

Florida Roll'n Gators!

When: April 16 – April 19, 2026

Where: Waterside RV Resort
3910 Indialantic Drive
Sebring, FL 33870
863-267-2345

Thursday, April 16:

1:00p-5:00p **Check In**

5:00p **Happy Hour** – Snacks provided by hosts. BYOB

6:00p **Light Dinner** – Bring your own utensils, plates, and beverages.

7:00p **Games** – In the clubhouse.

Friday, April 17

10:00a-1:00p **Highland Hammock State Park** (<https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/highlands-hammock-state-park>) ***“The Real Florida”***

Leave at 10:00 for the state park as a ride share. Entry to the state park is \$6 per car. Enjoy the Civilian Conservation Corps Museum while we wait for the 11:00 Tram Tour. The tram tour is a guided, 90 minute, narrated tour through the park where visitors may observe alligators, birds, deer and other wildlife relatively close-up. Tram tours are operated by the Hammock Inn Concession. The tram departs from the Hammock Inn, runs along the loop through the hydric hammock, turns off into restricted areas of cypress swamp and pine flatwoods, and returns via South Canal where alligators and turtles bask in the sun, wading birds feed and otters play. After a tour through “the Real Florida” this would be a great time to stop by Sebring Soda!

1:00p-5:00 p **Explore Sebring, Avon Park and Lake Placid** –
There is a lot to see in the area. See below.

5:00p **Dinner at Sophie’s Downtown** (<https://www.sophiescafellc.com/full-menu>) Carpool if you can. Meet at the restaurant at 5:00.

7:00p **Games** – In the clubhouse.

Saturday, April 18:

9a- 5p **Explore Sebring, Avon Park and Lake Placid**

There is a lot to see in the area. See below.

6:00p **Pot Luck Dinner** – Bring your own plates, silverware and drinks.

7:00p **Games** – In the club house.

Sunday January 25:

8:30-9:30 **Continental Breakfast by Hosts** – Meet at the Host site for goodbyes and breakfast goodies. Bring your own coffee or tea.

For Questions or Information, call or email the Hosts:

Dan & Mary McWhertor

954-599-3347 954-599-3377

dan.mcwhertor@gmail.com

Mary.mcwhertor@gmail.com

Tom & Robyn Strobel

571-249-6629 703-450-5363

info@rppproducts.com (Tom)

riverrobyn@aol.com (Robyn)

Things To Do – Sebring Florida

Sebring FL is nicknamed "**The City on the Circle**", in reference to Circle Drive, the center of the Sebring Downtown Historic District. As of 2022 United States Census estimates, the population is 11,379, up from 10,729 at the 2020 census.

(www.visitsebring.com)

The town of Sebring was revitalized in 2024 by Ben and Erin from **HGTV's Hometown Takeover**. (www.visitsebring.com/hgtv/) This page has a link to watch.

Sebring is Season 3 . (<https://watch.hgtv.com/show/home-town-takeover-hgtv-atve-us>)

I was able to find Season 3 in the HGTV On Demand section on DISH TV. I was also able to add the HGTV app to my Fire Stick and have access via my DISH account. IMDB has information on each of the episodes.

(www.imdb.com/title/tt13081914/episodes/?season=3)

Sebring Soda and Ice Cream Shop: <https://www.facebook.com/sebringsoda>)

Address: 201 Circle Park Dr., Sebring, FL

This was the first business that was revitalized in the HGTV series. It seems that Sebring is famous for the **Soda Festival**. We will miss it by one week, but maybe that's a good thing. (crazy crowds) That doesn't mean we can't enjoy it as we explore The Circle.

Sophies Downtown: <https://www.sophiescafelc.com/full-menu>)

Address: 120 N Ridgewood Dr, Sebring, FL.

This is another business spotlighted in the HGTV series. They had a successful café along Route 27 on the west side of Lake Jackson. HGTV helped them open a new location, just off the circle. They transformed an old church into a restaurant. They specialize in Cuban food.

Havana On The Circle (www.havanaonthecircle.com) This is a breakfast and lunch place.

Address: 103 Circle Park Dr, Sebring, FL.

It seems that Cuban cuisine is popular with the central Florida crowd. This was recommended to me by one of my domino buddies, whose wife is Cuban. They liked it!

The Havana Restaurant & Bakery: (www.havana-restaurant.com)

Address: 2912 US Hwy 27 N, Sebring, FL. They also have a location in Avon Park, FL.

Cowpoke's Watering Hole: (<http://cowpokeswh.com/>)

Address: 6813 U.S. Hwy 27 S, Sebring, FL.

This one got a thumbs up from someone I met from Sebring.

Secret Gardens Winery & Farm: (<https://secretgardenswinery.com/>)

Address: 8222 West Josephine Road, **Sebring**, FL – Hours 11 – 5.

Tucked just off the historic Florida Cracker Trail, we're more than a winery—we're a family-run escape where the values of hard work, hospitality, and homegrown living are alive and well. We believe that wine should reflect the land it comes from, and in Florida, that means thinking beyond grapes. From muscadines to apples, blueberries to elderberries, our wines are crafted with curiosity, creativity, and deep local roots.

Airboat Wildlife Adventures: (<https://www.airboatwildlifeadventuresflorida.com>)

Address: 4971 US 98, Sebring, FL – 863-655-4737

\$55 per person for 3 to 8 adults. This is a 90 minute ride. They have 2 boats. (14 people)

Maxwell Groves Country Store: (<https://maxwellgrovescountrystore.com>)

Address: 607 East Circle Street, Avon Park, FL – 863-453-3938

We carry all varieties of fruit along with fresh-squeezed OJ, Florida wines, local honey, our famous dairy-free soft serve ice cream, gifts, jams & jellies. From the fresh juice made daily to the orange ice cream made with that same fresh juice, customers are welcome to browse our country store and ship fruit to loved ones in our authentic Old Florida setting.

The Murals of Lake Placid: (<https://visitsebring.com/partners/the-murals-of-lake-placid/>)

Address: 18 Oak Ave, Lake Placid, FL (The Chamber of Commerce)

In 1992, the Lake Placid Mural Society formed to beautify the town and tell its history.

We invite you to walk through Lake Placid's internationally known historic outdoor art gallery with over 40 beautiful larger than life murals. Some of these murals have sound, while most of them have hidden items. If you don't make it to Lake Placid, the murals were also featured in the Florida Magazine. (<https://www.floridianamagazine.com/town-of-murals-lake-placid-florida>)

Lake Jackson & City Pier Beach (<https://visitsebring.com/partners/lake-jackson-city-pier-beach-3/>)

Covering 3,412 acres, is located within the City of Sebring. Lake Jackson, a healthy freshwater lake, is approximately 25 feet at its deepest. Most of the area is fairly shallow.

The water is clear as compared to most lakes and the shores are sandy.

City Pier Beach is located just to the West of Downtown Sebring. Looks like a great place to watch a sunset.

The Lake Placid Farmer's Market: (<https://www.lakeplacidfarmersmarket.net/>)

Address: 231 North Main Ave, Lake Placid, FL Hours: 8:00 – 1:30 Saturday