

Ultimate Guide to Free & Cheap Florida Travel

Free:

TECO Manatee Viewing Center, in Tampa. Free parking, free attendance. Open from November 1st to April 15th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. <https://www.tampaelectric.com/company/mvc/>

Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota. Museum of Art and Bayfront Gardens are FREE on Mondays (regular tickets needed for Circus Museum and Ca' D'Zan). <https://www.ringling.org/hours-and-admission>

Weedon Island Preserve, St Petersburg. An amazing nature preserve that's run by Pinellas County. Hiking trails, fishing dock, observation tower, etc. There are also kayak rentals available for a fee. Open Thursday through Sunday. <http://www.weedonislandpreserve.org/>

Florida Botanical Gardens, Largo (near St Petersburg). A very nice botanical garden in Pinellas County. 150 acres of formal gardens, scenic landscapes and native habitats. Wheelchair friendly. Open 7 days a week from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. <http://www.pinellascounty.org/flbg/>

Heritage Village, Largo (near St Petersburg). A historic village from the late 1800's and early 1900s. Historic old buildings, demonstrations, trails, etc. Open Wednesday to Sunday. <http://www.pinellascounty.org/Heritage/default.htm>

Their YouTube channel : <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFp13E9HXib7FkQVpZsSrlg>

Booker Creek Preserve and Environmental Education Center, Tarpon Springs. A huge 8,700 acre nature and conservation preserve. Guided tours are available on trails and boardwalks. Open Thursday through Sunday. <http://www.brookercreekpreserve.org/>