



park details
Get Up Early, Stay Late



sustainability
Our Parks Are Really Green



park activities
Something For Everyone



beaches & boating
Water, Water Everywhere



natural & cultural history
Get A Blast From The Past



pinewood cultural park
Think Outside The Beach

Please help us keep Pinellas County Parks safe, clean and fun for all to enjoy.

- Most county parks provide parking, restroom facilities and drinking fountains. Some neighborhood and beach access parks do not have restroom facilities.
- Parks are open daily from 7 a.m. until dark.
- Park rangers patrol parks.
- Pets and service dogs are welcome and must be on a leash. Owners are required to clean up after pets.
- Various forms of wildlife live in our parks. They are protected and may not be hunted, harassed or fed.
- It is illegal to remove, damage or destroy plants.
- Intoxicants are prohibited in all parks.
- Fishing licenses are required.

To reserve a picnic shelter at any county park, visit www.pinellascounty.org/parks. Unreserved shelters may be used by visitors on a first-come, first-served basis.

Volunteers are an important part of the Parks & Recreation Department. If you are interested in helping to support park activities and beautification, contact the county's Volunteer Services Department at (727) 464-3945.

For general information:

Pinellas County Parks & Recreation Main Office
631 Chestnut Street
Clearwater, FL 33756
(727) 464-3347



Taylor Park

Pinellas County government remains committed to putting green initiatives to work in all its programs. For parks, going green means finding solutions that deal with water shortages, loss of natural habitat, resource management and energy conservation.

We are preserving the quality of our parks for today, and for generations that follow, by installing recycling facilities at some parks. The removal of invasive exotic plant species and control of nonnative plants is another ongoing initiative.

For its use of native plants in landscaping, Boca Ciega Millennium Park in Seminole has been recognized by the Florida Native Plant Society. Pinellas County also earned the County Leadership in Conservation Award from the Trust for Public Land and the National Association of Counties.

We have taken steps to honor those who have demonstrated a significant commitment to building a strong system of parks for conservation and recreation, through the naming of parks. A.L. Anderson, John Chesnut Sr., Fred H. Howard and Fred Marquis are four such stewards honored for their contributions.



Boca Ciega Millennium Park

Nature's own health club is open at Pinellas County parks with recreational activities for fitness and play. Beginners to pros can enjoy walking, biking, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, playing ball and swinging on a playground.

The Airco Golf Course has 18 holes to help keep golfers on the go. Disc golf at Taylor Park is a unique and fun way to get outdoor exercise.

Shoes, bicycles, tricycles, skates, wheelchairs, strollers and paws can move along a variety of multipurpose trails throughout the county. Put your paddles in the water and explore the Pinellas Blueways Trail.

Bring children to the barrier-free covered playgrounds full of adventure for children of varying activity levels. Kids love the healthy challenge of the rocks and ropes park.

While activity may be the plan for your day, you may also want some well deserved relaxation. Our parks offer respite amid the sights and sounds of nature. Planning a gathering or a wedding? Pinellas County parks have beautiful and affordable options for both.



Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail

Pinellas County is surrounded by water including the Gulf of Mexico, Tampa Bay and Boca Ciega Bay. Our parks are nestled alongside many of these premium waterways and offer a wide variety of water recreation.

Life's a great day at the beach in Pinellas County. Our beach parks offer picnic areas, playgrounds, fishing, parking and more. Sand Key Park has convenient cabana rentals and Fort De Soto has magnificent waterside campsites. Along Gulf Boulevard are six beach access parking lots that give easy access to public beaches from Indian Rocks Beach to St. Pete Beach.

Bring your boat and/or your fishing gear to A.L. Anderson Park or John Chesnut Park, both situated on Lake Tarpon, one of the foremost sport fishing lakes in Florida. These two parks offer boat ramps and fishing piers.

Because boating is a way of life for so many, Pinellas County offers public boat ramps at nine different locations. Hours vary and fees include a \$5-per-day boat trailer parking fee or a \$100 annual pass. Wet and dry boat storage is available to rent at the Belle Harbour Marina and Sutherland Bayou Boat Ramp.



Sand Key Park

Pinellas County is rich with history. From ancient Indian mounds to a military fort, you can come face to face with history at many destinations throughout the county.

Explorers can access a wide range of cultural, historical and natural attractions along the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail. Get a trail guide to plan your journey at www.pinellascounty.org/parks.

At Fort De Soto Park, experience military history from the Spanish-American War.

See an ancient Indian mound that overlooks Tampa Bay at Philippe Park.

Natural history abounds at Sawgrass Lake Park, one of the largest mule swamps on the Gulf Coast of Florida. See birds, butterflies, plants and animals in their natural settings.

Florida's cultural history can be experienced at Heritage Village, a living history museum.



Sawgrass Lake Park

Sprawling Pinewood Cultural Park in Largo is a treasure trove of activity in the heart of Pinellas County. The park includes Heritage Village, Florida Botanical Gardens and Pinellas County Extension.

At Heritage Village, visitors can experience local culture in a living history museum. The park features more than 150 years of history woven through more than 25 restored and authentic buildings and structures. History lovers from all over come for the festivals held during the year.

Florida Botanical Gardens is one of Florida's finest cultivated gardens with scenic landscapes and natural habitats unfolding across 100+ sun-kissed acres. More than 25 gardens and display areas delight nature enthusiasts including tropical, bromeliad and butterfly gardens.

Both locations also offer a unique and affordable setting for weddings.

Pinellas County Extension provides "Solutions for Your Life." Local agents offer regular educational seminars for the public on issues pertaining to sustainable living, lawn and garden, and families and consumers.

For more information about Heritage Village, Florida Botanical Gardens and Pinellas County Extension, visit www.pinellascounty.org/events.



Florida Botanical Gardens



Fort De Soto
The Crown Jewel



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top rated parks
Discover Paradise In Pinellas County



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Adventure Is In Our Nature

A paradise within Pinellas County, this park is bursting with exquisite scenery, natural and historical features, camping and outdoor recreation. Locals, tourists and travel experts agree that Fort De Soto is a top-rated attraction in Central Florida for a day trip or an extended camping vacation.

The park's seven miles of shoreline, including three miles of the finest white sand beach in the United States, is ideal for swimming, sunbathing, fishing and boating.

Explore the six-mile recreation trail or take advantage of the numerous pavilions with grills, playgrounds, swimming areas, fishing piers, a canoe trail and a dog park.

Visitors with physical challenges find Fort De Soto a very friendly destination. The highlight is a barrier-free, self-guided interpretative trail that is wide enough for two wheelchairs. Raised borders and speaker boxes assist those with sight impairments.

The park's strategic geography contributed to its rich and interesting military past. History lovers of all ages enjoy the fort with its 12-inch mortar battery. Complete your tour with a visit to the Quartermaster Storehouse Museum.

For a unique waterside camping experience, the park offers 238 campsites for rent. All sites have water, electrical hookup, a picnic table and a charcoal grill. Pets are permitted in Area 2. Online reservations can be made at www.pinellascounty.org/parks or by calling (727) 582-2267.



Fort De Soto Park
3500 Pinellas Bayway S.
Tierra Verde, FL 33715



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- Parks & Recreation - www.pinellascounty.org/parks
- Heritage Village - www.pinellascounty.org/heritage
- Florida Botanical Gardens - www.flbg.org
- Pinellas County Extension - www.pinellascountyextension.org
- Cultural Affairs - www.pinellasarts.org

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DISCOVER *Paradise* IN Pinellas County

Surround yourself with lush and tranquil beauty to rejuvenate your spirit.

Run, ride and play outdoors to get a much needed break from the rush and routine.

Whether looking for relaxation or recreation, residents and visitors can find a wide variety of activities in Pinellas County parks. Each park displays nature's original artistry and park goers can find something special about each one.

Whichever you choose, a beautiful, high quality park for your outdoor adventure will be waiting for you.

Pinellas County government is committed to excellence in our parks and is proud to offer some of the best parks in the country. Our dedication ranges from protecting natural resources for future generations to providing recreational amenities for people of all ages and abilities.

Discover our unique brand of paradise and create memories for your family and your friends that will last a lifetime.



Fort De Soto Park - North Beach

Our quality parks have been recognized as some of the best in the country. Dr. Beach named Fort De Soto's North Beach the #1 Beach in America in 2005. This beach also earned the top spot on the 2008 online travel network, *Trip Advisor's Popularity Index*. Along with Fort De Soto, Sand Key Park in Clearwater was voted one of the Top Ten Beaches in the United States and earned a Healthy Beach Award.

Readers of *Florida Monthly* magazine have voted the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail the best greenway in the state. This award-winning linear park winds through 47 scenic miles, linking the county from St. Petersburg, north to Tarpon Springs.

Pinellas County destinations provide the perfect venues for tourists seeking adventure on vacation. Kite surfing along the shore, kayaking through mangroves or catching a glimpse of a favorite seabird are some of the outdoor adventures waiting for you.

Bird fanciers from all over the world come to see a wide variety of tropical birds including ibis, heron and roseate spoonbills in their natural environments. Boca Ciega Millennium Park, Fort De Soto Park, Sand Key Park and Sawgrass Lake Park are proudly listed on the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission's Great Florida Birding Trail.

Paddlers of kayaks and canoes have miles of diverse coastline and inland rivers for sightseeing and fishing. The Pinellas Blueways Trail is bursting with launch points and trails around the entire perimeter of the peninsula that is Pinellas County. Canoe trails glide through Boca Ciega Millennium Park, Fort De Soto Park, Chesnut Park and Fred Howard Park.

If that isn't enough adventure to get an ecological heart racing, our parks offer opportunities for fishing and boating along with a wealth of nature trails with guides and signage to point the way. Cycling enthusiasts can create an urban two-wheeled adventure that takes them to beaches and downtown restaurants along the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail.

Visit www.visitspeterclearwater.com for more information about Pinellas County as a vacation destination.



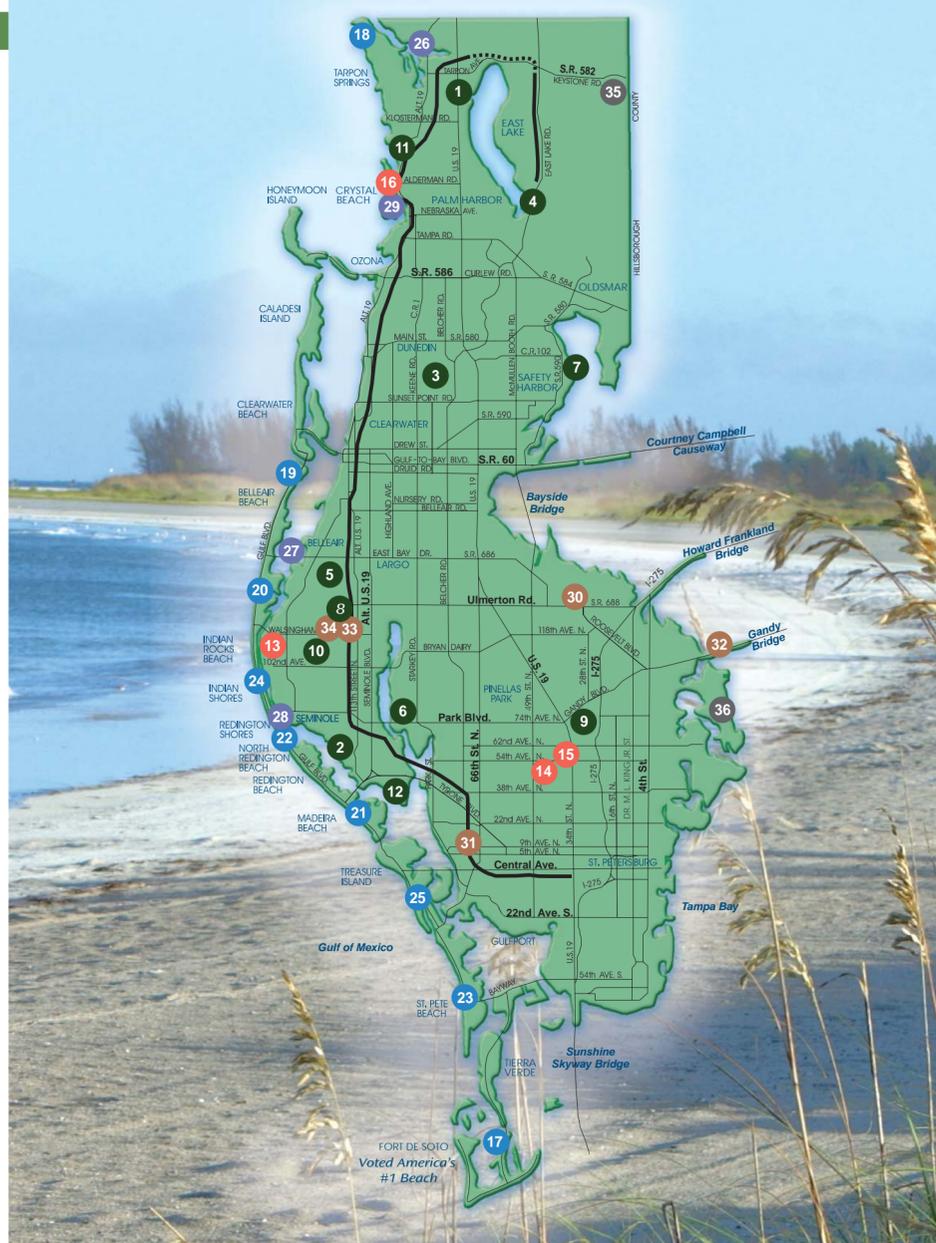
Tricolored Heron

Green Parks

- A. L. Anderson Park**
39699 U.S. Highway 19 N., Tarpon Springs
Boating, scenic views and access to Lake Tarpon are highlights of this park. Play in wooded areas, hike nature trails, have a picnic, romp on the playground or frolic in the dog park. A public boat ramp, open 24 hours a day, and fishing piers make this a favorite destination for bass fishing. Make your next family gathering or event special by reserving one of the nine picnic shelters available.
- Boca Ciega Millennium Park**
12410 74th Ave. N., Seminole
In this park, a 35-foot wooden observation tower offers a panoramic view of Boca Ciega Bay. A wide variety of birds flock to this designated "Great Florida Birding Trail" park bursting with nature-canopied boardwalks and a special bird viewing area. Visitors can fish off piers, launch a canoe or kayak, or enjoy a picnic under a shelter. The park also has a covered, barrier-free playground for kids and a dog park for both small and large dogs. The small dog park includes an obstacle course for training.
- Eagle Lake Park (completion in 2010)**
At the intersection of Keene Road and Belleair Road in Clearwater
This new 156-acre park is under construction and will have the traditional park amenities including a playground, recreational trail and boardwalks. The park will honor the era of the citrus industry that is such an important part of the local culture.
- John Chesnut Sr. Park**
2200 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor
This park, located on Lake Tarpon, has a public boat ramp and fishing pier open during park hours. Paddle the canoe trail or take a self-guided nature walk along boardwalks and nature trails. The park also has a beach volleyball court, softball field, horseshoe pits and 13 covered picnic shelters available for reservation.
- John S. Taylor Park**
1100 Eighth Ave. S.W., Largo
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 recreation trail, a butterfly garden and a small island that is accessible by a bridge. Small boats can use the boat launch to access the 53-acre freshwater lake that has excellent fishing. Also find a softball diamond, large playing field, picnic facilities and two playgrounds, one with a climbing structure for older children.
- Lake Seminole Park**
10015 Park Blvd., Seminole
A gorgeous 2-mile recreational trail winds through a pine flatwoods area that is popular for jogging, hiking, biking and rollerblading. A public boat ramp and piers provide opportunities for freshwater fishing during park hours. Children enjoy the large playground, a climbing rock and a large hill perfect for rolling down. The park is a designated wildlife habitat and sanctuary.
- Philippe Park**
2525 Philippe Parkway, Safety Harbor
An Indian mound listed in the National Register of Historic Landmarks and majestic shade trees welcome visitors at the oldest park in Pinellas County. Take in the view of Old Tampa Bay while strolling along a one-mile shoreline. Enjoy picnicking, fishing and historical points of interest. Kids love the playgrounds, rock climbing park, ball field and open spaces to roam. A public boat ramp with access to Tampa Bay is open during park hours.
- Ridgecrest Park**
12000 Ulmerton Road, Largo
A 5-acre fresh water lake welcomes anglers of all ages at this park nestled in the Ridgecrest neighborhood. Picnic tables, two play areas and a softball field add to a day of outdoor fun.
- Sawgrass Lake Park**
7400 25th St. N., St. Petersburg
One of the largest maple swamps on the Gulf Coast of Florida serves as the centerpiece for this park. A mile-long boardwalk winds through the lush environment to reveal birds, butterflies and alligators. View wildlife from the observation deck. The park is mentioned by the Great Florida Birding Trail and the National Audubon Society as one of the premier birding sites in the Sunshine State. An Education Center offers a unique view of natural Florida.
- Walsingham Park**
12615 102 Ave. N., Largo
Explore a pleasant yet vibrant park divided by the 100-acre Walsingham Lake in the heart of Pinellas County. Boats without gas motors may use the small boat ramp to access the lake. Explore the 6-mile multipurpose trail or use the popular fitness course. Two playgrounds are offered for children, along with a dog park. The park has two entrances, one off 102nd Street and the other off Walsingham Road.
- Wall Springs Park**
3725 De Soto Blvd., Palm Harbor
A historical, natural spring, once used as a spa and bathing area, complete with a viewing area, boardwalk and information display serves as the centerpiece of this 195-acre park that is connected to the Pinellas Trail. The fun continues in the park with a covered, barrier-free playground, boardwalks, nature trails and a 35-foot observation tower for a scenic view of the Gulf of Mexico. Look for wildlife like squirrels, raccoons, rabbits, reptiles and birds that live around Boggy Bayou.
- War Veterans' Memorial Park**
9600 Bay Pines Blvd., St. Petersburg
Honoring military veterans is a focal point at this park with a landscaped Memorial Center featuring five plaques with official Armed Forces flags. An equatorial sundial provides interest and a tank on display adds historical value. A 24-hour public boat ramp is available for a fee, giving access to Boca Ciega Bay. Reserve covered picnic shelters for an event. Cruise the boardwalk and nature trail for great views and educational information, do a little fishing, romp at the playground or launch a canoe.

Neighborhood Parks

- Chester Ochs 4-H Educational Center**
14602 113th Ave. N., Largo
Take a hike on this neighborhood's nature trail.
- Joe's Creek Neighborhood Greenway**
4301 46th Ave. N., St. Petersburg
This new neighborhood park offers a hiking trail.
- Lealman Neighborhood Park**
3890 55 Ave. N., St. Petersburg
Picnicking, shelters with grills, a basketball court and a playground are offered within this fenced neighborhood park.
- Live Oak Neighborhood Park**
600 Crystal Beach Ave., Crystal Beach
This neighborhood park in lovely Crystal Beach offers a picnic area for visitors.



	Ball Field	Boat Ramp	Boat Ramp (fee charged)	Boardwalk	Canoe	Canoe Trail	Concession	Dog Park	Education Center	Fishing	Historical Interest	Multipurpose Trail	Observation Tower	Parking	Parking (fee charged)	Picnic Area	Pier	Playground Equipment	Restroom	Shelter & Grills	Showers	Swimming	Umbrella/Cabana Rental
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Beach Parks

- Fort De Soto Park - America's #1 Beach**
3500 Pinellas Bayway S., Tierra Verde
This award-winning, waterfront paradise is packed with options. Camp along the shores of the Gulf of Mexico. Take the ferry to hunt for shells. Rent a canoe. Take advantage of the piers or the 24-hour boat ramp for great fishing. Enjoy the pristine beaches. Explore the recreation trails, including an ADA-compliant boardwalk with interpretative signage, rest areas and water. The park offers numerous pavilions with grills, a playground for children and a dog park.
 - Fred H. Howard Park**
1700 Sunset Drive, Tarpon Springs
Wind surfing is cool and sunsets are spectacular at this park spreading along a white, sandy beach that is perfect for sunbathing, fishing, paddling and other water sports. Approached by a scenic one-mile causeway, the beach has a swimming area with lifeguards on duty. Dolphins and sometimes manatees stop by for a visit. Also at the park: covered picnic shelters, butterfly garden, softball field, playground and hiking/biking trail.
 - Sand Key Park**
1060 Gulf Blvd., Clearwater
This beautiful park has nine boardwalks leading the way to a sandy beach paradise on the Gulf of Mexico. Find cabanas available for rent, restrooms and outdoor showers for beach goers. Off the beach find a playground, open green space, a dog park and covered picnic shelters. Parking meters are enforced.
- Beach Access Parks**
- Indian Rocks Beach - Beach Access**
1700 Gulf Blvd., Indian Rocks Beach
 - Madeira Beach - Beach Access**
14400 Gulf Blvd., Madeira Beach
 - Redington Shores - Beach Access**
18200 Gulf Blvd., Redington Shores
 - St. Pete Beach - Beach Access**
4700 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach
 - Tiki Gardens-Indian Shores - Beach Access**
19601 Gulf Blvd., Indian Shores
 - Treasure Island - Beach Access**
10400 Gulf Blvd., Treasure Island

Boat Ramps & Marina

- Belle Harbour Marina**
307 Anclote Road, Tarpon Springs (727) 943-8489
Located on the Anclote River, this marina is for rental customers only. Dry storage space or wet slips are available, along with fuel, bait, vending machines, restrooms, sewage pump out and free parking. Call for rates and availability. There is no public boat ramp at this location.
- Belleair Boat Ramp (closed for construction until 2010)**
3900 W. Bay Drive, Belleair Bluffs
Eight boat lanes and seven docks give boaters access to Clearwater Bay and the Gulf. Also find 107 parking spaces for vehicles with boat trailers. The boat ramp is open 24 hours and has a bait house, public restroom and concession. A fee is charged for parking.
- Park Blvd. Boat Ramp**
18651 Gulf Blvd., Indian Shores
Open 24 hours a day with six boat lanes, three floating docks, 73 vehicle and trailer parking spaces, restrooms and night lighting. A fee is charged for parking.
- Sutherland Bayou Boat Ramp**
2199 U.S. Alt. 19 N., Palm Harbor
Open 24 hours a day with a single boat launching ramp, 50 vehicle and trailer parking spaces, 20 vehicle parking spaces, boat rinse area and restrooms. A fee is charged for parking. Dry storage and wet slips are also available for rent. Call (727) 464-3347 for information.

See chart for additional ramps.

Points of Interest

- Airco Golf Course**
13690 Stoneybrook Drive, Clearwater (727) 573-4653
A championship golf course with 18 holes of quality public golf at affordable pricing that is great for individuals or leagues. Also offered are a full-service restaurant, on-course beverage cart, fully stocked golf shop and a new practice greens complex.
- Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail**
47 miles of paved trail
This award-winning greenway links some of Pinellas County's most picturesque parks, scenic coastal areas and residential neighborhoods. Bike racks, refreshment stops and many other spots of interest can be found along the way. Read the trail guide at www.pinellascounty.org/parks. Open daily from dawn to dusk.
- Friendship Trail Bridge**
West end of Gandy Bridge on Gandy Blvd.
Formerly known as the "Old" Gandy Bridge, this 2.6-mile trail over beautiful Tampa Bay connects Pinellas County to Tampa. The bridge offers a unique experience for bicyclists, skaters, joggers, families and fishermen. It is open daily from dawn to dusk and is free. It's important to note that there is little or no shade from the sun.
- Florida Botanical Gardens and Pinellas County Extension**
12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo (727) 582-2100
More than 25 gardens and display areas showcase tropical plants, fruits, herbs, hibiscus, bromeliads and more. See educational demonstrations or shop at the gift shop. Free admission and parking. The gardens are open daily from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Learn more at www.flbg.org. Pinellas County Extension offers services and classes along with a Market in the Park farmer's market from November to April. Learn more at www.pinellascountyextension.org.
- Heritage Village**
11909 125th Street North, Largo (727) 582-2123
Experience over 100 years of Pinellas County's history by strolling through 28 restored buildings set in a picturesque landscape of palmettos and towering pine trees. History comes to life as volunteers tell stories and share the culture. To learn about the many festivals and classes that take place throughout the year, visit www.pinellascounty.org/heritage.

Pinellas County Preserves

Visit the county's world-class nature preserves and education centers managed by the Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management.

- Brooker Creek Preserve**
3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs (727) 453-6800
More than 8,000 acres of preserved lands protect a vast collection of plants and wildlife. Navigate trails, walk the boardwalks and learn about our natural environment in the education center. Visit www.brookercreekpreserve.org.
- Weedon Island Preserve**
1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg (727) 453-6500
Explore the area's natural beauty and history on the interpretive sign trail or paddle through the mangroves. A canoe rental facility is on site. Bring the family to the education center. Visit www.weedonislandpreserve.org.