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

Parks & bike routes

1. Camelot Park
2. Four Freedoms Park
3. Jaycee Park
4. Rotary Park Environmental Center
5. Charlotte Harbor Buffer Preserve
6. Yellow Fever Creek Preserve
7. Yucca Pens Preserve
8. Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve & Kayak Shack Outpost
9. Rosen Park
10. Sirenia Vista Park
11. Yacht Club Community Park

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

FIND OUT MORE

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

Cape Coral Parks & Recreation Department
(239) 573-3128
CapeParks.com

Four Freedoms Park
(239) 574-0804

Rotary Park Environmental Center
(239) 549-4606
rotaryparkinfo@capecoral.net

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ECOTOURISM ESCAPES IN CAPE CORAL

Discoveries await

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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 horsehoe pits, barbeque grills, picnic shelters, a playground, walking path and restrooms.

2. Four Freedoms Park
4815 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. Four Freedom Park
5505 Rose Garden Road
a walking path, ftness stations, playgrounds and restrooms.

4. Rotary Park Environmental Center
3 Jaycee Park
2 Four Freedoms Park
1 Camelot Park
• programs throughout the year.
  • include a playground, dog park and Florida-friendly gardening
  • demonstration garden, Florida wildfower garden,
  • Memorial Butterfy House, Florida Yards & Neighborhoods
  • birds, raptors and migratory songbirds that can be easily seen
  • features a nature trail with ponds and a variety of wading
  • As part of the Great Florida Birding Trail, this 97-acre preserve
  • Caloosahatchee River is a great place to look for bottlenose
dolphin, Florida manatees and migratory birds. Other amenities include
• a playground, restrooms, and a beach for sunbathing (no swimming).

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 diferent coastal ecosystems.

6. Yellow Fever Creek Preserve
Del Prado Boulevard North and Coral Lakes Boulevard
Experience old Florida at its fnest. Totaling 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.

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:

- Camelot Park
- Four Freedoms Park
- Rotary Park Environmental Center

LeeGov.com/Conservation2020

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.

- 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.

- 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.

Aquatic adventures abound

- Sirenia Vista Park
  Corner of Cetus 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.

- 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.