

Pasco County

Driving Distance: 87 Miles

From shady river- and gulf-front drives past mangrove forests to an eco-ranch, Benedictine Abbey, pioneer museum, and historic Dade City



A (3M) Grand Blvd. to New Port Richey, Sims Park, River Park

From Port Richey go south on US 19, turn east (L) on Grand Blvd.

- Beautiful tree-lined drive along Cotee River, designated a State Canoe Trail.

In New Port Richey, complete circle drive around lake, then turn east (L) on Main St. to experience revitalized downtown. Return west on Main St. to Cotee River.

- Sims Park, at Main St. and North Blvd. on the river, offers picnic area and river walk.
- River Park, across bridge on North River Rd., has boat ramp. Canoe upstream to 10-acre Frances Avenue Park or downstream to the Gulf.



B (12M) Robert K. Rees Park, Strauber Memorial Hwy., Key Vista Nature Park, Anclote Gulf Park

Continue west on Main past US 19. Turn north (R) at first road, Oelsner St., then west (L) at Green Key Rd. to Robert K. Rees Memorial Park.

- Scenic drive along mangrove forests, coastal marshes, birdwatching.
- 45-acre facility with boardwalks, canoe access, fishing, beach, picnic area, playground.

Return on Green Key Rd. to US 19,

turn south (R) to CR 518/Trouble Creek Rd. Turn west (R) on CR 518, which becomes Strauber Memorial Hwy.

- Scenic drive along salt marshes, birdwatching.

Turn south (L) on Bailey's Bluff Rd. to Key Vista Nature Park.

- Observation tower, picnic area, hiking trails.

Continue south on Bailey's Bluff Rd. to Anclote Gulf Park.

- 29 acres with boat ramp, fishing pier, picnic area, playground.

C (18M) Historic Baker House, J.B. Starkey's Flatwoods Adventures, Suncoast Parkway Trail

Return on Bailey's Bluff Rd. and Strauber Hwy. to Moog Rd. Turn east (R) on Moog Rd. past US 19 to the Historic Baker House at Centennial Cultural Park (5744 Moog Rd.), a "cracker style" wood house built in 1882. Follow signs to SR 54, turn east (R) to J.B. Starkey's Flatwoods Adventures (12959 SR 54).

- Native garden, picnic tables, cattle ranch, horseback riding.
- Call ahead 1-877-743-9453 for Eco-Tour.

Continue east on SR 54 to Suncoast Parkway Trailhead, on the left, before crossing toll road.

- Parking, restrooms, water, (trail parallels toll road through Hernando County for 27.5 miles).

D (37M) Abbey at St. Leo, Historic Downtown Dade City, Pioneer Florida Museum

Take Suncoast Pkwy. north (L), exit at SR 52, go east to St. Leo. Turn left on Campus Street to St. Leo College, and follow signs to the Abbey at St. Leo.

- Founded in 1889 by Benedictine Monks.

Continue east on SR 52 to CR 579. Turn north (L) on CR 579 and east (R) on CR 578 to 21st St. Turn right, then left on Meridian Ave. to Historic Downtown Dade City.

- Vintage shops surround Pasco County Courthouse built in 1909.

Turn north (L) at 7th St. (U.S. 301) to Pioneer Museum Rd. Follow signs to the Pioneer Florida Museum.

- Features buildings, clothing, and artifacts of early pioneer life in Florida.

Return to downtown via U.S. 301 to W. Church Ave. Turn west (R) on Church Ave. to 1880s Historic District. Continue to 21st St., turn north (R), then west (L) on CR 578.

E (17M) Kumquat Groves, Country Store, Scenic Drive

Continue east on CR 578 to Katy's Country Store.

- Shop nestled in kumquat and orange groves at corner of CR 578 & Old St. Joe Road.

Continue on CR 578, turn north (R) on CR 581 to Hernando County Line.

- Scenic winding road through horse country, shady forests, and rolling hills.

