



Cape Coral is famous for its canals and tropical lifestyle. It's the big city just around the intracoastal from Sanibel, Captiva and the Beaches. In fact, the Cape is the largest city in SW Florida, which means there's plenty of room for much more fun!



## Year-Round Fun in Cape Coral!



### Winter

**Holiday Festival of Lights**  
Mark the beginning of the holiday season with music, a giant snow pile and the city's official tree lighting ceremony.

**Holiday Boat-a-Long**  
One of the oldest city events boasts over 100 decorated boats meandering through Cape Coral's canals.

**Burrowing Owl Festival**  
Come see Cape Coral's famous burrowing owls that call the Cape home. Discover unique wildlife and birding opportunities.

**Festival of the Arts**  
Attracting over 100,000 visitors, this juried art show has something for everyone to enjoy.

**Tour de Cape**  
This recreational bike tour offers a 15, 31, 62, or 100 mile course throughout Cape Coral. Also includes a competitive 5K run.

**Saint Andrew Festival**  
Enjoy a fun-filled carnival featuring rides, games, entertainment and food.

**Farmer's Market**  
Come sample delectable tropical fruits and vegetables from the Sunshine State.

**Cape Coral Bike Nights**  
Join motorcycle enthusiasts from the region to listen to live bands and eat great food. Several events scheduled throughout the year.



### Spring

**Sun Splash Family Waterpark Season Opening**  
Slide into adventure when Sun Splash opens for the season in March.

**Cape Coral Relay for Life**  
Participate in Cape Coral's fight against cancer. Join the Relay for Life and share in music, food and support.

**Cape Coral Sprint Triathlon**  
Take on a personal challenge when you compete in the Yacht Club's Sprint Triathlon featuring a 5K run, 1/4-mile swim, and 12.5-mile bike ride through the scenic southeast area of Cape Coral.

**Sunset Celebrations**  
Cape Coral Yacht Club is the place to celebrate Southwest Florida's beautiful sunsets.

**Cardboard Boat Races**  
Come and see the creative designs and exciting race at this annual event. See cardboard actually float, although the sinking is just as fun!

**Gathering of the Giants**  
This two-day AMA-sanctioned event held at Seahawk Airpark every March showcases large-scale radio-controlled aircraft.

**Taste of the Cape**  
Sample food and beverages from a wide array of local restaurants, with craft beer, margaritas and wine. Enjoy musical performances throughout the day.



### Summer

**Red, White, and Boom**  
Celebrate Independence Day with food, entertainment, fireworks and fun at one of the largest events in Cape Coral.

**Sun Splash Family Waterpark**  
Cool and exciting family fun in the summertime. Park open daily.

**Kids All American Fishing Derby**  
One of many local fishing extravaganzas for the whole family that benefits local charities.

**Parks & Recreation Month**  
Discover and explore the wide variety of parks and recreational facilities in Cape Coral during the month of July in recognition of National Parks & Recreation Month.

**Family Golf Month**  
Enjoy special family deals at Coral Oaks Golf Course every July during PGA's Family Golf Month, developed to encourage families to learn and play golf together.

**Mango Mania**  
Sample locally grown mangoes and other tropical fruits as part of a two-day family-friendly festival featuring live music, arts, crafts, and a host of fun-filled contests.



### Fall

**Making Strides Against Cancer**  
A beautiful walk in the park to raise money to fight cancer.

**Columbus Day Parade and Italian Festival**  
Enjoy a parade paying tribute to the early explorers of America and sample food and grape-stomping fun Italian-style!

**City Championship Golf Tournament**  
Hosted by Coral Oaks Golf Course, the city's premier amateur golf tournament features 36 holes of competitive golf with multiple flights.

**Oktoberfest**  
Two weekends of traditional German fun!

**Fall Kids' Festival**  
A not-to-be-missed free health and safety education festival for families to explore and inspire their children's abilities.

**Coconut Festival**  
Celebrate Cape Coral's unique Southwest Florida flavor. Includes live entertainment, carnival rides and games, food, contests, crafts and much more.

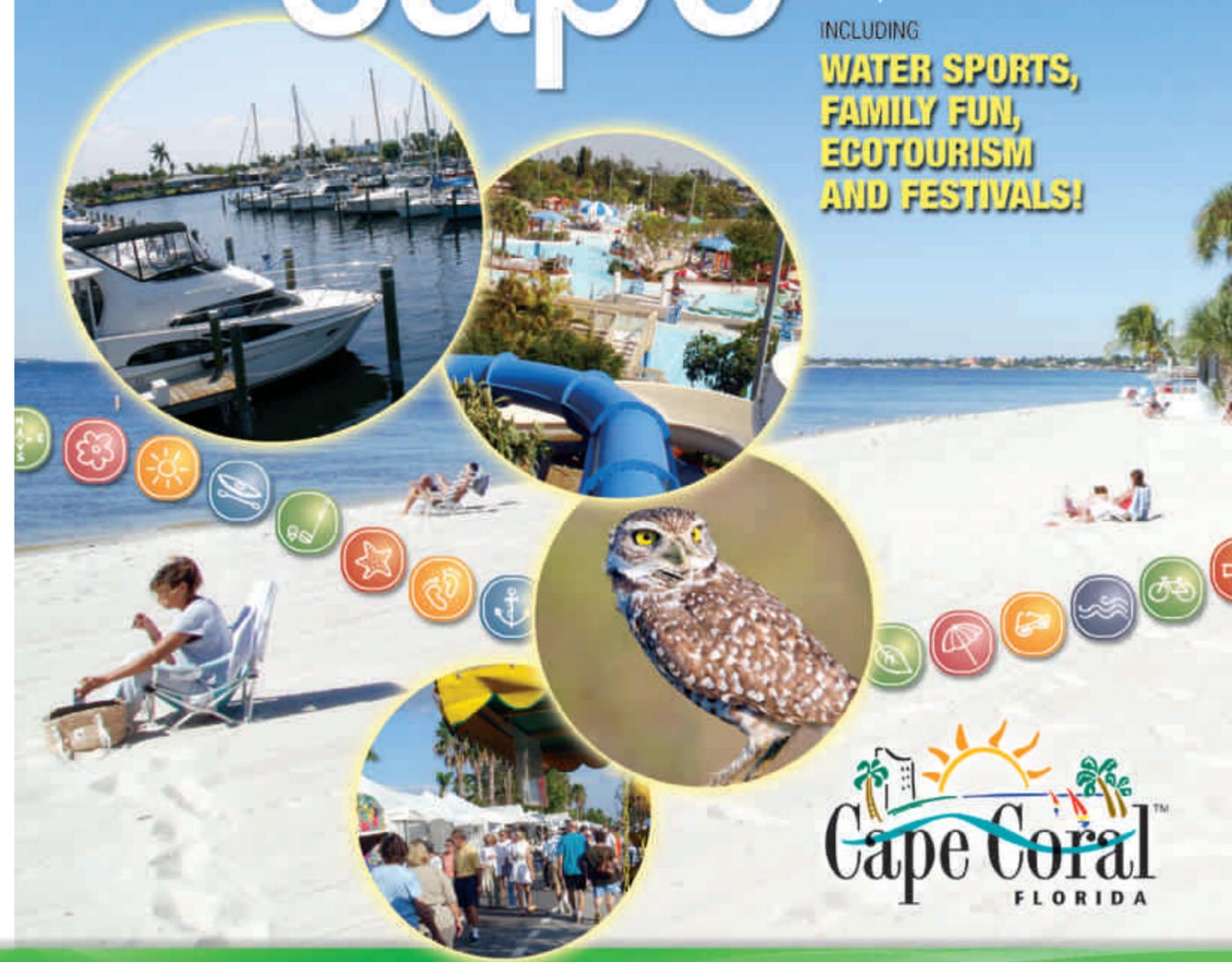
**Veteran's Day Parade**  
Join us as the community honors our American military heroes.

**Kayak Shack**  
Kayak rentals are offered at Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve from November through May.

# escape to the Cape

and explore the possibilities

INCLUDING  
**WATER SPORTS,  
FAMILY FUN,  
ECOTOURISM  
AND FESTIVALS!**



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Plan your trip today!

Take a vacation!

Come for fun in the sun!

Bring the whole family!

## Water Sports

outdoors

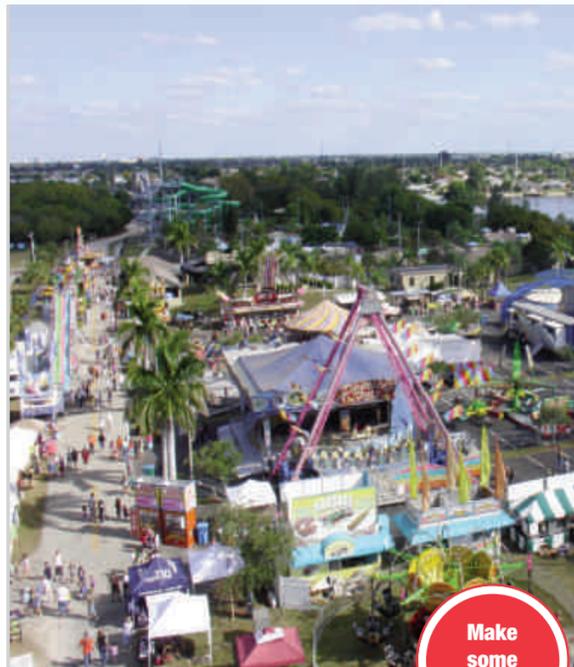
Cape Coral is the ultimate waterfront community. With more than 23 miles of coastline and almost 400 miles of freshwater and saltwater canals, it is a premier location for boating, canoeing, kayaking and fishing adventures. The city's public boat launches provide access to the majestic Caloosahatchee River, the pristine Matlacha Pass estuary, and the vast expanse of the Gulf of Mexico, as well as many freshwater systems that are great for the avid bass fisherman. The Yacht Club Pier is the perfect venue for families and serious anglers to catch redfish, flounder, and even snook. It's also one of the best places in town to spot tropical birds, dolphins and manatees. Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve provides kayakers and canoers a unique experience as they glide under dense tree canopies and explore our native wilderness.



Make a splash

## Family Fun

From a water park and skate park, to golf courses and natural attractions, Cape Coral offers more than 40 parks and recreation facilities to accommodate individuals of all ages, skill levels, interests, social needs and economic capabilities. The city's Sun Splash Family Waterpark features three high-speed slides and a fun-filled collection of smaller slides, pools and attractions. The Cape Coral Yacht Club is home to the city's historic white-sand beach, with a public pool that offers year-round swimming. In addition, many of the parks feature accessible playgrounds and covered picnic areas to help families enjoy the great outdoors. Skateboarders can fly around Eagle Skate Park on 27,000 square feet of ramps, rails, and pipes, complemented by an 1,800-watt Bose surround-sound system. Spectators of all ages will enjoy watching bikers challenge themselves on the hills and turns of BMX Park. Golfers will not want to miss Coral Oaks Golf Course, an 18-hole Arthur Hills-designed championship course featuring contoured fairways and rich natural surroundings. Seahawk Park offers spectators the thrill of watching model airplanes soar, dive and loop-the-loop against brilliant blue skies. In addition, professional sports fans have only a short drive to Fort Myers to enjoy spring training baseball as well as hockey and arena football.



Make some friends

## Festivals

Cape Coral is a festive city! We host more events and festivals than any other community in Southwest Florida. From the Festival of the Arts to Oktoberfest to the city's Coconut Festival, hardly a weekend passes without another fun-filled celebration. Even the city's official bird, the burrowing owl, has its own festival — there are enough festivals and events to ensure there is always something for everyone. Check out "Red, White and Boom" on Independence Day, exciting parades year-round, and the heart-warming winter holiday festivals. Music, arts, and special events: plan ahead using the calendar in this brochure.



Explore, discover, learn

## Ecotourism

Cape Coral's sub-tropical environment is highly treasured by residents and visitors alike. Birding is one of the nation's most popular activities, and Cape Coral's official bird, the burrowing owl, is at center stage. High in the sky you'll see bald eagles and osprey. Our city is proud of its responsible environmental attitude. Enjoy elevated nature trails through the mangroves at Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve, famous for its waterfowl, wading birds, migrating songbirds, gopher tortoises, dolphins and reptiles. Rotary Park, a part of The Great Florida Birding Trail, takes you close to wading birds, raptors, butterflies, foxes and other wildlife. Track exotic birds and native fish from the boardwalk at Lake Kennedy. Count the manatees at Sirenia Vista Park. Learn about the fragile ecosystem in our native plant and nature education visitor centers.



Explore miles of trails

## Bike-Friendly

Cape Coral received the designation as a Bicycle Friendly Community-bronze level by The League of American Bicyclists in 2015. Southwest Florida's largest city offers an exhilarating bicycling experience with more than 90 miles of interconnected bike routes and several dedicated bike routes. These routes offer distinctive signage, informational maps and kiosks highlighting the dozens of landmarks, facilities and recreational activities available to enjoy. A cyclist can navigate from an ecological park with wildlife, kayaking and a butterfly house to marinas with boating, waterfront dining and unique boutiques to explore. Bike rentals are readily available. A color-coded map of Cape Coral's bike trails can be viewed on the city website.

