Park Highlights

Swimming Beaches

Lifeguards on duty April - September. For your own safety, swim ONLY in designated areas.

- North Beach and East Beach Picnic Areas* Picnic shelter reservations may be made for any size group up to one year in advance at www.pinellascounty.org/park or by calling (727) 582-2100, select "0" from phone menu.
- Arrowhead Family Picnic Area and Nature Trail* No motor homes, trailers or buses allowed.
- I,000-foot Gulf Pier and 500-foot Bay Pier* Both piers equipped with bait, tackle and food concessions. Gulf Pier: (727) 864-9937 and Bay Pier: (727) 864-3345
- Historic Fort*

Built in 1898. Self-guided historical trail. Fort history and park literature available at the fort and at park headquarters.

• Quartermaster Storehouse Museum Reconstructed army building from 1905. Historical information on display.

Family Camping Area

236 reservable sites, each with water and electrical hook-up, picnic table and charcoal grill. A camp store, dump stations, modern restrooms and laundry facilities are available. Camp reservations can be made at www.pinellascounty.org/park or call (727) 582-2267 for assistance.

Fort Snack Bar and Gift Shop Phone: (727) 864-1376

800-foot Boat Ramp

Vehicle and boat trailer parking and boat wash area provided. Fee charged.

Multipurpose Trail

Seven miles of paved trail connecting North Beach, East Beach, the boat ramp and the camping area. No motorized vehicles allowed.

Barrier-Free Nature Trail

A 2,200-foot wheelchair-accessible trail with six auditory interpretive stations for the visually impaired.

Canoe Trail

A 2.25-mile, self-guided trail. Canoe / kayak rentals available; call (727) 864-1991.

Dog Park

Dogs can play, run and swim leash-free. Dog showers and water fountains available.

Youth Camping

Recognized youth groups may reserve up to three months in advance by calling (727) 582-2267, M-F 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

* Picnic tables and grills available in these areas.

General Information

- Metal detecting is only permitted on the sandy beach area, however, it excludes any shorebird habitat. Any holes dug must be filled with sand.
- Park rangers are on duty until 11 p.m. to assist you. For assistance after hours, call the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office at (727) 582-6200.
- Bridge tolls go to the Florida Department of Transportation; toll fees do not support the park.
- A \$5 parking fee is collected at the entrance station approximately one mile into the park. Automated pay stations are also located throughout the park. Annual parking passes are available for purchase. If you have a valid Disabled Parking Permit/Tag, you are not required to pay the daily or annual fee. A fee is not collected from persons entering the park on foot or by bicycle.

Prohibited

- **Ø ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**
- O Disturbing shorebird habitat area (location may vary)
- O Disturbing sea turtle nesting areas (location may vary)
- PETS in picnic shelters, restrooms, concession areas, public beaches or fishing piers
- PETS without a leash or with a leash longer than six feet, except in dog park or dog beach areas
- O Patrons in the park after dark, except on the fishing piers or in the camping area
- Removing, damaging or defacing trees, shrubs or any other plants
- Vehicles on beaches, trails, picnic areas or other posted
- Ø Feeding wildlife, including birds, squirrels and raccoons
- O Swimming outside the designated swimming areas



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Fort De Soto Park

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Pinellas Fort De Soto COUNTY PARK



to historic, picturesque, natural and recreational Fort De Soto Park where visitors can swim, picnic, fish, bike, birdwatch, camp, boat and much more.

Fort De Soto Park is a chain of five interconnected islands, or keys, providing 1,136 acres of beautiful parkland and beach. A source of great pride for Pinellas County, the park hosts more than three million visitors per year.



