

Explore the Coastal Paradise in your Backyard



Tucked into the corner of northwest Bradenton, Robinson Preserve includes 487 acres of coastal saltern, marsh, and mangrove habitat. These systems attract a variety of rare wildlife, presenting careful observers with an opportunity to see roseate spoonbills, wood storks, white pelicans, bald eagles, and least terns in their natural environment. Sprouting up from the salty soil are a vast array of intriguing plants, including saltwort, glasswort, and succulent sea purslane.

Robinson Preserve offers visitors numerous ways to explore the coastal habitats. Scale the 40-foot tall observation tower for a view of four counties and five water bodies or check out the view from the camera in the Valentine House Visitor's Center. Bike or roller blade on 2.5 miles of paved trail, and hikers can explore more than 5 miles of shell and coastal trails. For paddlers, Robinson Preserve's 2.5 miles of blueways present a chance to navigate through mangrove tunnels, marshes, and more. The opportunities are endless.



It takes a Community to build a Preserve

The restoration work at Robinson Preserve represents an incredible partnership between numerous local, state, and national agencies. Florida Communities Trust was the County's significant partner with a grant of \$6 million applied to the County's \$10 million purchase of the property. Additional supporters included Southwest Florida Water Management District, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sarasota Bay Estuary Program, Tampa Bay Estuary Program, Gulf of Mexico Foundation, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

These agencies have contributed financial assistance and consulting services, supporting Manatee County's commitment to preserving and restoring sensitive lands and natural resources.



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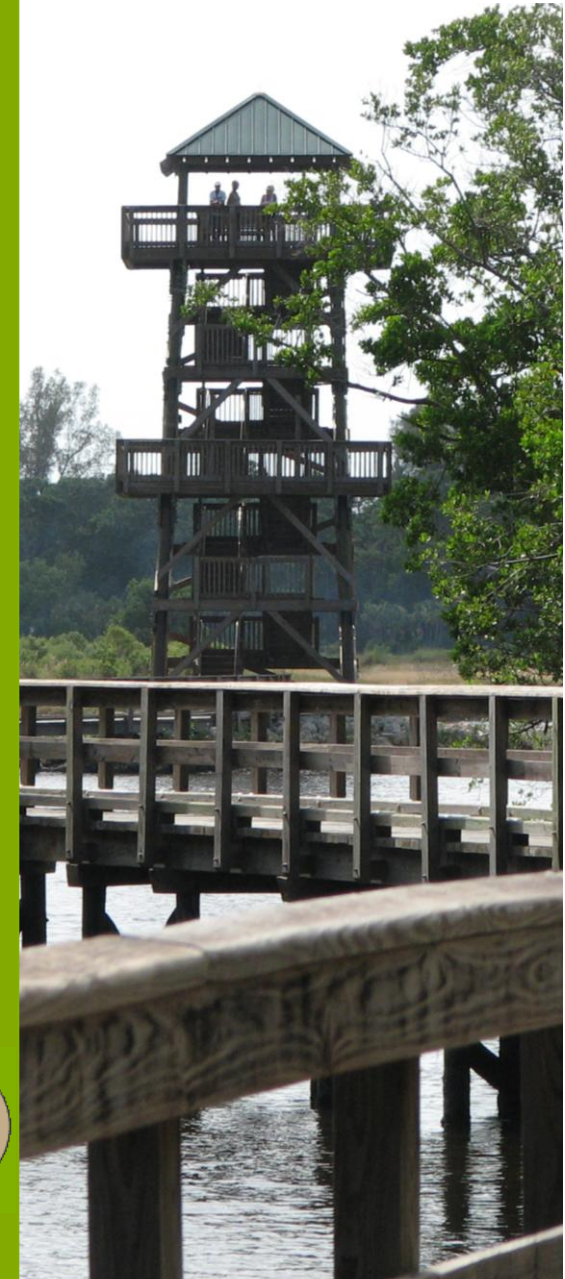
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Robinson Preserve Policies and Regulations



- Hours are seasonal and posted on entrance sign. Trespassing prohibited when Preserve is closed.
- Gates close automatically at time indicated on signs at entrance.
- Unattended vehicles left after sunset will be towed.
- Visitors must remain on mapped trails and boardwalks. Disturbing wildlife or destruction of habitat by walking or bicycling off trails is prohibited.
- Collecting of any kind is prohibited. All plants, animals, and artifacts are protected by federal, state, and local law.
- Alcohol is prohibited on Preserve property.
- Littering will incur a fine up to \$500. Glass containers are not allowed.
- Pet owners are responsible for keeping animals held on leash and under control at all times. Proper removal and disposal of pet waste is required. Pets are not allowed to damage habitat or approach wildlife by leaving trails or entering water bodies.
- Wildlife is protected by law from being hunted, harassed, injured, captured, chased, displaced or otherwise disturbed. Please enjoy viewing and photographing wildlife from a distance.
- Fishing is allowed at piers and bridges only. Wading and cast nets are prohibited in waters inside Preserve property.
- Bicycles must yield to pedestrians and keep a safe speed.
- Paddle trail users must use landing areas provided to beach. Shorelines are protected.
- Motorized marine vessels of any kind are prohibited.
- Unregistered motorized vehicles of any kind are prohibited on Preserve property. This includes ATVs, off-road motorcycles, and golf carts. Off-road driving is prohibited.
- Preserve employees reserve the right to expel visitors for violation of these rules and/or any listed in Manatee County Code Chapter 2-24.

**VIOLATIONS PUNISHABLE BY FINE OR IMPRISONMENT UNDER
MANATEE COUNTY CODE OF LAW CHAPTER 2-24
STATE AND FEDERAL LAW**