WATER SPORTS



For a more intimate experience, we recommend Clearwater Beach's premier watersports attraction, not only do they offer the only Clearwater Beach-based WakeSurfing Experience but they can also do private dolphin-seeing excursions, romantic sunset cruises, or small parties of up to 10 people on their pontoon boat. Whether you want to go out for two hours or a whole day, you can't go wrong with the great people at ClearWake Water Sports.
198 Seminole St., Clearwater, FL 33755
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▸ WET RENTALS AND TOURS

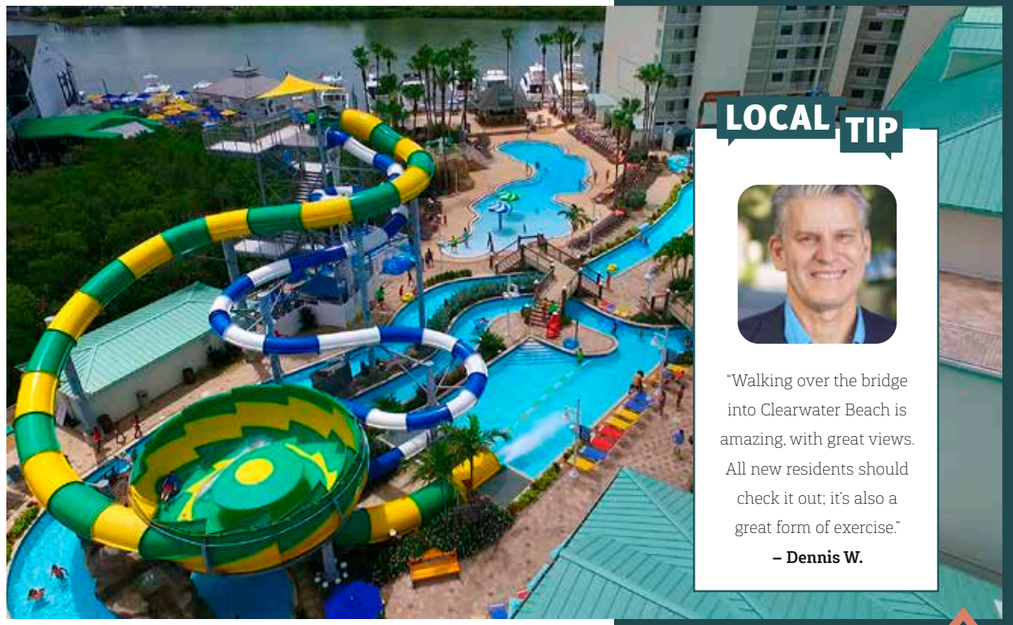
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LOCAL TIP

"The Narrows Nature Preserve in McGough Park off Walsingham Road in Largo is a delightful place to see turtles, owls, birds of prey, a rehabilitated American Bald Eagle. Great paths to the Intracostal as well as a view of the Oak Hammocks." – **Diann M.**



LOCAL TIP

"Walking over the bridge into Clearwater Beach is amazing, with great views. All new residents should check it out; it's also a great form of exercise."

– Dennis W.

▸ MOCCASIN LAKE NATURE PARK

A showcase of the plant and animal species native to the area. Preserve featuring rescued and rehabilitated birds; reptilian, insect, and fish displays; plant and energy exhibits; and nature trails through a diversity of natural Florida habitats, allowing viewing of native birds, insects, amphibians, mammals, and reptiles.

2750 Park Trail Ln., Clearwater ›› (727) 793-2976



▸ HERITAGE VILLAGE

The grounds of Heritage Village include two museum exhibits inside the Visitor Center. The exhibits share the history of Pinellas County using objects from the museum collection and items from the archives and library. Demonstrations occur periodically around Heritage Village throughout the year and during special events.

The demonstration shed area includes a smokehouse, sugar cane mill and boiling shed, and blacksmith and woodworking areas.

While you're there, check out the Shirley McPherson Native Plant Trail that wanders through a Pine Flatwoods habitat featuring dozens of plants used for food and shelter by early inhabitants and pioneer settlers of the Pinellas peninsula. As you walk along the trail, you will learn about the relationship of people to the environment. Hopefully, you will gain a new appreciation for Florida's native plants and wildlife and their value in the past as well as for the future.

11909 125th St. N., Largo, FL 33774 ›› (727) 582-2123

▸ SPLASH HARBOUR WATER PARK

Water park with a variety of slides, kids' splash zones, a lazy river, casual dining and a tiki bar.

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399 Second St., Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785 ›› (727) 754-6492
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421 S. Gulfview Blvd., Clearwater Beach
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▸ TROPICS BOAT TOURS

The Tropics Boat Tours is a boat tour and excursion company providing tours of the Intracoastal waterway of Pinellas county and the Gulf of Mexico. We offer several different tours, including Dolphin Exploration Tours, extended Dolphin Tours (known as our Honeymoon and Caladesi Island Tour), Sunset Celebration Cruises, and Saturday Night Party Booze Cruises for our guests 21 and over. We also offer Caladesi Island Excursions and a number of private charter options.

We offer something for everyone, from unlimited beer, wine, and soft drinks for the adults to Tommy the Turtle Story Time for the kids! Just sit back, relax and enjoy the music from our state-of-the-art sound system. We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with a memorable experience and look forward to serving you.

Clearwater Beach Marina, Slip 5, 25 Causeway Blvd., Clearwater
(727) 442-7433 ›› thetropicsboattours.com

LOCAL TIP

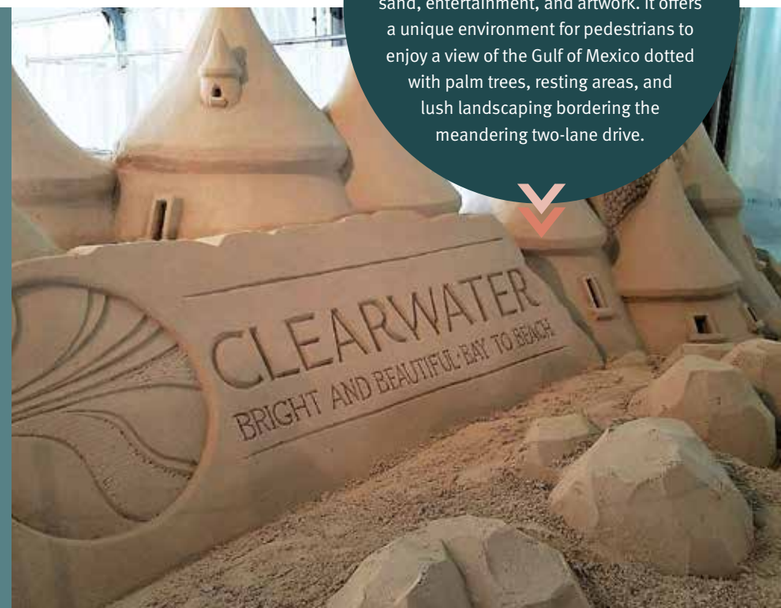


The Clearwater Sugar Sand Festival is an incredible experience that no one should miss. The sculptors are so talented.

- Kelly S.

▸ BEACH WALK, CLEARWATER BEACH SOUTH OF PIER 60

Beachwalk is a winding promenade surrounded by resorts, beautiful white sand, entertainment, and artwork. It offers a unique environment for pedestrians to enjoy a view of the Gulf of Mexico dotted with palm trees, resting areas, and lush landscaping bordering the meandering two-lane drive.



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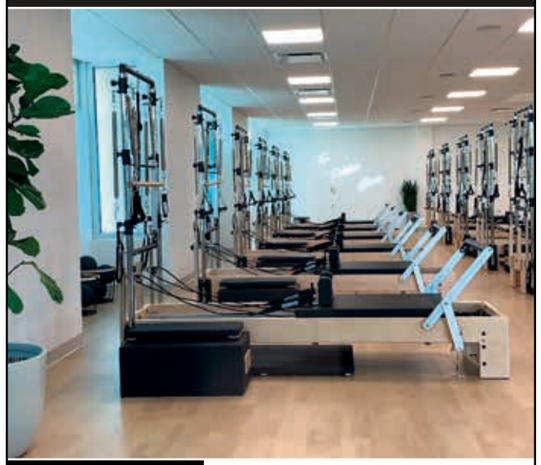
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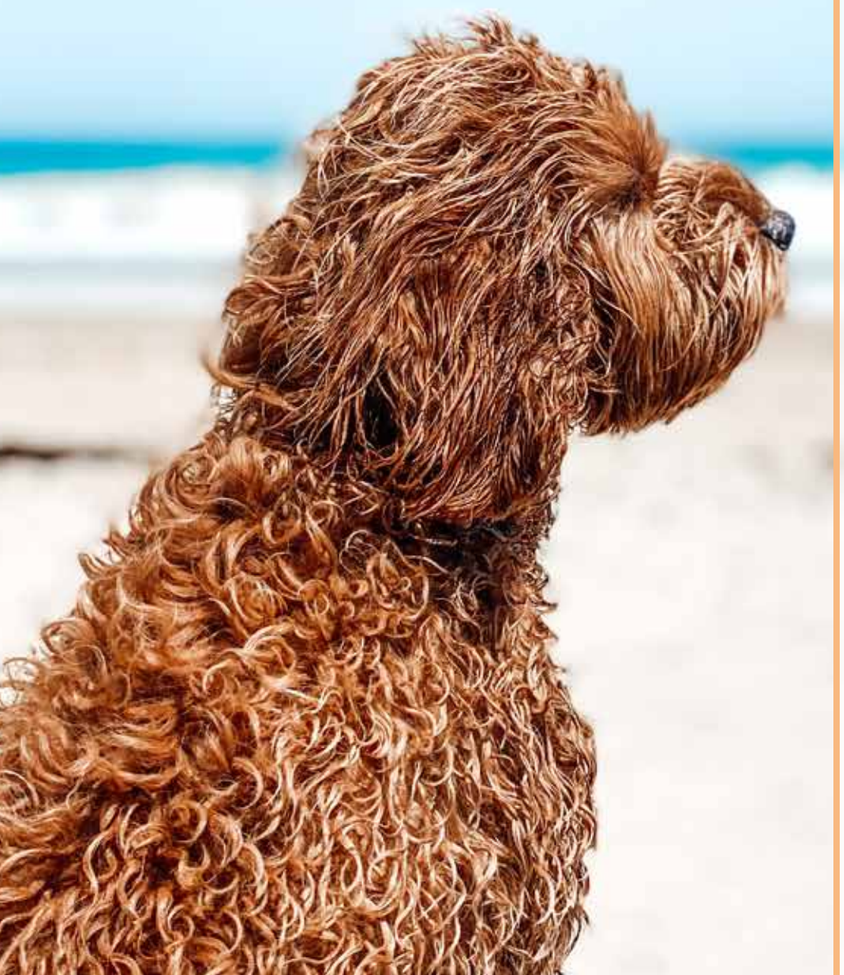
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DOG PARKS

Pinellas County has some wonderful places for your furry friends to stretch out, run and interact with other fluffy puppies. However, the only parks where dogs are allowed on the a real beach are Fort De Soto in St. Pete and our favorite Honeymoon Island Dog Beach in Dunedin. If you're just looking for a place for your dog to get wet, the beaches that line the Pinellas and Gandy Bridge Causeways also allow dogs. For an off-leash treat, you can go to the Honeymoon Dog Park, which boasts beautiful scenery, a long stretch of white sandy beach, and sparkling water as well as a small area at the south eat corner of the Belleair Bridge boat ramp.

Honeymoon Dog Beach
Honeymoon Island, Dunedin
(727) 241-6106
Hours: Daily 8 am–8 pm

Fort De Soto Dog Park / Beach
St. Petersburg ▸ (727) 582-2267
Hours: Daily 7 am–8 pm



LOCAL TIP

Ft Desoto is as good as it gets! Countless world-class beaches. We are locals who have developed a tradition of camping at the park for at least one holiday a year. Great setting with good privacy at the campsites that have water access. The whole park offers amazing beaches, the fort and bike trails. **-Lily and Roy E**

HERE ARE A FEW MORE PLACES WE THINK YOU MIGHT ENJOY:

Sand Key Park
1060 Gulf Blvd., Clearwater, FL
Hours: 7 am till dusk

Walsingham Park
12615 102nd Ave. N., Largo, FL
Hours: 7 am to sunset

Indian Rocks Beach Dog Park
Indian Rocks Beach Nature Preserve
107 10th Ave. N., Indian Rocks Beach, FL
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100 Fifth Ave. SW, Largo
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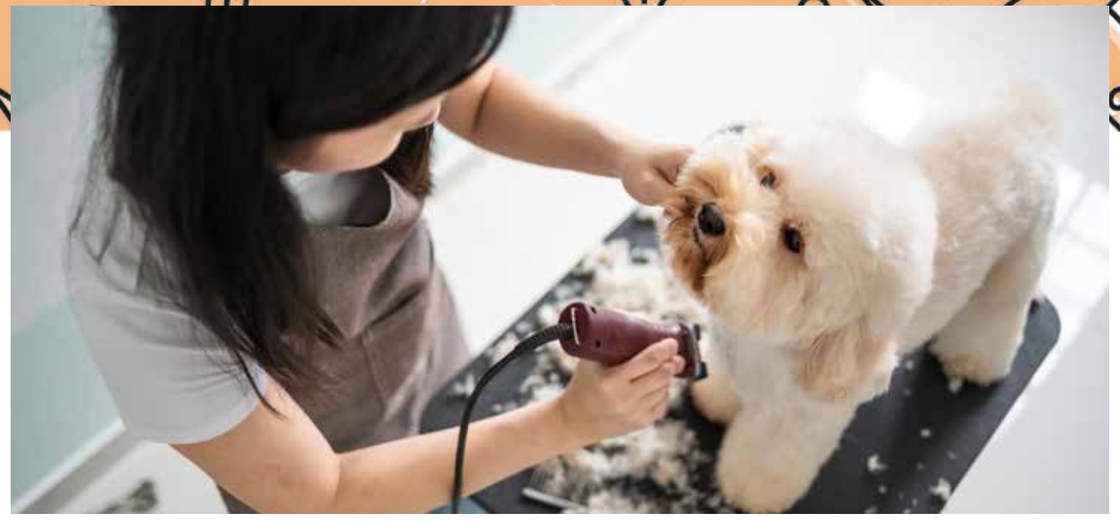
Crest Lake Dog Park
Crest Lake Park
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Finding that special trusted groomer that will treat our furry friends with care and kindness is so important; after all, they are our best friends and only deserve the best. When it comes to the care of our pets, we can recommend only local groomers and daycare facilities that will treat your pets with compassion and individuality that you can't find at a big-box groomer or daycare.

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14219 Walsingham Rd Suite D & E, Largo 33774
(727) 446-7999 ▸ fluffypuppiesofpinellas.net

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10720 Park Blvd. N., Seminole, FL 33772
(727) 399-3647 ▸ barklife.com

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Exploring Beyond Clearwater

DAY TRIPS

WORTH THE DRIVE

Living in or visiting Clearwater means you already have sugar-white sand, turquoise waters, and stunning sunsets right at your doorstep. But if you're itching for a change of scenery—or looking to impress visiting friends—there are plenty of unforgettable destinations within a 2.5-hour drive. Whether you crave art, nature, history, or thrills, these day trips promise a refreshing break without the need for overnight bags.







SARASOTA ▸ 1.5 HRS ▸ Head south along the Gulf Coast to discover Sarasota's blend of culture and coastal charm. The crown jewel is the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, home to masterpieces and circus history alike. Stroll through the lush gardens, tour the stunning Ca' d'Zan mansion, and finish with lunch at St. Armands Circle. Nearby, Siesta Key Beach—famed for its powder-soft quartz sand—makes for a relaxing afternoon.

ST. PETERSBURG ▸ 30 MIN ▸ Just across the bay, St. Pete offers a vibrant mix of art and beach life. Don't miss The Dalí Museum, the St. Pete Pier, and the colorful murals scattered throughout downtown. If you're in the mood for sand and surf, Pass-a-Grille Beach delivers a quieter, old-Florida feel compared to busier Clearwater Beach.

ORLANDO ▸ 2 HRS ▸ It's not just about the big theme parks—though Walt Disney World, Universal Orlando, and SeaWorld are certainly world-class attractions. Orlando also boasts vibrant neighborhoods, outlet shopping, and unique spots like Leu Gardens or the Orlando Science Center. For an artsy twist, visit the charming town of Winter Park for boutique shopping, a scenic boat tour, and a renowned art museum.

WEEKI WACHEE SPRINGS ▸ 1 HR ▸ Step into old Florida charm at Weeki Wachee, famous for its live "mermaid" shows that have delighted visitors since 1947. You can also rent a kayak and paddle down the Weeki Wachee River, spotting turtles, fish, and even manatees in the clear, spring-fed waters. Buccaneer Bay water park, located within the state park, is a hit with families.

TAMPA ▸ 45 MIN ▸ While Tampa might be practically in Clearwater's backyard, it's worth dedicating a full day to exploring. The Tampa Riverwalk connects parks, restaurants, and attractions like the Florida Aquarium and the Tampa Museum of Art. Foodies will love the mix of flavors at Armature Works, while history buffs can soak up Cuban culture in Ybor City.

CRYSTAL RIVER ▸ 1.5 HRS ▸ North of Clearwater, Crystal River offers one of Florida's most unique wildlife encounters: swimming with manatees. This gentle, curious species loves the warm springs that feed the river, making it one of the only places in the country where swimming with them is legally permitted. Even if you'd rather stay dry, you can kayak or take a glass-bottom boat tour through the crystal-clear waters.



PLAN YOUR PERFECT DAY The beauty of Clearwater's location is that you can enjoy so many distinct experiences without spending hours on the road. Pack a cooler, grab your sunglasses, and let curiosity lead the way—Florida's west and central coasts are full of treasures just waiting to be discovered.



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When you have to have your coffee or tea ... Check these places out!

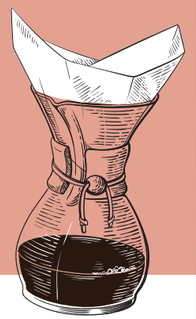
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Some like it hot, others iced, then there is the question: Are you a dark-roast or a light, smooth and mellow connoisseur? Regardless of your fancy, these shops will have the brew for you. If it were just about the coffee, Dunkin's drive-through would make our list, but we wanted to share with you a few spots where you can have more than just a cup of coffee. The shops listed below offer great coffee, pastries/desserts, and an experience that you won't find a corporate Starbucks, Dunkin's, or even Panera, for that matter.

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1495 Indian Rocks Rd, Largo

Indian Rocks Cafe Deli and Market
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LOCAL TIP

October is Stone Crab season in Florida. There are festivals all over the area and most restaurants will have them on their menus, but if you want the biggest and in my opinion the best, you have to go to Frenchy's on Clearwater Beach. We never miss it. **- Lenore S.**

• restaurants

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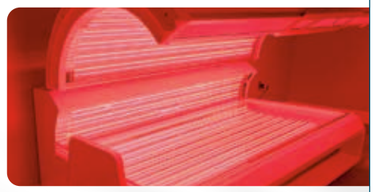
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• restaurants



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• pizza

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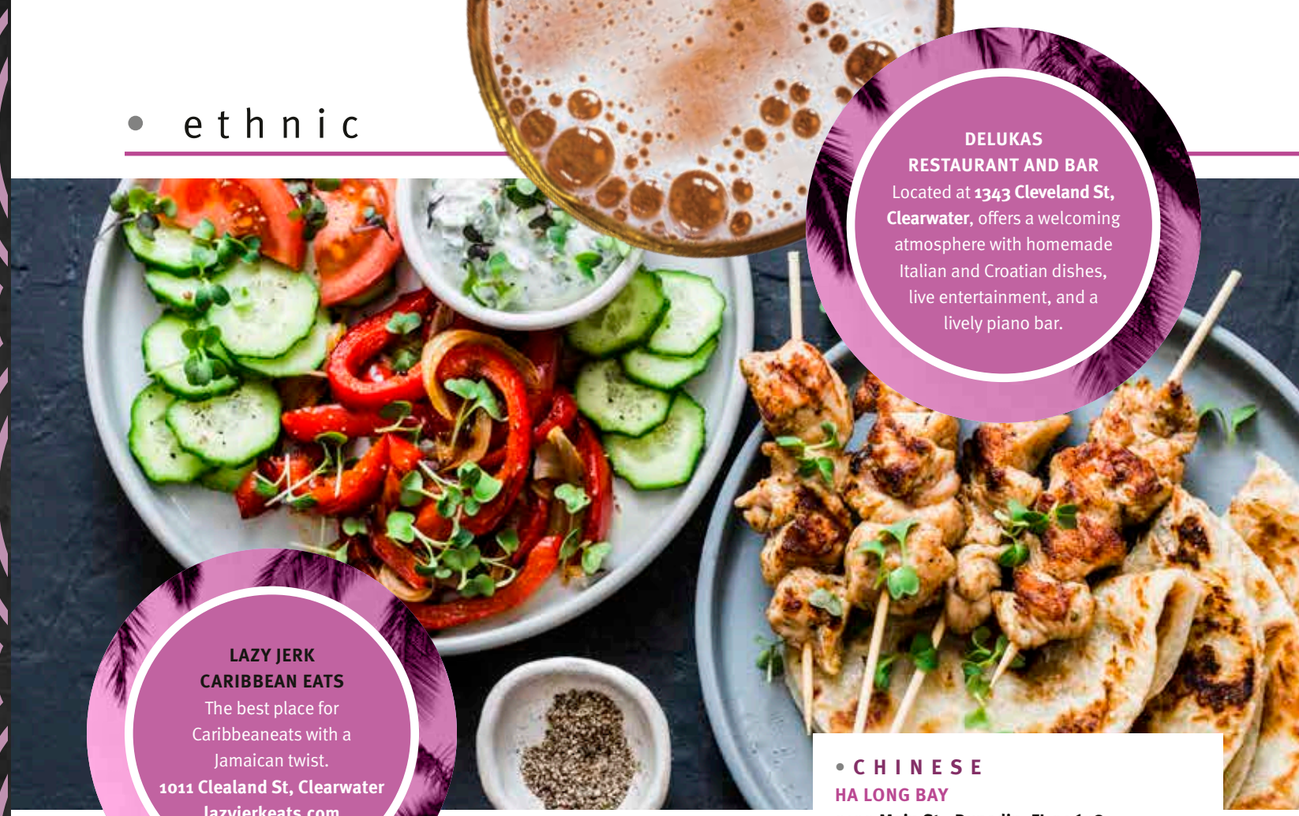
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• ethnic



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LOCAL TIP



For an authentic Greek experience, visit the sponge docks of Tarpon Springs where you'll find great food, unique shopping, excellent Greek pastries, and desserts as well as some great entertainment. We recommend the waterfront dining at Demetri's Restaurant. **- Marc P.**

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LOCAL TIP



You're going to love the Bluffs Wine Walk every October. It's a fun afternoon of shopping, drinking, mingling, and listening to some great music. It's an absolute locals favorite.

- Bonnie T.



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turtle TALES

As a newcomer to Pinellas County, Florida, it's important to be aware of the beautiful wildlife that shares the area with humans. One of the most fascinating events that takes place on the county's beaches is sea turtle nesting. Sea turtle nesting season typically runs from May through October, with the peak of activity occurring in July and August.

During this time, female sea turtles come ashore to lay their eggs in the sand, where they incubate for about two months before the hatchlings emerge and make their way to the sea. It's important to be mindful of sea turtle nesting areas and to take precautions to keep them safe.





HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN VISITING THE BEACHES DURING NESTING SEASON:

1. **Respect the marked nesting areas** - Do not disturb any area that's marked as a nesting site. These areas are carefully monitored to ensure the safety of the eggs and hatchlings.
2. **Avoid using lights on the beach at night** - Sea turtles are easily disoriented by artificial lights, which can cause them to lose their way and become prey to predators. It's best to avoid the use of flashlights and other lighting sources during nesting season.
3. **Don't leave trash on the beach** - Trash and debris can be dangerous to sea turtles, who can become entangled and injured. Always dispose of trash and litter in proper receptacles.
4. **Follow beach regulations** - Many beaches have specific regulations regarding behavior on the beach, such as no pets or no vehicles.

Make sure to follow these regulations to ensure the safety of the sea turtles. By following these tips, newcomers to Pinellas County can help protect the sea turtles that make their home on the beautiful beaches of this area. Remember, these stunning creatures are an important part of our ecosystem and deserve our respect and protection.

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Florida Homeowner Pest Guide
Fall Edition

What's Happening
While the rest of the country experiences fall, Florida remains warm and humid. Rather than disappearing after summer, many common pests remain active and continue affecting homes throughout the fall.

Pests to Watch
- Rodents: Fall is when rodents become more likely to explore homes in search of food, water, and shelter.
- Spiders: Abundant summer insects provide plenty of food, making spiders and their webs more noticeable.
- Roaches: Fluctuating moisture levels can prompt outdoor roaches to seek water and shelter around homes.

Seasonal Home Tip
Seal gaps around doors, garages, and utility openings. Some rodents can squeeze through openings as small as a dime.

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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

ENSURING SAFETY AND RESILIENCE

HURRICANE AND STORM PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

Hurricane season in Florida officially runs from June 1st to November 30th.
Most hurricane activity peaks in Florida from mid-August to mid-October.

INSIDE YOUR HOME

- ☐ Invest in NOAA energy weather radio
- ☐ Pack an emergency readiness kit for each member of your family
- ☐ Ensure that you have a whole house or standby generator
- ☐ If you are not evacuating turn your refrigerator up to the highest setting in the case of possible outages
- ☐ Turn off the gas in your home to avoid a disaster from carbon monoxide poisoning
- ☐ If you have a basement unplug appliances, water heaters and remove or elevate anything to avoid water damage

OUTDOOR PREPARATIONS

- ☐ Make sure your gutters are being cleaned regularly
- ☐ Have a roof inspection done
- ☐ Consult a tree care specialist to make sure nearby trees won't fall on your home
- ☐ Put outdoor furniture in your garage or basement
- ☐ Bring garbage cans into your garage or other protected area
- ☐ Download FEMA's guide to hurricane preparedness

PACK A HURRICANE KIT

KEY ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Flashlight / batteries
- ☐ Cell phone charger and backup battery
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Matches / Lighter
- ☐ Cooler
- ☐ Blankets
- ☐ Clean clothing
- ☐ Paper plates, plastic utensils, and cups
- ☐ Pillows
- ☐ Pet food
- ☐ Any medications
- ☐ Documents
- ☐ Birth certificates
- ☐ Record of bank account numbers
- ☐ Marriage certificates copies of insurance policies passports
- ☐ Social Security cards

LISTEN TO WEATHER ADVISORIES IN HEED WARNINGS

Sign up for local alerts. Download emergency apps from NOAA and the Red Cross.
Send the text message **HURRICANE** to **43362 (4FEMA)** to be notified of safety tips and other important information

THUNDERSTORMS AND LIGHTNING

The combination of thunderstorms and lightning is another dangerous threat to homeowners. Take precautions to safeguard your house and family members before the storm.







READY, SET, DINK

WHERE TO PLAY THE GAME THAT'S WINNING EVERYONE OVER

Clearwater, Florida, known for its pristine beaches and abundant recreational activities, has emerged as a hub for pickleball enthusiasts. This dynamic and fast-growing sport, a hybrid of tennis, badminton, and ping pong, has captured the attention of players of all ages and skill levels. Clearwater boasts a range of exceptional venues that cater to pickleball aficionados, providing them with top-notch facilities and a vibrant community. In this article, we will explore the popularity of pickleball in Clearwater and highlight some fantastic places where locals and visitors alike can enjoy this exciting sport.

THE RISE OF PICKLEBALL

Pickleball has seen an unprecedented surge in popularity over the past decade, and Clearwater has been at the forefront of this trend. Combining elements of other racquet sports, pickleball offers a unique and accessible experience for players of all abilities. It's played on a smaller court with a solid paddle and a plastic ball with holes, allowing for intense yet enjoyable rallies.

Clearwater's Pickleball Community: Clearwater has cultivated a vibrant and welcoming pickleball community, where players can connect, compete, and improve their skills. Numerous clubs, leagues, and social groups cater to players of all levels, ensuring that enthusiasts can find like-minded individuals to play with. The community not only fosters healthy competition but also creates a sense of camaraderie among its members.

Pickleball has become a beloved sport, attracting players from all walks of life. The city offers a plethora of fantastic venues where individuals can engage in this fast-paced and enjoyable game. Whether you're a seasoned player or a beginner looking to try something new,

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Belleair Bluffs ▸
BelleairOpticians.com

Clearwater provides an array of options for pickleball enthusiasts. So grab a paddle, rally with friends or make new ones, and immerse yourself in the vibrant pickleball scene in Clearwater.

NEW TO PICKLEBALL?
Don't be intimidated! Pickleball is known for being social, easy to learn and welcoming to beginners. Bring a paddle, comfortable shoes, plenty of water and a willingness to meet some new neighbors.

WHERE TO PLAY PICKLEBALL:

Clearwater Tennis Center ▸ Situated at 2897 Belcher Road, the Clearwater Tennis Center offers excellent pickleball facilities. With six dedicated pickleball courts and top-notch amenities, including restrooms and shaded seating areas, this center is a haven for pickleball enthusiasts. The center also hosts regular tournaments and clinics for players looking to improve their skills.

Clearwater Beach Recreation Center ▸ Located at 69 Bay Esplanade, the Clearwater Beach Recreation Center is a popular destination for pickleball enthusiasts. Offering both indoor and outdoor courts, players can enjoy the game in any weather. The center provides equipment rentals, making it convenient for visitors to try out the sport. With its prime beachfront location, players can relish pickleball while taking in stunning ocean views.

Ross Norton Recreation Complex ▸ The Ross Norton Recreation Complex, located at



1426 South Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, features six well-maintained outdoor pickleball courts. Players appreciate the shaded seating areas, restrooms, and nearby parking. The complex offers open play times and organized leagues, ensuring opportunities for players of all skill levels to participate.

Henry L. McMullen Tennis Complex ▸ The Henry L. McMullen Tennis Complex, situated at 1000 Edenville Avenue, has embraced the growing pickleball community by introducing dedicated courts for the sport. With its spacious layout and well-kept facilities, this complex is a fantastic option for both tennis and pickleball players. The friendly staff organizes various events, including round-robin tournaments, to engage the community.

Del Oro Park ▸ Del Oro Park, located at 401 McMullen Booth Road, offers four outdoor pickleball courts in a serene setting. This park is perfect for players who prefer a quieter and more laid-back atmosphere. The courts are open to the public, and players can enjoy a peaceful game surrounded by lush greenery.

DUNEDIN

Eagle Scout Park: 1040 Virginia St., Dunedin ▸ If pickleball is your game, this is the place to know! Eagle Scout Park features **10 dedicated outdoor pickleball courts** and is one of Dunedin's premier spots for play. The courts are free, first-come, first-served and open daily from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The park also includes a walking/jogging path, picnic pavilion, restrooms and the Dunedin Community Garden. (Dunedin City Council)

Highlander Park ▸ 903 Michigan Blvd., Dunedin ▸ *Pickleball courts located at 1937 Ed Eckert Dr.* ▸ Highlander Park is a great choice when you want more than just a game. The approximately 70-acre recreation area includes tennis and pickleball courts, basketball, playgrounds, picnic areas, a pool and sprayground. Pickleball lines are painted on two of the dual-use tennis courts; players need to bring their own net. (Dunedin City Council)

CHECK THE TIME

Court schedules, programs and availability can change, so check with the local Parks & Recreation Department before heading out—then grab your paddle and go have some fun!

Dunedin Community Center ▸ 1920 Pinehurst Rd., Dunedin ▸ Want to beat the Florida heat or dodge an afternoon rain shower? Head indoors! The Dunedin Community Center offers scheduled **indoor pickleball,** making it a great year-round option. The city offers designated pickleball hours for a small daily fee, so check the current schedule before heading over. (Dunedin City Council)

SAFETY HARBOR

Marshall Street Park ▸ 500 Marshall St., Safety Harbor ▸ This neighborhood park is one of Safety Harbor's go-to spots for pickleball, with **five dedicated outdoor courts.** It's a convenient place to grab your paddle, enjoy some friendly competition and connect with other local players.

North City Park ▸ 2075 Swan Lane, Safety Harbor ▸ North City Park offers another place to get active outdoors, with pickleball and tennis along with basketball, a playground, dog park, shelter and plenty of open space. It's a nice option for families when not everyone wants to spend the afternoon on the court.

Safety Harbor Community Center ▸ 650 9th Ave. S., Safety Harbor ▸ For indoor play, check out the Safety Harbor Community Center. Its gymnasium accommodates pickleball along with other recreational activities, giving players another option when Florida weather makes outdoor play less appealing.



TEE TIME!



Belleair Country Club *(Private)* ▸ Belleair Country Club widely noted as Florida's oldest golf course consists of two 18-hole courses, designed by the legendary golf course architect, Donald J. Ross. The club is situated in the heart of Belleair and offers beautiful waterfront views of Clearwater. ▸ 1 Country Club Ln., Belleair (727) 461-7171 ▸ belleaircc.com

▸ GOLF COURSES FOR EVERY LEVEL!

There are over 16 golf courses in the Great Clearwater area. In no particular order, we have highlighted some LOCAL favorites, based on the greens quality, beauty of the course, and amenities.

Cove Cay Golf Club *(Public)* ▸ This Championship Golf Course & Bayview Pub & Grill Cove Cay Golf Club is a USGA-rated, 18-hole championship length golf course located on Tampa Bay. Built by architect David Stewart, the course is both challenging and beautiful, with spectacular views of old Tampa Bay. ▸ 2612 Cove Cay Dr., Clearwater ▸ (727) 535-1406 ▸ covecaygolf.com

Largo Golf Course *(Public)* ▸ This 18-hole executive course opened in 1969. The course is a par-62 executive course and measures 3,300 yards from the longest tees and features two sets of tees for different skill levels. Greens and fairways are Bermuda grass. 12500 Vonn Rd., Largo ▸ (727) 518-3024

The Landings *(Semi-Private)* ▸ The 18-hole Landings Golf Club is a public golf course that opened in 1970. Landings Golf Club measures 4482 yards from the longest tees. The course features two sets of tees for different skill levels. Greens are Paspalum grass and fairways are Bermuda grass. ▸ 1875 Airport Dr., Clearwater (727) 447-5272 ▸ thelandingsgc.com/golf-course

East Bay Golf Club *(Public)* ▸ East Bay offers a championship 18-hole, par-71 layout, practice range, putting greens, pro shop, clubhouse. They also feature the Pro-Shot GPS yardage system on all of their carts. ▸ 702 Country Club Dr., Largo ▸ (727) 581-3333 eastbaygolfclub.com

Clearwater Country Club *(Semi-Private)* ▸ CCC is a semi-private, 18-hole golf course designed by Herbert Strong in 1920. In addition to the course, they also offer a driving range, practice facility, pro shop, and clubhouse. ▸ 525 N. Betty Ln., Clearwater (727) 446-9501 ▸ clearwatercountryclub.com

The Pelican Golf Club *(Private)* ▸ A beautiful course and venue, but it is a very restrictive, members-only club. If you know a member and are able to play a round here, you're going to love it! Good luck! ▸ 1501 Indian Rocks Rd., Belleair ▸ (727) 285-9702 ▸ pelicangolfclub.com

Bayhead/Lake Golf Course ▸ The Course measures 6,715 yards from the longest tees and has a slope rating of 131 and a 72.7 USGA rating.

Countryside Country Club *(Semi-Private)* ▸ The Country club offers three 18 hole courses, designed in 1977 by Gary Player, Jerry Lemons, and Larry Packard.

Pinecrest Golf Club *(Semi-Private)* This par-3 executive course is one of the area's best-kept secrets. It's inexpensive, plays fast, and is conveniently located. It's the perfect place to sneak in a quick round. The Fairways are Bermuda Grass and the GreensBent Grass. ▸ 1200 Eighth Ave. SW, Largo ▸ (727) 584-6497 pinecrestgclargo.com

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Dunedin Golf Club *(Semi-Private)* ▸ Designed by noted architect Donald Ros, Dunedin Isles Golf Club Golf Course first opened in 1927 and is a national historic site in Florida. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2014. From 1945 through 1962, Dunedin Golf Club was the home of the PGA of America. ▸ 1050 Palm Blvd., Dunedin (727) 733-2134 ▸ dunedingolfclub.com

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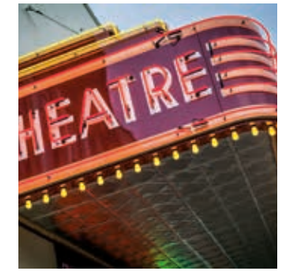
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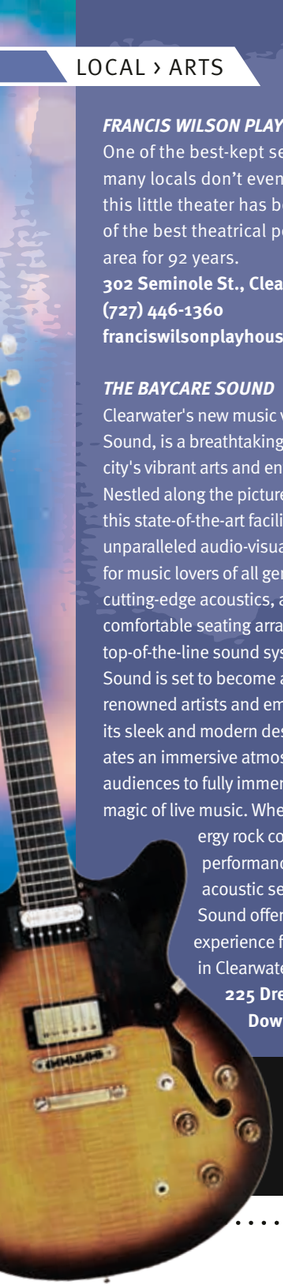
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GARSAPARILLA INVASION – TAMPA ▸ January

This annual re-enactment of Tampa's historic pirate invasion is something you have to see at least once. It's a uniquely Tampa event that features the Pirate ship Jose Gasparilla filled with pirates as they sail Tampa Bay and dock at Tampa Convention Center where the Mayor of Tampa turns over the key to the city to the Captain of the Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla. The landing at the dock takes place at 1:00 PM but the party and merriment go on all day and well into the night. **main.gasparillapiratefest.com**

An Alternative to the hectic and often very rowdy Gasparilla event is a very family-friendly Pirate celebration event hosted by Party Pirates on the Rock charity. Their flotilla boat parade and party travel from Johns Pass to Clearwater Beach in full regalia. Check out and join this local favorite at **partypiratesontherocks.com**



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ST. PETE PRIDE MONTH ▸ June ▸ This major festival usually takes place in June and is one of the biggest pride events in the USA. Though the event evolves each year, you'll always find a warm and inclusive environment great entertainment, and plenty of good food. Check out **stpetepride.org**





LARGO EVENING MARKET ▸ Year-Round except December

As a new resident, don't miss The Largo Evening Market, held every fourth Saturday of the month from 5 to 9 PM. Enjoy this outdoor market filled with a variety of vendors, raffles, food trucks, and more—perfect for the whole family and pet-friendly! **301 West Bay Drive, Largo**



CLEARWATER OFFSHORE NATIONAL POWERBOAT RACES ▸ September ▸ This weekend-long event is a local favorite. Start out on Friday with the VIP Party with cocktails, heavy appetizers, and live entertainment. You'll be able to meet the Drivers, Throttlemen, and Team members, and be able to check out the boats up close. Then pick a good spot to watch and cheer on your favorite Team. Saturday, watch the boats out on the water for Race Boat Testing, followed by another party at Shepard's VIP Party Sunset at Pier 60, Where you will also find Vendors and Live Entertainment. Then Sunday it's off to the Races, followed by an after-race party & awards at Marina Cantina, then "Shephard's Largest After-Race Party". **clearwaternationals.com**

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sugarsandfestival.com



SPRING & FALL OUTDOOR VENDOR MARKET ▸ April & November
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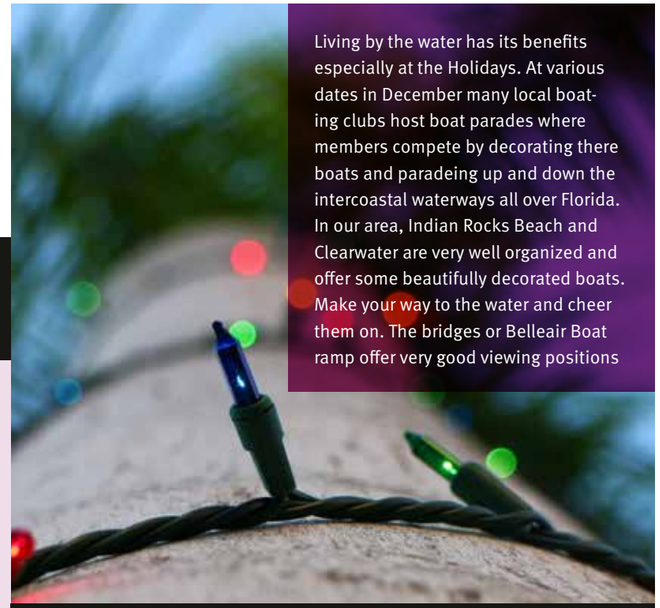


LARGO CENTRAL PARK HOLIDAY LIGHTS ▸ November
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TAMPA BAY TIMES TURKEY TROTT – CLEARWATER ▸ November
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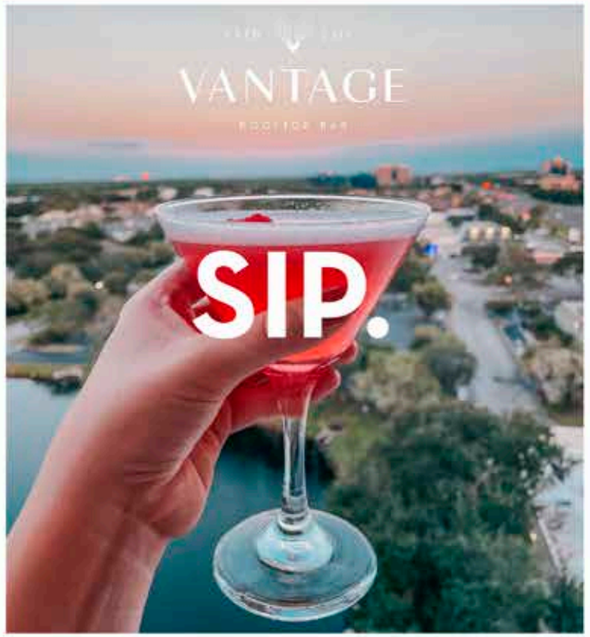
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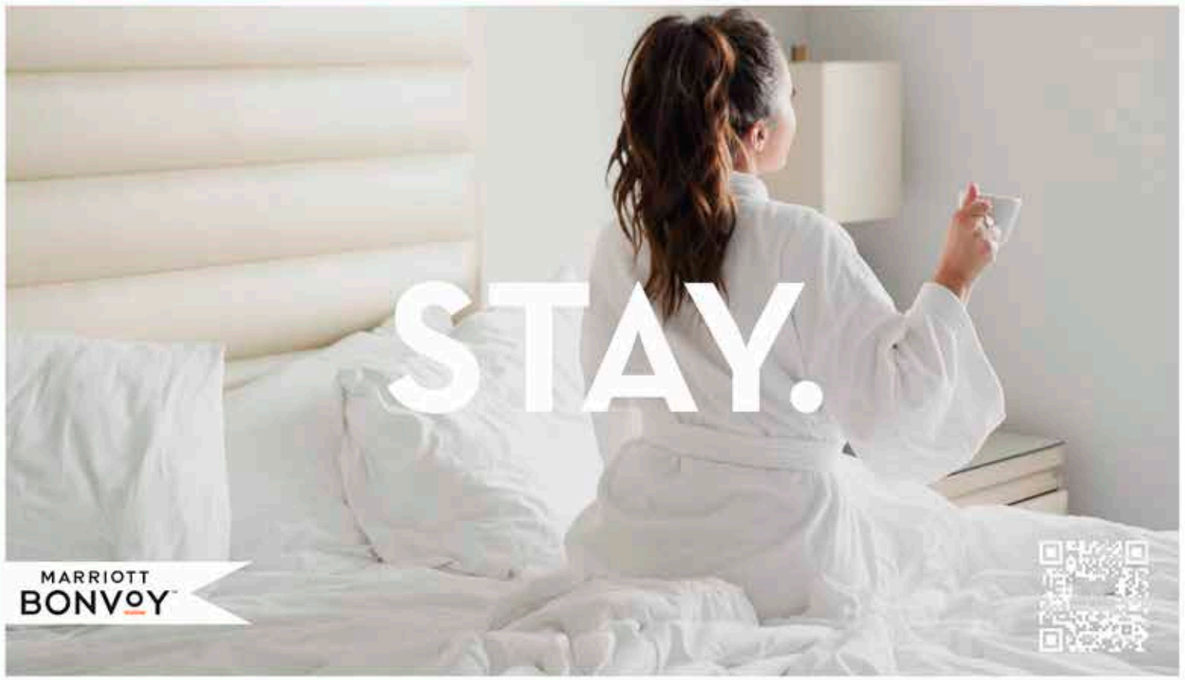
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