



Sarasota Bay Rancho! Video Game

Post-Explore

Visit Places of History around Sarasota Bay and Imagine the Rancho Heritage

After playing the rancho game, players should seek out some of the places around Sarasota Bay and the Manatee River used by the ranchos. There is no place commemorated for the ranchos but there are many locales around Sarasota Bay and the Manatee River that were used by the rancho industry and several of those sites were built upon by later settlers, who are central to the modern history of Sarasota and Manatee.



Blank Map of Sarasota Bay
From <http://sarasotabay.org/>

The map for the rancho industry of Sarasota Bay is basically blank. There is no place to visit to see the huts and fishing nets of the ranchos. The archaeologist's job is to find the locations and

help reconstruct what life was like two centuries ago when Cuban fishermen set up their villages, fished the waters, and sailed between Sarasota Bay and Havana.

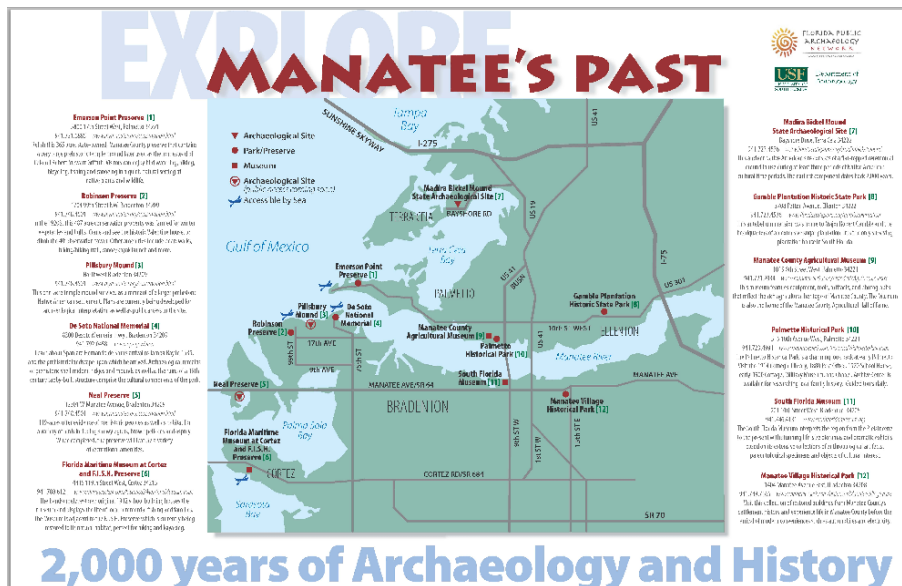
This post explore wants you to visit historic places around Sarasota Bay.

One tool for finding historic sites is the historic markers program. For Sarasota, the listing is found at <https://www.scgov.net/History/Lists/HistoricalMarkers/AllItems.aspx>. For Manatee County, <http://www.flheritage.com/preservation/markers/markers.cfm?ID=manatee>. Visit places that provide the vista of the bay that was once used by the Cuban fishermen.

In Manatee County, the below Florida Public Archaeology Network map includes four parks that once had ranchos:

- Emerson Point Preserve
- De Soto National Memorial
- Robinson Preserve
- Florida Maritime Museum at Cortez

While the ranchos are not there anymore, the information at the parks tells of the rich heritage of the region and offer great views of the Manatee River and Sarasota Bay. Detailed information can be found at the Manatee River exhibit at the South Florida Museum (there is an admission fee for the museum).



Map is available for download at

http://www.flpublicarchaeology.org/werc/documents/ManateeMap_Final.pdf

For Sarasota, there are two maps by FPAN available for download at http://www.flpublicarchaeology.org/wcrc/documents/Sarasota_Map.pdf.

EXPLORE SARASOTA COUNTY'S PAST

1. Crowley Museum
1645 Northwood Road, Sarasota 34240
941.523.3900 www.crowley.org
Self-guided nature trail winds through pristine pine flatwoods, oak hammocks, maple swamps, and mangrove marshes along the Myakka River. The Nature House (c. 1900), a hewn cedar cabin, pioneer museum, and sugar cane mill highlight pioneer life in early Florida.

2. Myakka River State Park
12004 Northwood Trl., Sarasota 34241
941.563.6133 www.floridastateparks.org/myakka-river
One of the oldest and largest state parks, Myakka protects one of the state's most diverse natural areas and unique structures. Visitors can hike, fish, camp, and observe wildlife while enjoying the cabbage palm bog cabins built in the 1930s.

3. Dr. C. E. Wilson House at Taylor Family Park
4000 Moore Avenue, Bay Bridge 34213 941.953.5500
www.sarasota.gov/ParksRecreation/Default.asp
The Dr. C. E. Wilson House serves as an interpretive center and the home of the Alan and Abraham Traftel. Visitors to the house can learn about early medical practice, the first automobile in the region, and the agricultural industry of Sarasota County. The park also offers miles of walking trails, canoe trails as well as playground and picnic facilities.

4. Phillips Estate Park
5100 S. Bartlett Trail, Sarasota 34231 941.451.5800
www.sarasota.gov/ParksRecreation/Default.asp
Phillips Estate Park located on the shores of Phillips Creek, is a scenic, 60-acre natural area park that features environmental and historic activities including monthly tours of the historic Edison Nath Marston, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

5. Historic Spanish Point
3378 Bartlett Trail, Osprey 34229 941.964.0216
www.historicspanishpoint.org
Visitors enjoy a unique archaeological exhibit called "A Window to the Past" that reveals and a built around the archaeological site. The site features a history museum, which also features pioneer era buildings.

A. New College of Florida Public Archaeology Lab
www.ncf.edu/pal
1900 Bay Woodland Sarasota 34242
941.466.3000
Partner with local organizations for archaeological excavations and historic preservation and hosts (shows) programs and events that feature topics in public archaeology, site management and regional history.

E. Worm Island Springs
4222 S. 220th Ave., Venice, FL 34287
941.466.3000
Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, Worm Island Springs is an important geological and archaeological site. Admission is not free information about the cultural history is interpreted there.

C. Little Salt Spring
www.littlesaltspring.org
While not open to the public right now, you can still journey 200 ft. down into a water filled sinkhole without leaving your home. The sinkhole provided the perfect environment to preserve a wide range of people that lived 12,000 years ago.

9. Sarasota History Journal
www.sarasotahistoryjournal.com
Our website and weekly e-newsletter offer the opportunity to learn more about Sarasota's history through journals, videos, walking tours, historical markers and historically destroyed homes and buildings. City can take the information with you using our new free mobile web-app: <http://mobile.usa.sarasotahistoryjournal.com>

6. Oscar Scheerer State Park
1943 S. Bartlett Trail, Osprey 34229 941.482.2164
www.floridastateparks.org/oscar-scheerer/
Oscar Scheerer State Park is full of cultural history that spans over 1,000 years. From Native American warfare camps to transporting, brick farming, and cattle ranching located in the Burnett's South Creek Ranch, the park highlights activities important to the community's activity and growth.

7. T. M. Kelly Coffer in Memorial Square
1800 Military Center Parkway, Venice 34212 941.461.5000
www.sarasota.gov/ParksRecreation/Default.asp
The Coffer cabin serves as the welcome center for the 24,000 one Carlin Preserve. The 1930s cabin was built of pine logs that utilized the carlin scars created by repetitive harvesting. The welcome center offers tours that discuss more about the area's wildlife and turquoise industry.

8. Longport Key Historical Society, Inc. and Museum
4024 Longport Key, Longport 34221 941.943.8221
www.longportkeyhistory.com
The museum houses a collection of photos, artifacts, audio recordings, and newspapers. There is an archive library on the premises and donors to help you access resources. The museum is open from 10 am to 2 pm most weekdays.

9. The Longport House Museum
4024 Longport Key, Longport 34221 941.475.2404
Pat Longport is proud to announce the early 1930s built the Longport House. He married Edith Anger in 1908 and both her the Longport House with 22 windows in 1928. Come visit the unique house that never leaves a stranger.

10. Indian Mound Park
2100 Moore Avenue, Englewood 34222 941.961.5500
www.sarasota.gov/ParksRecreation/Default.asp
Located on Larson Bay, the park offers a historic natural and information about people that lived here thousands of years ago. The park also includes a public boat ramp with parking facilities, a picnic pavilion, and restrooms.

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EXPLORE SARASOTA VENICE

1. Sarasota Coast Car Museum
5100 S. Bartlett Trail, Sarasota 34231 941.953.6229
www.sarasotacarmuseum.org
The museum is the second oldest continuously operating antique car museum in the nation. As you stroll through the museum, travel back in time and into the future of man's greatest invention, the automobile.

2. Ringling Museum of Art
1400 Myrtlewood Road, Sarasota 34209 941.578.0700
www.ringling.org
In 1913, John and Mable Ringling purchased 20 acres of waterfront property in Sarasota and built that legacy for generations to enjoy. Learn about that time through tours of the Circus Museum, the Circus Museum, and the Museum of Art.

3. Pioneer Whitaker Cemetery
1322 12th Street, Sarasota 34206
www.sarasota.org/sarasotaoutdoor_cemetery.html
This historic first cemetery in Sarasota County is lovingly maintained by the Sons Daughters Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. It is a quiet and peaceful spot, located a few steps from the busy North Trail and 12th Street.

4. Redwell Wood House and Cracker Memorial Church in Pioneer Park
1208 12th Street, Sarasota 34206 941.564.8676
www.ancs.com
Explore Sarasota's Settlements! Paved at the Redwell Wood House (1882) and Cracker Memorial Church (1901), both open for docent led tours with the Cracker style house furnished to the period. A docent led tour is a charming gift shop. Or take a stroll through the garden.

5. Sarasota County Visitor Information Center and History Center Museum
7014 Bartlett Trail, Sarasota 34236 941.553.8277
www.sarasota.gov/HistoryCenter
Headed with the Historic Chedoke Library building, the Sarasota County History Center maintains a museum to exhibit information about the county's history and prehistory. The museum is free and open Monday - Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.

1. Venice Andrew and Area Historical Collection
331 Moore Street North, Venice 34285
941.466.2487 www.venicemuseum.org
Located in the historic Stronachs building, the archives is a repository of Venice area history. The building, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, has a museum on the first floor and is open to the public on Wednesdays from 10 am to 4 pm. Also, go to the hole page on website for on-line database.

2. Venetian Waterway Park
248 Bartlett Avenue, Venice 34286
941.466.2487 www.vcpd.org
Park info available at City of Venice Archives and Area Historical Collection. The park is a walking and biking path along both sides of the Venetian Waterway. The west section of the park south of West Venice Avenue has a historic timeline painted on the walkway and a mural depicting the history of Venice on the Venice Granular Silo building.

3. Venice Train Depot
388 East Venice Avenue, Venice 34286
941.462.0511 www.venicetraindepot.com
The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers built the original Venice Train Depot in 1922. Today, the Depot is owned by Sarasota County and provides exhibits and docent led tours that explore the locomotive industry at upland Venice history. Look for ACME's Programs in our website for the schedule of tours.

4. Land Ring House
401 West Venice, Venice 34287
www.landringhouse.com
House built by Joseph H. Land who was one of the early Venice settlers. The Queen Anne vernacular style house is being restored to create a venue for depicting the lives and times of the pioneer settlers of the Venice area.

5. John Nolan Park
South Venice at Perdue, Venice 34285
www.sarasota.gov/ParksRecreation/Default.asp
Near the Land Ring House, John Nolan Park has a paved path with descriptive and pictorial signs that track the park.

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Places to visit include Yellow Bluffs and Indian Mound Park, both of which have great views of Sarasota Bay. Museums (which have an admissions charge) include Historic Spanish Point.

There is much history and ecology to explore around Sarasota Bay: enjoy knowing the history that has washed across its shores.

Once you visit some of the places, think about other spots around Sarasota Bay and engage in historic preservation!

Historic Preservation in Sarasota and Manatee

Historic Preservation seeks to preserve, conserve and protect buildings, objects, landscapes or other artifacts of historical significance. Historical significance does not have an absolute measure – if the landscape, building, or object matters to a group of people, it is historic and worth preserving in some manner. How to preserve is a matter of democratic decision-making and governmental actions.

Keep the Past Alive

Learn about the place you visited, or your neighborhood or even another nearby place. Get information together from residents, the library, or the county history center (either the Sarasota County History Center or Historical Resources Department of the Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court's Office). With the information collected (history, archaeology, and ecology) offer tours to family and friends.

Our Community and Its History

Think about this area. What are three places or memories you would like to see preserved for the future? For each place or memory, think of three things you could do to help historic preservation, individually or as part of a group:
