

Florida Roll'n Gators!

When: November 12-15, 2026

Where: [Blueway RV Park](#)
19370 S. Tamiami Trail
Fort Myers, FL 33908
239-267-8448

Thursday, November 12:

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, November 13

- 10:00a **Leave as a group for the Edison and Ford Winter Estates Tour.**
The guided tour is \$35 per person and is first come first serve. The tours last about 60 minutes and run every 30-60 minutes. The guided portion of the tour includes the homes and gardens. The laboratory and museum are also included in the ticket price. They recommend to allow 2.5 hours total.
- 5:00p **Dinner at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse**
9960 University Plaza Dr, Fort Myers, FL 33913
Carpool if you can. Meet at the restaurant at 5:00.
- 7:00p **Games** – In the clubhouse.

Saturday, November 14:

- 9a- 5p **Explore the Fort Myers area.**
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 clubhouse.

Sunday November 15:

- 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:

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Things To Do – Fort Myers

Fort Myers was established during the Seminole Wars as a U.S. Army post built on the ruins of Fort Harvie in 1841 and named for Brevet Colonel Abraham Charles Myers. It later became known as the "City of Palms" after Thomas Edison imported royal palms to line Riverside Avenue. That is the short answer by Search Assist in Duck Duck Go.

If you want more, ask **Duck.ai** "detail the history of fort myers fl prior to 1900".

You will also find this link provides much more background.

(<https://allthingsfortmyers.com/best-things-to-know-about-fort-myers-history/>)

Here are a few ideas.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates: [Tickets and Tours](#)

2350 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, FL – 239-334-7419 – 9:00 am – 5:30 pm (M/T/W/T/Sat)

We recently visited Greenfield Village in Dearborn, MI where Henry Ford included a recreation of the Thomas Edison Menlo Park NJ complex. It should be interesting to see what his Florida lab included. The self-guided tour is \$28 and includes houses for both Edison and Ford homes, Gardens, Laboratory and Museum. There is also a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian that is currently here.

Fleamasters Flea Market (<https://www.fleamastersfleamarket.com>)

4135 Dr MLK Jr Blvd, Fort Myers, FL – 239-334-7001 – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm – Fri/Sat/Sun

Ortiz Avenue Flea Market (<https://www.ortizfleamarket.com>)

1501 Ortiz Ave, Fort Myers, FL – 239-694-5019 – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm – Sat/Sun

Fort Myers Beach – This area was heavily damaged by hurricane Ian in 2022. Drive Estero Blvd to Barefoot Beach in Bonita Springs and return to Blueway RV Park via US 41.

Shelling on Sanibel Island – Duck.ai recommends the following locations

1. **Bowman's Beach Park, Sanibel** — A quieter, natural beach known for shelling. Address: **1700 Bowman's Beach Road**. Expect about a quarter-mile walk from the parking area to the shore; parking is **\$5/hour**. mysanibel.com
2. **Blind Pass Beach Park, Sanibel** — At **6497 Sanibel-Captiva Road**, where the tidal pass can deposit shells along the shore. Parking is **\$5/hour**. **Do not swim here**—the City warns of dangerous currents and prohibits swimming in the inlet. mysanibel.com
3. **Lighthouse Beach Park, Sanibel** — At **110/153 Periwinkle Way**, near the island's east end. It's an easy-access choice for shelling, with Gulf and bay shoreline, restrooms, and parking at **\$5/hour**. mysanibel.com

For the best chance of finding shells, try **early morning around low tide**; shell conditions vary day to day. Leave live shells and marine life in place.

Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge: (<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/in-ding-darling>)

1 Wildlife Dr, Sanibel, FL – 239-472-1100 ext 9 – 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Sat-Thurs (Closed Friday)
Renovations to the Visitor Center were supposed to be completed by October 1. As of 10/12/26 they are saying “soon”. Hopefully, they will be complete by the time we visit. There is lots to see in the visitor center. The Wildlife Drive Tram Tour is operated by Tarpon Bay Explorers. Due to the renovations, the tram departs from their location at 900 Tarpon Bay Rd at 10 am and 1 pm. The best time to take the tour is at low tide, and on November 14th, that is during the 10 am tour. With traffic to Sanibel being heavier on the weekend, that would mean leaving no later than 8:30. Feel free to book the tram tour on your own or with other “early birds”. The wildlife drive is also open to drive on your own whenever you arrive. You can scan QR codes on interpretive panels along Wildlife Drive to watch ranger-narrated videos on your phone. There is a \$10 fee per car, but they also accept the national parks pass.

The Mucky Duck Restaurant – (<http://www.muckyduck.com/>)

11546 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, FL – 239-472-3434

This is a 1 hour drive from the RV Park, without traffic. Head here after Ding Darling and spend the afternoon in the area. There are lots of things to see.

The Bubble Room Restaurant (<http://www.bubbleroomrestaurant.com/>)

15001 Captiva Dr, Captiva, FL – 239-472-5558

The Green Flash Restaurant (<http://www.greenflashcaptiva.com/>)

15183 Captiva Dr, Captiva, FL – 239-472-5558

Traders Restaurant and Store (<https://traderssanibel.com/>)

1551 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel FL – 239-472-7242