



# MEET THE NEIGHBORS

...They're wild!

More than 300 species of birds visit or live along Lee County's coastline, making it a top bird-watching destination in the United States. Some of Southwest Florida's most interesting creatures can be easily viewed in many of our parks, including several protected species, such as the burrowing owl, American bald eagle, Florida scrub jay, Florida manatee and gopher tortoise.



## GETTING THERE



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## CYCLE CAPE CORAL

Cape Coral has been named a Bicycle-Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists and earned the Bicycle-Friendly Community of the Year Award from the Florida Bicycle Association. Our 90 miles of interconnected routes—distinctly marked with informational maps and kiosks—border nature preserves, scenic canals, marinas and the Caloosahatchee River. A 49-mile circular route runs the perimeter of the city.

[CapeCoralBikePed.org](http://CapeCoralBikePed.org)

## FIND OUT MORE

*Get outside:  
Cape Coral boasts 266 days of sunshine year-round.*

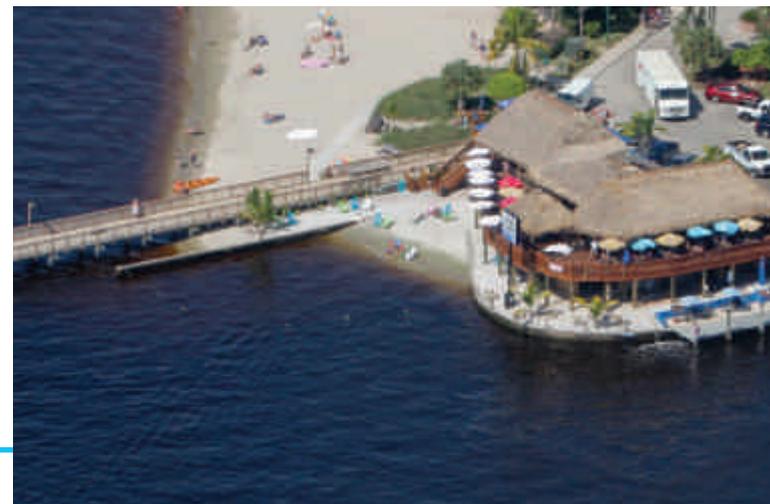
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**Four Freedoms Park**  
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**Yacht Club Community Park**  
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**Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife**  
[CCFriendsofWildlife.org](http://CCFriendsofWildlife.org)



# ECOTOURISM ESCAPES IN CAPE CORAL

*Discoveries await*

# IT STARTS IN ..... PARKS

*Stroll, jog, paddle or bike to explore nature's delights in Cape Coral*

Cape Coral's award-winning Parks & Recreation Department manages nearly 40 facilities, including marinas, shorelines and nature parks—all for residents and visitors to enjoy.

- 1 Camelot Park**  
*1718 S.W. 52nd Terrace*  
With 6.4 acres, this park is home to burrowing owls—the city's official bird. Other amenities include horseshoe pits, barbecue grills, picnic shelters, a playground, walking path and restrooms.
- 2 Four Freedoms Park**  
*4818 Tarpon Court*  
This 3.2-acre park overlooks the Bimini Basin and provides opportunities to easily see a variety of wading birds. Other amenities include a playground, restrooms, and a beach for sunbathing (no swimming).
- 3 Jaycee Park**  
*4215 S.E. 20th Place*  
A popular local destination, this 8-acre park along the Caloosahatchee River is a great place to look for bottlenose dolphin, Florida manatees and migratory birds. Other amenities include a walking path, fitness stations, playgrounds and restrooms.
- 4 Rotary Park Environmental Center**  
*5505 Rose Garden Road*  
As part of the Great Florida Birding Trail, this 97-acre preserve features a nature trail with ponds and a variety of wading birds, raptors and migratory songbirds that can be easily seen throughout the park. Rotary Park is also home to the Tom Allen Memorial Butterfly House, Florida Yards & Neighborhoods demonstration garden, Florida wildflower garden, environmental center that includes live animal displays, and the Glover Bight boardwalk and observation tower. Other amenities include a playground, dog park and Florida-friendly gardening programs throughout the year.

## CONSERVATION 20/20

Lee County Conservation 20/20 is a program that has purchased and protected conservation land within Lee County since 1996, when it was approved by referendum by Lee County voters. There are three 20/20 properties in Cape Coral:

- 5 Charlotte Harbor Buffer Preserve**  
*4970 Burnt Store Road N.*  
*4440 block Old Burnt Store Road N.*  
Two access points to this diverse and unique preserve offer hiking, bird watching, kayaking and nature study opportunities through seven different coastal ecosystems.
- 6 Yellow Fever Creek Preserve**  
*Del Prado Boulevard North and Coral Lakes Boulevard*  
Experience old Florida at its finest. Totalling 535 acres, 340 acres of this preserve are owned and managed by Lee County Conservation 20/20 and 195 acres are owned by the City of Cape Coral. Guided tours are available seasonally through Rotary Park. The county segment is open for hiking with parking areas located on the east side of Del Prado Boulevard North. This preserve includes portions of the headwaters of Yellow Fever Creek and a 2.5-mile marked trail system.
- 7 Yucca Pens Preserve**  
*3900 block of Burnt Store Road North*  
This 231-acre preserve is comprised of mesic flatwoods, hammock and wetland habitats. Restoration efforts are ongoing to correct human impacts. There is no marked trail system, but public access is permitted from an entrance gate across from Cape Coral Fire Department Station 7. The preserve closes periodically during hunting season.

[LeeGov.com/Conservation2020](http://LeeGov.com/Conservation2020)

# FUN AND EXPLORATIONS ON THE ..... WATER

*Aquatic adventures abound*

If you love paddling, fishing, birding, or nature photography, you're in the right place. The Gulf of Mexico, Caloosahatchee River and Matlacha Pass Aquatic Preserve wrap the Cape, and the city is home to more than 400 miles of canals. Cape Coral is part of the Great Calusa Blueway. Blueway maps can be found at Rotary Park Environmental Center. Kayak rentals, paddleboards, boat tours and fishing charters are available through local businesses.

- 8 Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve & Kayak Shack Outpost**  
*East end of S.E. 23rd Terrace*  
Stroll the walking trail and boardwalk to the Caloosahatchee River at this 365-acre wetland preserve. Before you head out on your adventure, be sure to stop into the visitor center to learn more about the local ecosystems. Possible sightings include wading birds, raptors, songbirds, iguanas, stingrays, manatees, dolphins, raccoons and snakes. Kayak rentals are available at the Kayak Shack Outpost on weekends from November through May.
- 9 Rosen Park**  
*2414 S.E. 15th Terrace*  
This riverfront park, located north of Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve, features two boat ramps with ample boat trailer parking. It also has 19 wet slips that can accommodate boats up to 40 feet long, available for annual or transient rental. Barbecue areas, picnic shelters and restrooms are available.



- 10 Sirenia Vista Park**  
*Corner of Ceitus Parkway & Old Burnt Store Road*  
This 8-acre park is an ideal place to view manatees in the cooler months. This park is also home to an established, seasonal, purple martin colony, resident osprey and a butterfly garden.
- 11 Yacht Club Community Park**  
*5819 Driftwood Parkway*  
This is one of the city's original landmarks, located directly on the Caloosahatchee River. It offers a public beach, fishing pier and community pool. Possible wildlife sightings include endangered small-tooth sawfish, juvenile sea turtles, saltwater fish, monk parakeets, wading birds and dolphins.



Yacht Club Community Park