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### Local Activities

#### **Environmental Learning Center**

A hands-on approach to investigating the environment with an elevated boardwalk that creates a trail through a mangrove forest. You can visit a butterfly garden, native plant garden, wet labs and more. The Center also provides opportunities for canoe tours, workshops, and other special "Love Your Lagoon" activities. Open Monday-Saturday 8am-4pm, Sunday 9am-4pm. Located at 255 Live Oak Drive, Vero Beach. Follow A1A North to the Wabasso Bridge (CR 510) turn left and follow the signs. Call 589-5050 or visit [discoverelc.org](http://discoverelc.org).

#### **Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution**

Explore the world of underwater science. Located at 5600 US1, Ft Pierce Between US 1 and Old Dixie. Tuesday- Saturday 10:00-4:00 and closed Sunday & Monday & some holidays call 772-242-2293.

#### **Manatee Observation and Education Center**

The manatee is one of Florida's favorite residents. You can view these gentle giants and their offspring in a natural habitat. Check hours, as they change during the different seasons. Located at 480 Indian River Drive, Ft Pierce, across from the Ft Pierce Utilities Power Plant. Call 772-429-6266.

#### **McKee Botanical Garden**

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this 18 acre subtropical garden offers a diverse botanical collection as well as several restored architectural treasures. New additions include a library, gift shop, and café. Self-guided and prearranged guided tours are available. Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sunday Noon-5pm. Closed Mondays and major holidays. Located at 350 US 1 Vero Beach. Call 772-794-0601

#### **Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge** - Open 7:30-4:00 Monday-Friday

Designated as the first National Wildlife Refuge by President Theodore Roosevelt, Pelican Island is located adjacent to the southern end of the Archie Carr Wildlife Refuge. This national historical landmark protects thousands of pelicans and other wading birds. For information on observation boat tours call 772-581-5557 x 5. You can now view Pelican Island from the new boardwalk and observation tower on North Jungle Trail, north of the 510 Wabasso Causeway.

#### **McLarty Treasure Museum 772-589-2147**

National Historic Landmark Site of the 1715 Spanish Plate Fleet  
Sebastian Inlet State Park Located between Melbourne Beach and Vero Beach, FL  
Open 7 days a week 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Located at 13180 North A1A, Vero Beach, FL 32963

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### **Sebastian Area Historical Museum 772-581-1380**

1235 Main St. Sebastian, FL Hours:11:00 AM-2:00 PM Tuesday-Thursday Admission-FREE

### **Mel Fisher Treasure Museum**

View a video presentation featuring Mel Fisher's world renowned treasure hunting expeditions and see treasures recovered from ancient Spanish shipwrecks. Open 10am to 5pm Mon-Sat and Noon to 5pm on Sunday. Located on 1322 US 1 in Sebastian. Call 589-0435 for details. (Closed for Sept)

### **Sebastian Inlet State Park**

One of the best surfing sites on Florida's Atlantic Coast, the state park offers excellent fishing, shrimping, clamming, full facility camping, picnic area, boat ramp, two museums and a nature trail. Located on A1A about 15 miles North of the Driftwood.

### **Navy Seal Museum**

The Navy Seals are rich military tradition, known for their heroic feats in the line of duty. Learn more about how they trained for aquatic military action along the Treasure Coast shoreline. Located at 3300 N A1A ,Ft Pierce, FL 34949. Call 772-595-5845 for details. Tues- Sat 10-4, Sun 12-4.

### **Vero Beach Museum of Art**

Exhibitions of international, national, and state importance are shown throughout the year in 5 galleries. The Museum also houses a Museum Store and is the largest teaching museum school in Florida, with 7 studio classrooms. Located at 3001 Riverside Park Dr, Vero Beach. Call 231-0707 for details.

### **Barrier Island Sanctuary**

34 acre sanctuary with interactive exhibits, hiking trail, educational programs, gateway to Archie Carr Refuge. Located 2.6 miles north of the Sebastian Inlet off A1A.

### **Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge**

A hiking and eco-adventure where the population of marine turtles is protected. North of Wabasso Causeway, south of the Sebastian Inlet. 772-581-5557 x 5.

### **Laporte Farms**

5 Acre petting farm located at 7700 129<sup>th</sup> Street, Sebastian, FL. Open Tuesday-Friday 8am – 2pm and Saturday and Sunday 8am-4pm. Please check the website at [www.laportefarms.com](http://www.laportefarms.com)

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### **River Cruises**

- River Queen @ Capt Hiram's call 388-8588
- Sail Moonraker 772-696-2941 [bruce@sailmoonraker.com](mailto:bruce@sailmoonraker.com)
- River Explorer Boat Tours 772-713-7132

### **Diving**

- Deep Six Dive & Water Sports - 562-2883

### **Boat Rentals**

- Inlet Marina – Sebastian 772-664-8500
- Florida Boat Rental & Guide Service – 772-713-7132

### **Air Boat Rides**

- **Gator Bait Airboat Adventures – 772-766-2629**
- Airboat Wilderness Rides – Sebastian call 589-3278
- Florida Cracker Airboat – 772-563-0001
- Capitan Bob's Airboat Adventure Tours call 772-633-7849 Robert Monyuoro's

### **Kayak and Canoe and Paddleboard Rental**

- Kayaks Etc.. Rentals and Excursions call 772-202-0220
- Tiki Kayak Tours 772-501-5907 Kevin or Josh
- Orchid Island Rentals – 772-299-1286
- Adventure Kayaking 772-567-0522
- Shark Bait 561-248-5695

### **Beach Chairs & Umbrellas**

Shark Bait 561-248-5695

### **Fishing**

- Lady Stuart Deep Sea Fishing call 772-286-1860
- Capt Mike Peppes Guide Service – Sebastian call 772-581-0062
- Last Mango Charter Fishing call 772-559-0594
- Vero's Tackle and Marina 3321 Bridge Plaza Dr call 772-234-9585

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### Jet Ski Rental

- Hayley's Jet Ski Rental (SEA\*DOO) 321-507-5400 Mike [www.hayleysjetskirental.com](http://www.hayleysjetskirental.com)  
(Hotel Pick-up and drop off available) Open 7 days a week  
Vero Beach, Ft. Pierce, Port St. Lucie, Sebastian, Palm Bay, Melbourne, & Jensen Beach
- Sebastian Watercraft Rentals (located at Capt Hiram's) 772-589-5560
- Salty's Water Sports 813 S Indian River Dr, Ft Pierce 772-448-4516

### Skydiving

Skydive Sebastian, one of the fastest growing and most scenic drop zones in the world, features fully equipped team rooms, shaded packing, bar and grill, full service equipment stores, three large creepers, DZ/TV, campground and RV hookups and gym. Comprehensive training available. 400 W Airport Drive Sebastian call 388-5672 for details.

### Horseback Riding

**Tours on Horseback** Fort Pierce, FL Colleen Hayes [www.beachtoursonhorseback.com](http://www.beachtoursonhorseback.com)

Ride the beach. This is the only areas within the state of Florida that permits this enjoyable activity! Year round scenic beach tours are available on Saturdays & Sundays every month. Other days during the week may be available by special reservation. Rides are held at Fredrick Douglas Memorial Park on South Hutchinson Island in St. Lucie County just 4 miles north of the Power Plant on A1A or 4 miles south of Ft. Pierce Inlet. The address is 3600 South Ocean Drive, Hutchinson Island, FL 34949. The ride is approximately 3 miles long. Shorts and tennis shoes are acceptable. The age requirement is 10 years old and up and the weight limit is 235 lbs. **For Reservations please call 1-772-468-0101. Scheduled ride times: 1<sup>st</sup> 10AM, 2<sup>nd</sup> 11AM, 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:30 PM, 4<sup>th</sup> 1:30 PM, 5<sup>th</sup> 3 PM. ( Must arrive fifteen minutes before your ride.)**

### Bike Rentals

Orchid Island Rentals – Will deliver for a fee- 299-1286 / [www.orchidislandbikesandkayaks.com](http://www.orchidislandbikesandkayaks.com)

### Skating

- Skate Factory - 27<sup>th</sup> Ave 794-3372
- Skateboard Park in Sebastian on Barber 581-2630
- Rollerblades and skates can be rented at Orchid Island Rental 299-1286

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## Miniature Golf / Driving Range

- Safari Putt Putt Golf – two courses , batting cages, and arcade locate ¼ miles West of US 1 on Oslo Road call 562-6492 for hours of operation.
- Big Shots Vero Beach – 3456 US 1. Open daily 9am to 11pm. Driving Range, Miniature Golf, and Restaurant. 772-979-4653

## Golf Public Courses

- Sandridge Municipal Golf Course – 36 holes – 58<sup>th</sup> Ave & 73<sup>rd</sup> St call 772-770-5000
- Vista Plantation Golf Course – 18 holes – State Road 60 just past the Mall call 772-569-2223.
- Aquarina Beach & Country Club 7500 N A1A – 5 miles north of Sebastian Inlet call 321-676-8923.
- The Links at Pointe West – 1999 Pointe West Dr. (West on State Rd 60) call 772-770-3401

## Go Kart

- Andretti Thrill Park – Babcock Rd in Melbourne – 3 go kart tracks call 321-956-6706

## Tennis Courts/Racquet Ball/Pickle Ball

- Riverside Racquet Complex - 350 Dahlia Lane Tennis and Racquet ball– 772-231-4787
- Pocahontas Park – 14<sup>th</sup> Ave – Tennis courts and Pickle ball courts

## Aquatics

- Gifford Aquatics Center – 4895 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave – Large zero depth activity pool, children's spray area, large play deck. Call 772-770-5312
- North County Aquatic Center – CR 512 in Sebastian – Heated pool, water slide, children play areas. Call 772-581-7665
- Fountains – Located at the end of Royal Palm Pointe – Fountain sprays up from the ground for children to play in. Call 772-567-2144 for times (times vary throughout the year)
- Sebastian Splash Pad – Open daily until dusk located next to Riverview Park off US1.

## Zoo

- Brevard Zoo – located on Wickham Road in Melbourne open daily until 5pm. Call 321-254-Wild

## Library

- Indian River County Main Library on 16<sup>th</sup> Ave in Downtown Vero Beach call 770-5060.
- Brackett Library 6155 College Ln, Vero Beach (behind Home Depot) 226-3080.



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### **Bowling**

Vero Bowl – 32 lanes, billiard room, sports grille, lounge, and snack bar. Located off of US 1.  
772-299-7467

Strike Zone – Bowling, laser tag, and arcade - 730 South Fleming Street, Sebastian, 772-770-2710

### **Billards**

Stix – 939 14<sup>th</sup> Lane, Vero Beach, FL 299-0000 Open Daily 4pm – 1am (In the Majestic plaza)

### **Indoor Playground**

Fun City 1375 US 1 Located in the Publix plaza off US1 and 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Call 770-0707

### **Paintball**

Invincible Paintball – call 772-812-0000

### **Theatres (Live Performances)**

- Riverside Theatre 3250 Riverside Park Dr – call 231-6990
- Vero Beach Theatre Guild Inc, 2020 San Juan Ave call 562-8300
- Sunrise Theatre, 117 South 2nd St., Ft. Pierce, FL 772-461-4884