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1. Crowley Museum

16405 Myakka Road, Sarasota 34240

941.322.1000 www.cmncfl.org

Self-guided nature trails wind through pristine pine flatwoods, oak hammocks, maple swamps, and sawgrass marshes along the Myakka River. The Tatum House (circa 1892), a homestead cabin, pioneer museum, and sugar cane mill highlight pioneer life in early Florida.

2. Myakka River State Park

13208 State Road 72, Sarasota 34241 941.361.6511

www.floridastateparks.org/myakkariver

One of the oldest and largest state parks, Myakka protects one of the state's most diverse natural areas and unique structures. Visitors can hike, fish, camp, and observe wildlife while staying in cabbage palm log cabins built in the 1930s.

3. Dr. C. B. Wilson House at Urfer Family Park

4000 Honore Avenue, Bee Ridge 34233 941-861-5000

www.scgov.net/ParksandRecreation/default.asp

The 1913 C.B. Wilson house serves as an interpretive center and the Roland Abraham Trail Hub. Visitors to the house can learn about early medical practice, the first automobile in the region, and the agricultural industry of Sarasota County. The park also offers miles of walking and biking trails, nature trails as well as playground and picnic facilities.

4. Phillippi Estate Park

5500 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota 34231 941-861-5000

www.scgov.net/ParksandRecreation/default.asp

Phillippi Estate Park located on the shores of Phillippi Creek, is a scenic, 60-acre natural area park that features environmental and historic attractions including monthly tours of the historic Edson Keith Mansion, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

5. Historic Spanish Point

337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey 34229 941.966.5214

www.historicspanishpoint.org

Visitors step inside a prehistoric shell mound to experience a unique archaeological exhibition called "A Window to the Past." Two vast mounds and a burial mound encompass the 30-acre outdoor history museum, which also features pioneer era buildings.



A. New College of Florida Public Archaeology Lab

www.ncf.edu/pal

5800 Bay Shore Road Sarasota 34243

NCPAL partners with local organizations for archaeological excavations and historic preservation and hosts diverse programs and events that feature topics in public archaeology, site management and regional histories.

B. Warm Mineral Springs

4223 12200 San Servando Ave., North Port, FL 34287

941-426-1692

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, Warm Mineral Springs is an important geological and archaeological site. Admission is not free information about the cultural history is interpreted there.

C. Little Salt Spring

www.littlesaltspring.org

While not open to the public right now, you can still journey 200 ft. down into a water-filled sinkhole without leaving your home. The sinkhole provided the perfect environment to preserve evidence of people that lived 12,000 years ago.

To learn more, visit our website.

* Sarasota History Alive!

www.sarasotahistoryalive.com

Our website and weekly e-newsletter offer the opportunity to learn more about Sarasota's history through journals, videos, walking tours, historical markers and historically designated homes and buildings. Or you can take the information with you using our new free mobile web-app at: <http://mobile.sarasotahistoryalive.com>.

Sarasota County is home to two archaeological societies that support education, preservation of historic/archaeological sites, and assist professional researchers. Meetings on archaeology, history, paleontology, and related subjects are held Sept - May and are free and open to the public.

*Time Sifters Archaeology Society, Sarasota

www.TimeSifters.org

*Warm Mineral Springs-Little Salt Spring

Archaeological Society, Northport www.wmslssas.org

6. Oscar Scherer State Park

1843 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey 34229 941.483.5956

www.floridastateparks.org/oscarscherer/

Oscar Scherer State Park is full of cultural history that spans over 1,000 years. From Native American waterfront campsites to turpentine, truck farming, and cattle ranching (located in the Burrow's South Creek Ranches) the park highlights activities important to the community's economy and growth.

7. T. Mabry Carlton Jr Memorial Reserve

1800 Mabry Carlton Parkway, Venice 34292 941-861-5000

www.scgov.net/ParksandRecreation/default.asp

The Carlton cabin serves as the welcome center for the 24,000 acre Carlton Preserve. The 1930s cabin was built of pine logs that exhibited the cat-face scars created by turpentine harvesting. The welcome center offers tours that discuss more about the area's wildlife and turpentine industry.

8. Longboat Key Historical Society, Inc. and Museum

6826 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key 34228 941.387.8323

www.longboatkeyhistory.com

The museum houses a collection of photos, videos, audio recordings, and newspapers. There is an archive library on the premises and docents to help you access resources. The museum is open from 10 am to 2 pm most weekdays.

9. The Lampp House Museum

604 West Perry Street, Englewood 34223 941-475-2696

www.scgov.net/ParksandRecreation/default.asp

Pat Lampp who arrived in Englewood in the early 1900s built the Lampp House. He married Edith Anger in 1908 and built her this prairie style home with 32 windows in 1928. Come visit this unique house that never knew a stranger.

10. Indian Mound Park

210 Winson Avenue, Englewood 34223 941.861.5000

www.scgov.net/ParksandRecreation/default.asp

Located on Lemon Bay, the park offers a historic nature trail and information about people that lived here thousands of years ago. The park also includes a public boat ramp with parking facilities, a picnic pavilion, and restrooms.

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VENICE

1. Sarasota Classic Car Museum

5500 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota 34243 941.355.6228
www.sarasotacarmuseum.org

The museum is the second oldest continuously operating antique car museum in the Nation! As you stroll through the museum, travel back in time and into the future of man's greatest invention, the automobile.

2. Ringling Museum of Art

5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota 34243 941.359.5700
www.ringling.org

In 1911, John and Mable Ringling purchased 20 acres of waterfront property in Sarasota and built their legacy for generations to enjoy. Learn about their lives through tours of the Cà d'Zan Mansion, the Circus Museums, and the Museum of Art.

3. Pioneer Whitaker Cemetery

1232 12th Street, Sarasota 34236
www.sarasotadar.org/saradesotodar_cemetery.html

This historic first cemetery in Sarasota County is lovingly maintained by the Sara DeSoto Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. It is a quiet and peaceful spot, located a few steps from the busy North Trail and 12th Street.

4. Bidwell-Wood House and Crocker Memorial Church in Pioneer Park

1260 12th Street, Sarasota 34236 941.364.9076
www.hsosc.com

Explore Sarasota's Settlement Period at the Bidwell-Wood House (1882) and Crocker Memorial Church (1901), both open for docent-led tours with the Cracker-style house furnished to the period. A detached kitchen is a charming gift shop. Or, take a stroll through the garden.

5. Sarasota County Visitor Information Center and History Center Museum

701 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota 34236 941-957-1877
www.scgov.net/historycenter

Nestled within the historic Chidsey Library Building, the Sarasota County History Center maintains a museum to exhibit information about the county's history and prehistory. The museum is free and open Monday - Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.



Nokomis Beach Plaza

100 Casey Key Road, Nokomis 34275 941.861.5000
www.scgov.net/ParksandRecreation/default.asp

Sarasota County's first publicly funded beach pavilion has returned to its former sleek, minimalist appearance. This classic example of mid-century modern architecture, designed by Jack West, includes graphic displays depicting its architectural history.

1. City of Venice Archives and Area Historical Collection

351 Nassau Street South, Venice 34285
941.486.2487 www.triangleinn.org
Located in the historic Triangle Inn building, the archives is a repository of Venice area history. The building, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, has a museum on the first floor and is open to the public on Mon-Wed from 10 am to 4 pm. Also, go to the links page on website for online database.

2. Heritage Park

727 W. Venice Avenue, Venice 34285 941.486.2487
Tour info available at City of Venice Archives and Area Historical Collection
Within a three-block section of the median strip along West Venice Avenue between City Hall and the Gulf of Mexico, lie six courts depicting the history of the Venice area and honoring the people and events that shaped it.

3. Venetian Waterway Park

200 East Venice Avenue, Venice 34285
941.486.2487 www.vabi.org
Park info available at City of Venice Archives and Area Historical Collection. The park is a walking and biking path along both sides of the Intracoastal Waterway. The west section of the park south of West Venice Avenue has a historic timeline painted on the walkway and a mural depicting the history of Venice on the Venice Gondolier Sun building.

4. Venice Train Depot

303 East Venice Avenue, Venice 34285
941-412-0151 www.venicehistory.com
The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers built the original Venice Train Depot in 1927. Today, the depot is owned by Sarasota County and provides exhibits and docent-led tours that explain how the locomotive industry shaped Venice's history. Look under Activities/Programs in our website for the schedule of tours.

5. Lord-Higel House

409 Granada Avenue, Venice 34285
www.lord-higelhouse.com
House built by Joseph H. Lord who was one of the early Venice settlers, this Queen-Anne vernacular style house is being restored to create a venue for depicting the lives and times of the pioneer settlers of the Venice area.

6. John Nolen Park

South Avenue des Parques, Venice 34285
www.venicegov.com/Park_links/john_nolen
Near the Lord-Higel House, John Nolen Park has a paved path with descriptive and pictorial signs that circles the park.

12,000 Years of Archaeology and History