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Area Interests, Highlights, & Helpful Information



Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge

www.fws.gov/merrittisland

The Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge provides a range of seven different habitats, from coastal dunes, saltwater estuaries, freshwater impoundments and marshes, to dunes, hardwood hammocks, pine flatwoods and scrub. Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge a major destination for birders from all over the world. There are over 320 species of birds that have been documented here. Hundreds of thousands of migratory birds use the refuge for the entire winter season or as a temporary rest stop, which creates excellent birding opportunities.

Check out the visitor center on SR 402, five miles east of U.S. 1 in Titusville. Check for closings a few days before shuttle launches.



The Eau Gallie Art District

www.brevardartmuseum.org

A number of galleries surround the intersection of the Eau Gallie Causeway in Melbourne and Highland Avenue. The centerpiece of the district is, of course, the Brevard Art Museum, with its children’s activity center. Hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, 10am to 7pm, and Sunday, 1pm to 5pm. Admission: Adults \$5; seniors \$3; children and students with I.D. \$2; free for Museum members. There’s free admission on Thursdays, except during special exhibits.



Historic Downtown Melbourne

www.downtownmelbourne.com

Downtown Melbourne has more to offer than ever, whether you want to dine, enjoy the night life, catch a play at the Henegar Center, paint your own pottery or shop for antiques, gifts, clothes, gourmet sweets, wine of art. Parking (for the most part) is free along the streets along with the new parking structure at the City of Melbourne (across the street from downtown). There are popular street party events that happen regularly in downtown Melbourne such as Friday Fest (the 2nd Friday of each month), Meg-O-Ween (near Halloween), Saint Patty’s Day celebration, Candlelight Shopping (during the winter holidays).



The Brevard Zoo

www.brevardzoo.com

Feed the giraffes, ride the train, watch the warty pigs wallow, paddle around, feed the birds, and get a look at the zoo’s recent baby boom. The zoo is tropical and fun for kids and adults alike. It’s on Wickham Road in Viera, just east of Interstate 95, and is open from 9:30am to 5pm daily (last admission is at 4:15pm). Admission: \$13.50, \$12.50 for ages 60 and older, \$10.00 ages 2 to 12 and free for children younger than 2. The zoo also hosts special events such as Holiday Shopping Extravaganza Night Hikes, Parent's Day Out, 4-Day Winter Break Camp, Trick-or-Treating, New Year’s Eve Twilight Spectacular, Summer Saturday Nights, and much more!



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Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex

www.kennedyspacecenter.com

This is the biggest Attraction with a capital "A" in Brevard County, and it will easily take a full day to see all the exhibits, ride the bus to the awesome Saturn V Center with its restored rocket, stroll through the rocket garden, and visit the Astronaut Hall of Fame. Visitors can tour the historical site at the Kennedy Space Center Visitors Complex. You'll get an opportunity to tour NASA's launch and landing facilities, ride the Shuttle Launch Experience, participate in the Astronaut Training Experience (ATX), view interactive simulators and live shows. Rockets are also on display and you may even meet a NASA Astronaut. There are also Space Shuttle displays, Historical NASA exhibits, IMAX movies, launch viewing and more. There is even typically a free Brevard County resident's weekend (usually around Labor Day)! Operating hours are 9am-6pm all week, with tickets priced at \$41 per adult or \$31 for children ages 3-11 (IMAX, Hall of Fame, Shows & Simulator included).



The Beaches

www.brevardparks.com

www.brevardcounty.us/environmental_management/vnr_beaches.cfm

Brevard County has the longest coastline in the entire State of Florida (72 Miles North to South)!



Cruising (Port Canaveral)

We have cruises to appeal to many tastes. From here, you can sail off into the sunset on a 3-, 4-, or 7-day voyage to the Bahamas, the eastern Caribbean or Mexico's Gulf resorts...on homeported ships from Carnival Cruise Lines, Disney Cruise Line, Royal Caribbean International, & Norwegian Cruise Lines in 2010.



A-Rated Award Winning Schools

<http://www.brevard.k12.fl.us/>

<http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/default.asp> (School Report Cards & Ranking)

- Some schools feature options such as Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, & International Baccalaureate Diploma programs.
- Brevard has been in the top ten school districts in the state in each of the 22 areas of assessment on the standard statewide exams given students each year.
- In 2008, the state recognized Brevard as having the best graduation rate.
- As of 2009, the state has designated 25 schools in the state as "Music Demonstration Schools." Thus far, 22 of these were Brevard public schools.
- Besides "magnet" schools, Brevard also has nine charter elementary schools and one planned charter secondary school. With specific student needs in mind, the Space Coast's charters schools have developed courses and curricula designed to invigorate and inspire young minds.
- Brevard Community College (www.brevardcc.edu) offers 29 degree programs and has a variety of classes throughout Brevard. They average 19.7 students per class.



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Performing Arts

Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts: www.kingcenter.com

- Broadway Shows (Mamma Mia, Avenue Q, Movin’ Out, Fiddler on the Roof)
- Popular Concerts (Vince Gill/Amy Grant, John Tesh, Brevard Symphony Orchestra, Kenny Rogers, The Temptations, etc)
- Comedy (NBC’s Last Comic Standing Tour, Kathy Griffin, Ron White, etc.)
- Ballet (The Nutcracker, Sparticus, etc)



Henegar Center for the Arts: www.thehenegar.org

At the heart of the Center is a 493 seat proscenium-style theater designed by a Tony Award-winning Broadway set designer. The stage features a main stage curtain from the original Broadway production of The King and I, with state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems for the highest quality productions.



Sports

Manatees: www.minorleaguebaseball.com/index.jsp?sid=t503

The Brevard County Manatees are a minor league baseball team of the Florida State League, and are the A-Advanced affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers. They are based in Viera, Florida, and play their home games at Space Coast Stadium. Their season generally runs April-September.

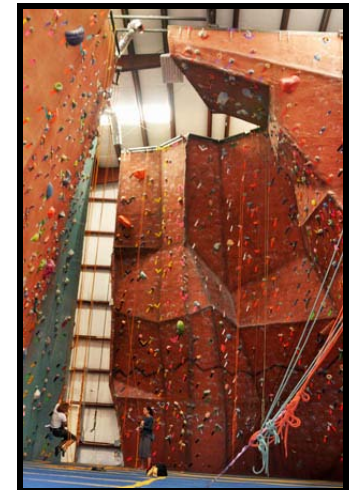


Sky Zone Trampoline: www.skyzone.com/spacecoast

This trampoline Park opened in July 2016 in Rockledge! Enjoy a single day of fun or coordinate your next birthday party or other group event here. Book online. Starts at \$14/pp.

On The Edge Rock Climbing Gym: www.ontheedgerockclimbing.com

Located in Melbourne, the sculpted rock-like formations with climbing routes of varying difficulties are accessible to all levels from beginner to expert. On The Edge also offers a Free Weight area, Circuit Training, Personal Training and has an extensive Cardio Deck. The air conditioned environment, the accessibility, a family atmosphere and the advantages of a complete training center will make your rock climbing experience fun and exciting.



Sky Dive Space Center: www.skydivespacecenter.com

The only drop zone in the world overlooking the Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral and the Space Coast beaches. Skydive Space Center is the home of FLORIDA'S HIGHEST JUMPS- 15,000 FEET!!!

Skateboard Parks: Jay Dickenson Bike and Skate Facility (Titusville), Cocoa Beach Skatepark, Satellite Beach Skate Park, Paradise Funplex (Merritt Island), Graffiti Skate Zone (Palm Bay)

Kayaking: www.spacecoastkayaking.net; www.kayakcocoabeach.com; www.cocoabeachkayaking.com

Kayaking is available for the ocean, rivers and lagoons!

Deep Sea Fishing

www.floridasmart.com/local/counties/brevard/sports_fishing.htm

The deep sea fishing in Brevard County is outstanding! From Snapper to Grouper to Snook to Wahoo, the possibilities are endless!



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Surfing-The Surf Capital of Florida

www.surfguru.com

Brevard County is the home to professional surfing sensations Kelly Slater, Damien Hobgood, CJ Hobgood, and many other rising stars!



Entertainment

Andretti Thrill Park: www.andrettithrillpark.com

Go Karts, Batting Cages, Mini Golf, Water Rides, Children's Rides, Inside Games. Lots of fun for the entire family.

Ice Skating: www.spacecoasticeplex.com

Whether you have never been ice skating before or you're a seasoned pro, Space Coast Iceplex has something for you. Space Coast Iceplex offers public skating, freestyle sessions, figure skating instruction, U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills learn-to-skate programs, introduction to hockey, youth hockey, adult hockey, birthday parties, a fitness center, group rates and private rentals.

BCC Planetarium and Observatory: www.brevardcc.edu/planet

World-class planetarium that has seating for 210 under a 70-foot dome projection screen. Two star projectors team up to produce a stunningly realistic sky and 3D computer effects. The Minolta Alpha Infinium shines 28,000 little points of light to create the feel of a real skyful of stars, and has auxiliary projectors to add the Sun and Moon. In the Discovery Movie Theater, you'll find a wide variety of science and nature films.



Port Canaveral Nightlife

If you're looking for fun you'll find it at Port Canaveral, the Port has many great restaurants and clubs, this place is a blast. You'll also find thrilling activities like fishing, boating and gaming opportunities. If relaxing in the sun and being by the water sounds like a plan try one of the public parks within the Port or enjoy one of the bike paths. Port Canaveral also hosts several festivals and tours of visiting vessels throughout the year.

Airboat Rides: www.twisterairboatrides.com

This a fun adventure for all! Tickets range from \$22-\$15 per person.



Healthcare

www.spacecoastmedicine.com

Brevard County has some of the top healthcare centers and resources in the State!

Holmes Regional Medical Center (www.health-first.org)

Holmes Regional Medical Center (HRMC) is a full-service, not-for-profit, 514-bed hospital located in Melbourne. With more than 500 physicians on staff, we offer a full range of services including cancer, heart, emergency and trauma, laboratory, orthopedics, and women and children's programs.

Viera Hospital (www.vierahospital.org)

Upon completion in 2011, Viera Hospital will be a 100-bed, acute-care, not-for-profit hospital that offers residents in the Viera/Suntree vicinity a comprehensive range of healthcare services. Viera Hospital will serve as the centerpiece for Viera Health Park - a 50-acre integrated healthcare campus - designed to offer residents a continuum of wellness, preventive and medical care. Viera Health Park will become the first, one-stop medical wellness "health park" of its kind in Brevard County.



And Many More...



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