

**DP-3. Profile of Selected Economic Characteristics: 2000**  
 Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data  
 Geographic Area: **Sanibel city, Florida**

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Subject	Number	Percent
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>		
Population 16 years and over	5,466	100.0
In labor force	2,107	38.5
Civilian labor force	2,107	38.5
Employed	2,054	37.6
Unemployed	53	1.0
Percent of civilian labor force	2.5	(X)
Armed Forces	0	0.0
Not in labor force	3,359	61.5
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>		
In labor force	924	32.4
Civilian labor force	924	32.4
Employed	890	31.2
<b>Own children under 6 years</b>		
All parents in family in labor force	95	60.9
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>		
Workers 16 years and over	2,015	100.0
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	1,354	67.2
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	218	10.8
Public transportation (including taxicab)	8	0.4
Walked	75	3.7
Other means	98	4.9
Worked at home	262	13.0
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	18.3	(X)
<b>Employed civilian population 16 years and over</b>		
	2,054	100.0
<b>OCCUPATION</b>		
Management, professional, and related occupations	915	44.5
Service occupations	287	14.0
Sales and office occupations	607	29.6
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	4	0.2
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	106	5.2
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	135	6.6
<b>INDUSTRY</b>		
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	17	0.8
Construction	152	7.4
Manufacturing	97	4.7
Wholesale trade	35	1.7
Retail trade	286	13.9
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	97	4.7
Information	51	2.5
Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	277	13.5
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services	258	12.6
Educational, health and social services	164	8.0
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	435	21.2

Subject	Number	Percent
Other services (except public administration)	101	4.9
Public administration	84	4.1
<b>CLASS OF WORKER</b>		
Private wage and salary workers	1,535	74.7
Government workers	174	8.5
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	332	16.2
Unpaid family workers	13	0.6
<b>INCOME IN 1999</b>		
<b>Households</b>	<b>2,984</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Less than \$10,000	116	3.9
\$10,000 to \$14,999	91	3.0
\$15,000 to \$24,999	222	7.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	219	7.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	288	9.7
\$50,000 to \$74,999	484	16.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	389	13.0
\$100,000 to \$149,999	464	15.5
\$150,000 to \$199,999	275	9.2
\$200,000 or more	436	14.6
Median household income (dollars)	79,044	(X)
<b>With earnings</b>	<b>1,662</b>	<b>55.7</b>
Mean earnings (dollars)	85,160	(X)
<b>With Social Security income</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>53.6</b>
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,273	(X)
<b>With Supplemental Security Income</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	11,045	(X)
<b>With public assistance income</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Mean public assistance income (dollars)	1,660	(X)
<b>With retirement income</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>34.5</b>
Mean retirement income (dollars)	42,980	(X)
<b>Families</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Less than \$10,000	37	1.7
\$10,000 to \$14,999	28	1.3
\$15,000 to \$24,999	103	4.8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	135	6.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	171	8.0
\$50,000 to \$74,999	356	16.7
\$75,000 to \$99,999	304	14.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	387	18.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	239	11.2
\$200,000 or more	374	17.5
Median family income (dollars)	92,455	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	66,912	(X)
<b>Median earnings (dollars):</b>		
Male full-time, year-round workers	40,641	(X)
Female full-time, year-round workers	27,481	(X)
<b>POVERTY STATUS IN 1999 (below poverty level)</b>		
<b>Families</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Percent below poverty level	(X)	2.0
<b>With related children under 18 years</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Percent below poverty level	(X)	2.6
<b>With related children under 5 years</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Percent below poverty level	(X)	0.0
<b>Families with female householder, no husband present</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Percent below poverty level	(X)	5.3
With related children under 18 years	6	(X)

Subject	Number	Percent
Percent below poverty level	(X)	7.5
With related children under 5 years	0	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	0.0
<b>Individuals</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Percent below poverty level	(X)	3.2
18 years and over	169	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	3.1
65 years and over	36	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	1.5
Related children under 18 years	17	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	2.8
Related children 5 to 17 years	17	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	3.5
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	94	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	9.0

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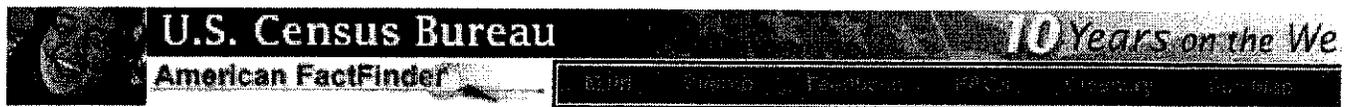
#### Highlights from the Census 2000 Demographic Profiles:

<b>General Characteristics - show more &gt;&gt;</b>		<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>U.S.</b>		
Total population		440,888	100.0	100%	map	brief
Male		215,504	48.9	49.1%	map	brief
Female		225,384	51.1	50.9%	map	brief
Median age (years)		45.2	(X)	35.3	map	brief
Under 5 years		22,970	5.2	6.8%	map	
18 years and over		354,500	80.4	74.3%		
65 years and over		112,111	25.4	12.4%	map	brief
One race		434,035	98.4	97.6%		
White		386,598	87.7	75.1%	map	brief
Black or African American		29,035	6.6	12.3%	map	brief
American Indian and Alaska Native		1,248	0.3	0.9%	map	brief
Asian		3,400	0.8	3.6%	map	brief
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander		209	0.0	0.1%	map	brief
Some other race		13,545	3.1	5.5%	map	
Two or more races		6,853	1.6	2.4%	map	brief
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)		42,042	9.5	12.5%	map	brief
Average household size		2.31	(X)	2.59	map	brief
Average family size		2.73	(X)	3.14	map	
Total housing units		245,405	100.0	100.0%	map	
Occupied housing units		188,599	76.9	91.0%		brief
Owner-occupied housing units		144,245	76.5	66.2%	map	
Renter-occupied housing units		44,354	23.5	33.8%	map	brief
Vacant housing units		56,806	23.1	9.0%	map	
<b>Social Characteristics - show more &gt;&gt;</b>		<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>U.S.</b>		
Population 25 years and over		327,672	100.0			
High school graduate or higher		269,652	82.3	80.4%	map	brief
Bachelor's degree or higher		69,153	21.1	24.4%	map	
Civilian veterans (civilian population 18 years and over)		68,168	19.2	12.7%	map	brief
Disability status (population 21 to 64 years)		47,990	20.9	19.2%	map	brief
Foreign born		40,362	9.2	11.1%	map	brief
Now married (population 15 years and over)		223,379	60.6	54.4%		brief
Speak a language other than English at home (5 years and over)		56,575	13.5	17.9%	map	brief
<b>Economic Characteristics - show more &gt;&gt;</b>		<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>U.S.</b>		
In labor force (population 16 years and over)		193,814	53.3	63.9%		brief
Mean travel time to work in minutes (population 16 years and over)		25.0	(X)	25.5	map	brief
Median household income (dollars)		40,319	(X)	41,994	map	
Median family income (dollars)		46,430	(X)	50,046	map	
Per capita income (dollars)		24,542	(X)	21,587	map	
Families below poverty level		8,596	6.7	9.2%	map	brief
Individuals below poverty level		42,316	9.7	12.4%	map	
<b>Housing Characteristics - show more &gt;&gt;</b>		<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>U.S.</b>		
Single-family owner-occupied homes		99,299	100.0			brief
Median value (dollars)		112,900	(X)	119,600	map	brief
Median of selected monthly owner costs		(X)	(X)			brief
With a mortgage		968	(X)	1,088	map	
Not mortgaged		342	(X)	295		

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Subject	Number	Percent
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>		
Population 16 years and over	363,694	100.0
In labor force	193,814	53.3
Civilian labor force	193,651	53.2
Employed	186,417	51.3
Unemployed	7,234	2.0
Percent of civilian labor force	3.7	(X)
Armed Forces	163	0.0
Not in labor force	169,880	46.7
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>		
In labor force	90,173	47.9
Civilian labor force	90,173	47.9
Employed	86,496	46.0
<b>Own children under 6 years</b>		
All parents in family in labor force	17,637	66.1
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>		
Workers 16 years and over	182,581	100.0
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	143,636	78.7
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	25,083	13.7
Public transportation (including taxicab)	1,401	0.8
Walked	2,695	1.5
Other means	3,434	1.9
Worked at home	6,332	3.5
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.0	(X)
<b>Employed civilian population 16 years and over</b>		
	186,417	100.0
<b>OCCUPATION</b>		
Management, professional, and related occupations	52,460	28.1
Service occupations	34,500	18.5
Sales and office occupations	55,452	29.7
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	1,527	0.8
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	25,105	13.5
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	17,373	9.3
<b>INDUSTRY</b>		
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	2,099	1.1
Construction	23,087	12.4
Manufacturing	8,882	4.8
Wholesale trade	5,688	3.1
Retail trade	29,933	16.1
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	7,515	4.0
Information	4,769	2.6
Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	13,730	7.4
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services	19,831	10.6
Educational, health and social services	32,350	17.4
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	21,544	11.6

Subject	Number	Percent
Other services (except public administration)	9,255	5.0
Public administration	7,734	4.1
<b>CLASS OF WORKER</b>		
Private wage and salary workers	151,364	81.2
Government workers	21,461	11.5
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	13,005	7.0
Unpaid family workers	587	0.3
<b>INCOME IN 1999</b>		
<b>Households</b>	<b>188,755</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Less than \$10,000	13,777	7.3
\$10,000 to \$14,999	11,438	6.1
\$15,000 to \$24,999	26,895	14.2
\$25,000 to \$34,999	28,254	15.0
\$35,000 to \$49,999	36,016	19.1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	36,886	19.5
\$75,000 to \$99,999	15,489	8.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	11,413	6.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3,380	1.8
\$200,000 or more	5,207	2.8
Median household income (dollars)	40,319	(X)
With earnings	126,220	66.9
Mean earnings (dollars)	51,615	(X)
With Social Security income	80,085	42.4
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	12,875	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	6,867	3.6
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,058	(X)
With public assistance income	3,304	1.8
Mean public assistance income (dollars)	2,694	(X)
With retirement income	51,877	27.5
Mean retirement income (dollars)	20,263	(X)
<b>Families</b>	<b>128,423</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Less than \$10,000	5,592	4.4
\$10,000 to \$14,999	4,689	3.7
\$15,000 to \$24,999	14,621	11.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	18,779	14.6
\$35,000 to \$49,999	25,962	20.2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	29,254	22.8
\$75,000 to \$99,999	12,775	9.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	9,459	7.4
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,900	2.3
\$200,000 or more	4,392	3.4
Median family income (dollars)	46,430	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	24,542	(X)
<b>Median earnings (dollars):</b>		
Male full-time, year-round workers	31,247	(X)
Female full-time, year-round workers	24,380	(X)
<b>POVERTY STATUS IN 1999 (below poverty level)</b>		
<b>Families</b>	<b>8,596</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Percent below poverty level	(X)	6.7
With related children under 18 years	5,709	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	12.3
With related children under 5 years	2,911	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	15.7
<b>Families with female householder, no husband present</b>	<b>3,620</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Percent below poverty level	(X)	22.4
With related children under 18 years	3,205	(X)

Subject	Number	Percent
Percent below poverty level	(X)	29.9
With related children under 5 years	1,505	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	41.0
<b>Individuals</b>	<b>42,316</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Percent below poverty level	(X)	9.7
18 years and over	28,960	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	8.3
65 years and over	6,158	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	5.6
Related children under 18 years	12,810	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	15.2
Related children 5 to 17 years	8,822	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	14.4
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	14,590	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	17.4

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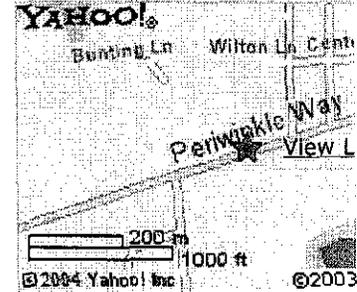
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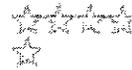
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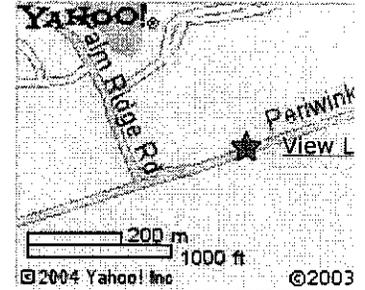
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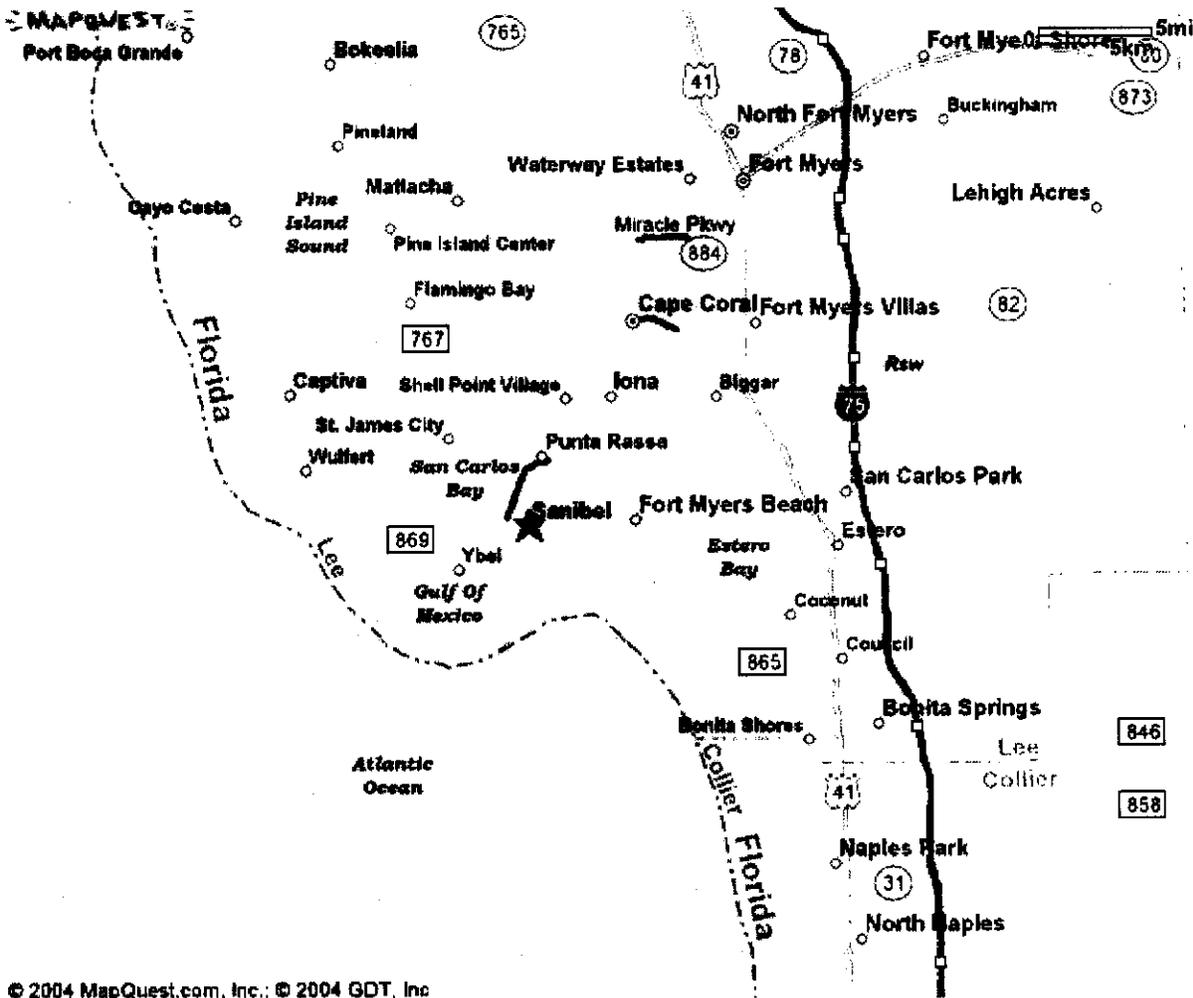
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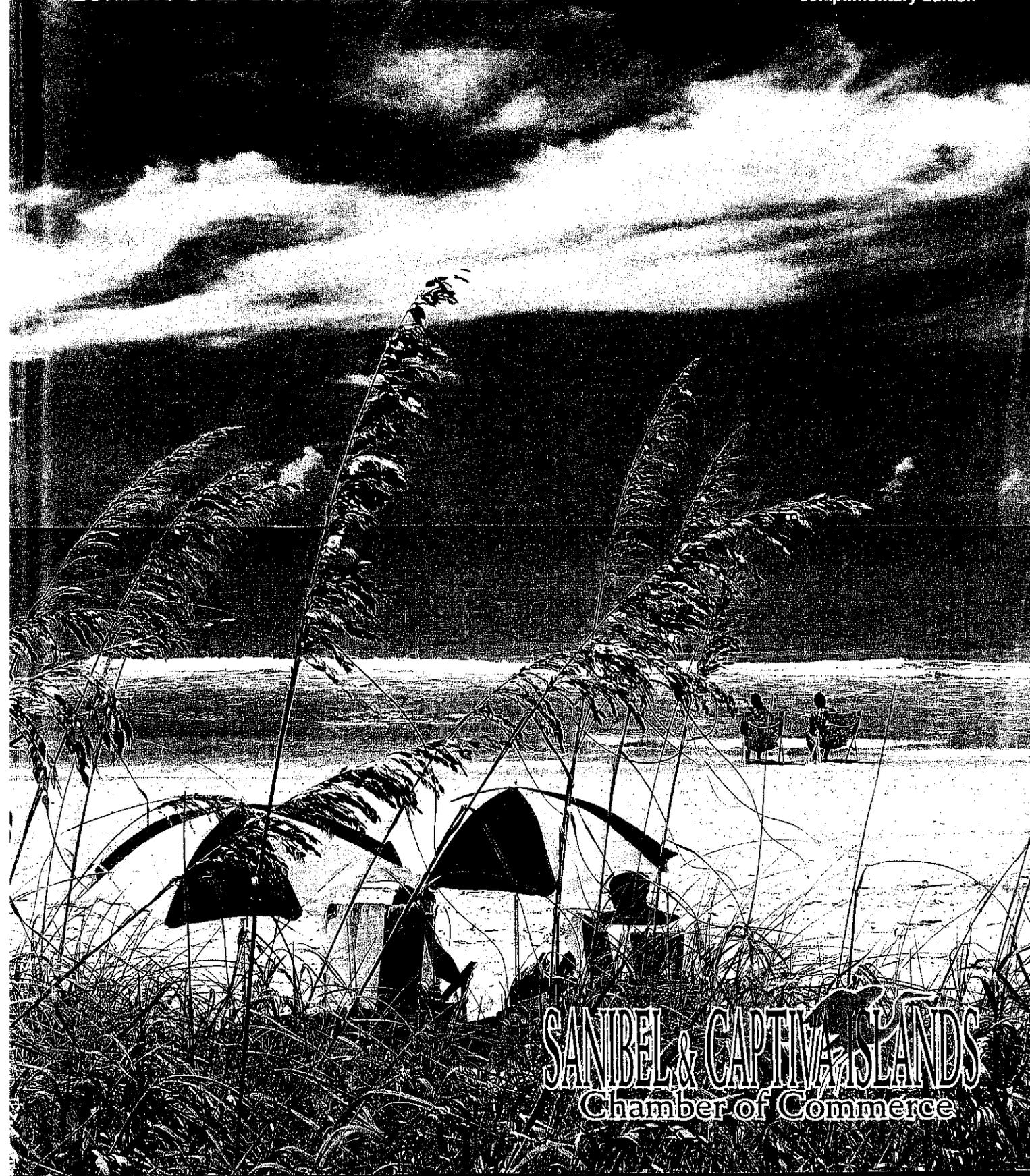
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## GETTING YOUR BEARINGS

Sanibel Island measures roughly 12 miles long and 5 miles across at its widest. Little sister Captiva Island has more compact measurements of less than 5 miles long and 1/2-mile wide.

The toll to cross the Sanibel Causeway without a transponder is \$3 per car. There is no toll to return to the mainland. Transponders are gizmos mounted on vehicle windshields. They work on a debit account system at 50 cents a crossing. You can acquire a transponder and set up a debit toll account at the Lee Way Service Center, 1366 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers, 239-931-0100.

Sanibel Island has two main roads that parallel each other. Periwinkle Way is the main business route. West of the causeway, it leads to the island's shopping and dining. Follow it east and you'll pass a quieter commercial section, ending up at the Sanibel Lighthouse and its beach. Gulf Drive, the other major route, roves past resorts, beaches, and homes at water's edge. It is segmented into East, West, and Middle Gulf Drive. Gulf Drive dead-ends at its west end. Periwinkle Way links to San-Cap Road, which continues to Captiva Island.

Sanibel-Captiva Road, known locally as San-Cap, passes by most of Sanibel's natural attractions: J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Center, the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, and the Clinic for Rehabilitation of

Wildlife (C.R.O.W.) facility.

Tarpon Bay Road connects San-Cap Road with Periwinkle Way at its west end.

Captiva Island is connected to its sister island by San-Cap Road. Once you cross the short bridge at scenic Blind Pass, the road becomes Captiva Drive. Follow it north and you'll find two public beach accesses plus restaurants and shops. South Seas Resort, a private gated resort, occupies the northernmost part of the island.

## STOP AND SEE US AT THE CHAMBER

As soon as you head across the Sanibel Causeway, pelicans, gulls, and terns herald your arrival with a wave of the wing, right alongside your car. Drive slowly to protect them and watch the water for a dolphin welcome. Then look for the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce on your right as you drive onto the island. It's a pretty little island-style building framed with garden vegetation. Stop in to say "hi."

Our receptionists can answer all of your questions 365 days a year, and will make you feel right at home. Even after office hours, we serve you with a free outdoor phone for local calls and information packs. When you can't visit us in person, stop by our Web site (<http://www.sanibel-captiva.org>) or call 239-472-1080.

## WHAT TO PACK

Casual is the fashion of the day — and night. Our easy-going, outdoor lifestyle translates to informal attire. Shorts and sandals are the accepted "island uniform." Restaurants range from simple outdoor cafés to elegant candlelit dining rooms; none require jackets or ties. Retail establishments generally request shirts and shoes.

Plan for sunshine. Our winters are mild (average daytime temperatures in the 70s and 80s) and dry (it rains just enough to keep our islands lush). Summer temperatures, ranging from the 80s to low 90s, are tempered by cooling sea breezes and brief afternoon showers, followed by more sunshine and glorious sunsets. See Weather Report (page 15) for the year-round meteorological picture. Or visit our Web site for daily temperatures.

Pack hats to shade your face and head, shorts, swimsuits, sunglasses, cover-ups, a sundress or two, polo shirts, and t-shirts. In winter, slacks and a light wrap will complete your vacation wardrobe.

## HEALTH CARE

HealthPark of the Islands, a clinic on Sanibel, serves the medical needs of the community, from routine check-ups to emergencies and minor surgery. San-Cap Medical Center, also on Sanibel, offers family medicine and physical therapy. In private practice,



photo by David Meardon

island-based physicians and caregivers specialize in dentistry, podiatry, internal medicine, ophthalmology, and other areas. HealthPark Medical Center, a full-service hospital, lies less than 15 minutes from Sanibel on the mainland. Its emergency room stays open 24 hours.

## SERIOUS STUFF

**Sun smart:** Begin your days in the sun with a very high sunscreen-protection factor (SPF) lotion. For children and fair skin, use no less than waterproof 30 SPF. Re-apply sunscreen after swimming and at regular intervals throughout the day. Hats and sunglasses provide additional protection for the face. Use zinc ointment for nose and other sensitive and highly exposed areas. The sun is strongest between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Don't be fooled by clouds and haze. They intensify rather than soften the sun's effect. Being in and around the water also increases the burning potential of the sun's rays. Cool minor burns with an aloe vera product. If immediate blistering occurs, see a doctor.

**Drink to your health:** Staying hydrated is crucial in sub-tropical climates. If you plan on biking, playing tennis, or participating in other outdoor activities, drink at least 12 ounces of water before you step out the door. Carry a water bottle with you at all times, even if you're only walking or lying on the beach. After coming in from the sun, drink beyond satiation, and continue to do so throughout the day. Avoid alcohol, which is dehydrating. Juice and sports drinks are okay, but water is best.

**Stormy weather:** Thunderstorms and lightning are common summer occurrences in Florida. They are lovely to watch – from inside. At the first rumbles of thunder, seek shelter. Never stay in the water during a thunderstorm.

**Can't stand the heat:** A car in Florida is an oven. Videotapes have been known to melt in front seats! Think what the heat could do to a child or pet. It is unlawful to leave small children and pets locked in cars in Florida because the heat can be fatal within a very short time. Never leave a child or pet in a car alone, even with the windows cracked, even if you're "just running in quick" to the convenience store.

## NUMBERS TO KNOW

### Banking-Cash Advances

The following Sanibel banks offer cash advances against credit cards:

- Colonial Bank, 520 Tarpon Bay Road; 239-472-1314.
- Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way; 239-472-7211.
- Bank of America, 2450 Periwinkle Way, 1037 Periwinkle Way; 239-472-2800; 239-472-5575.
- Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 2475 Library Way; 239-472-6100.
- SunTrust, 2408 Periwinkle Way; 239-472-8200, 800-786-8787.
- Wachovia, 2407 Palm Ridge Road; 239-472-7100.

### Cablegrams/Telegrams

Western Union; 800-325-6000; available at Bailey's General Store, 2477 Periwinkle Way

at Tarpon Bay Road, 239-472-1516.

### Courier Services

Federal Express; 800-238-5355.

Drop boxes are located at:

- 650 Tarpon Bay Road (Post Office);
- 2402 Palm Ridge Road (Pak 'N' Ship).
- 1101 Periwinkle Way;
- 1456 Periwinkle Way;
- 1626 Periwinkle Way (Arundel's Hallmark Shoppe);
- 1648 Periwinkle Way;
- 1713 Periwinkle Way (Quik Pack & Ship);
- 2244 Periwinkle Way.

### Emergency Numbers

Police, fire, medical emergencies: Dial 911.

TDD: Dial 911.

The Lee County Sheriff Department, Captiva (non-emergencies): 239-477-1200.

### Library

Sanibel Public Library: 770 Dunlop Road, Sanibel; 239-472-2483.

Captiva Memorial Library, 11560 Chapin Lane; 239-472-2133.

### Postal Service

• Main Sanibel Post Office: 650 Tarpon Bay Road; 239-472-1573 or 800-275-8777. Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-noon Saturday.

• Captiva Post Office: Captiva Drive S.W.; 239-472-1674. Hours: 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

• A contract Post Office is located at Jerry's Supermarket, 1700 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel; 239-472-9300. Post Office hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8-10:30 a.m. Saturdays.



# ISLAND HISTORY

## Pieces of the Puzzle...

100,000 years in 1,000 words

By Jill Tyrer

Photos by David Merritt

### Talk About Your Fluctuating Real Estate

A hundred thousand years ago (give or take a thousand), the places we know as Sanibel and Captiva lay at the bottom of the sea; then arose a hundred miles from the water as part of an emerging land mass before roughly forming the islands we know today.

### Early Birds Get the Shrimp

For at least 2,300 years, winds and waves have been washing people's footprints from the same gentle shores that continue to invite visitors from around the world. Sanibel's

**Islander Insight:** Today, tourism is the top industry on Sanibel and Captiva, but fishing and farming used to dominate. Among the more unusual harvests: castor beans and century plants, which still grow wild, and shark hides, which were processed and shipped by the Ocean Leather Company.

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first visitors were likely lured by the abundance of fish and shellfish. By the time Spanish sailors arrived near the end of the 1400s, the islands were part of the sprawling Calusa domain. The Calusa, skilled fishermen and people of the water, formed a complex and fierce society that dominated other Native Americans throughout south Florida.

## Bean-Counters, Bible-Thumpers & Sweet Lambs

The islands are rich with history and tales of early American settlers.

William S. Allen and his son, the only "Sinnabel Island" residents in 1870, tried to make their fortune by growing castor beans until a hurricane apparently changed their minds.

Oliver Bowen, a former Mississippi riverboat pilot and inspiration for Mark Twain, homesteaded on Sanibel and was buried in his well, some say with a secret fortune.

Ann Brainerd bought her first piece of the islands at age 11. She loved to sit at the peaceful Captiva spot and look out at the Gulf. Sadly, she stepped on a rusty nail the following year and died, becoming the first person to be buried on her property, today's Captiva Cemetery. Visitors can see Ann's grave there; it's the one with the lamb on the headstone.

The Rev. George O. Barnes, a well-known evangelist, settled with his family on Sanibel when his passing boat was grounded nearby. The family built the island's first church and the elegant Thistle Lodge. They welcomed island visitors to one of the first hotels, The Sisters, which later became Casa Ybel Resort.



The old Bailey's General Store at Sanibel Historical Village

## Island Institution

Bailey's was started more than 100 years ago by the father of its current owners. Frank Bailey opened the store in 1899 as a place for the farming community to trade equipment, mules, food, and supplies. He rebuilt after the 1926 hurricane dumped it into San Carlos Bay, and in 1966 it was moved to its current mid-island location. Frank's sons, Sam and Francis, now operate what has become a modern supermarket. In 2004, for the 100th anniversary of the Florida State Fair, where Frank Bailey earned awards years ago for his



grapefruit, Bailey's will be recognized as one of the state's few businesses in continuous operation for 100 years or more.

## Limes and de Coconuts

After a 1921 hurricane destroyed crops and soil with salt water, Clarence Chadwick bought out homesteaders at the tip of Captiva and planted a coconut and key lime plantation. By developing his own salt-resistant "Chad lime," he became the world's largest producer of key limes. In addition to his luxurious Manor House, he built employee cottages, which relatives later rented to visitors. It marked the first venture into the accommodations business on what is now world-renowned South Seas Resort. The resort is gated, but you can peruse the shops near the entrance and enjoy a meal at Chadwick's restaurant.

## Bridge to a New Future

Over the first half of the 20th century, the popularity of Sanibel and Captiva grew, with visits from the likes of Teddy Roosevelt, Charles Lindbergh, and Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling. Visitors took the ferry to Sanibel and drove the long, bumpy road to Captiva, enjoying the isolation, the abundant shelling, and rewarding fishing.

But nothing boosted the number of visitors and altered the course for Sanibel and Captiva as much as the building of the causeway in 1963. Developers and county officials saw the causeway as progress, but the vast number of newcomers alarmed islanders, who didn't share political leaders' visions of the islands as a new Miami Beach. Determined to shape their own future, Sanibel citizens formed a city in 1975 and were able to maintain a strong environmental ethic.

Today, the old causeway is scheduled for modernization, with the quaint drawbridge to be replaced by a high, fixed span that will

allow boat traffic to pass underneath without disrupting car traffic. Some islanders regret the replacement of the drawbridge, which they believe lends to the tranquil character of the islands. But such is progress. In the meantime, there may be occasional delays crossing the causeway while construction proceeds.

## Enter: The Arts

As Sanibel and Captiva grew in size, so did they in sophistication. In 1979, a small group of island painters, dancers, musicians, dramatists, and lovers of the arts got together to establish a cultural center for the islands. They met in private homes and started holding art fairs, showing art films, and staging concerts, such as jazz on the Green, which



More than 20 years ago, island arts got its start in a one-room schoolhouse turned theater.

eventually moved to Fort Myers. A small cottage, now part of a much larger complex, was donated in 1987 to the Barrier Island Group for the Arts (BIGARTS), and the City of Sanibel provided a site for it. This year, BIGARTS celebrates its 25th anniversary. See page 55 for more information about its present-day activities.

## Digging Deeper

To learn more about the people and events that have shaped the islands through the centuries, visit the Sanibel Historical Village and Museum. For information on other historic island attractions, see Other Points of Interest on page 31.

## NOWHERE LIKE CAPTIVA

You don't have to click your heels together to get here, but it's just that magical. Simply drive over Blind Pass to get to Captiva. Across that bridge, a different world unfolds. The narrow road contorts around jumbled vegetation and past homes discreetly hiding their worth. At one particularly sharp turn, you head out of a tunnel of green into the brilliant light of the beach as you navigate one of the islands' most breathtaking, most filmed drives.

Another elbow crook takes you into downtown Captiva, so to speak. Side road Chapin Lane snakes past historic sites: Chapel by the Sea, once a one-room schoolhouse; a pioneer cemetery; and the Captiva Library. Down Andy Rosse Lane, the historic district tumbles along, a helter-skelter collection of jaunty cottages reinvented with humor and

# NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

## J.N. "DING" DARLING NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The beauty of "Ding" Darling's 6,300-plus acres is subtle. To truly get to know the workings of the Everglades-type environment, pick up interpretative information and then bike, walk, canoe, kayak, or take the narrated tram trip through the refuge, home to more than 230 species of birds, 50 types of reptiles and amphibians, and 32 flavors of mammals. Volunteer interpreters staff the refuge's trails and Wildlife Drive to answer visitors' questions. One must look closely to understand the miracles that happen here daily. Barnacles

Prize-winning political cartoonist and conservationist who fought to preserve these lands. Rangers lead birding and other programs at the refuge in season. "Ding" Darling's Bailey Tract, located on Tarpon Bay Road, permits exploration of a freshwater marsh. Interpretative signs lead you along easy walking trails.

J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge, One Wildlife Drive (off Sanibel-Captiva Road); 239-472-1100. Open sunrise to sunset every day but Friday; admission is \$5 per car or \$1 per cyclist or pedestrian; ages 15 and younger walk or cycle free. The Education Center is open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. November-April; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. May-October; admission is free. No fee is required at Bailey Tract, which is open daily.

Tarpon Bay Explorers, at 900 Tarpon Bay Road (intersection of Sanibel-Captiva Road); 239-472-8900; www.tarponbayexplorers.com. Operates interpretative tram tours of the sanctuary; \$10 for adults, \$7 for children ages 12 and under. Call for a schedule. Reservations are required. It also rents canoes, kayaks, bikes, and electric pontoon boats for use in the refuge. Naturalist-narrated beach-walking, pontoon, and paddling tours are available year-round. Open daily 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (6 p.m. in summer).

## SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

SCCF maintains more than 1,800 acres on and around Sanibel Island. At its Nature Center, 4 miles of nature trails wind through upland habitat to river's edge and an observation tower. Guided interpretative tours are available. The center also sponsors nature field trips to local beaches, waters, and wetlands. Inside the Nature Center, a marine-life touch tank, an alligator jawbone, a mangrove diorama, and other exhibits delight and educate with easy-to-absorb lessons on island habitat. The SCCF Butterfly House flutters chromatically with indigenous species raised for release in local gardens and the wilds. New residents can attend environmental orientation tours at SCCF and learn about island-friendly landscaping at its native nursery.

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Center, 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road at Mile Marker One; 239-472-2329; www.sccf.org. Nature Center hours: 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday during the off-season (mid-April through September); 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday the rest of the year; also 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday November through April). Na-



Seaside meditation at Chapel by the Sea

whimsy and selling the best in seafood and pasta, sea-themed gifts, and art.

Straight ahead on Captiva Road, you pass playful beach-toy shops, sophisticated jewelry stores, island décor boutiques, pint-size cafes, and a grand resort until you reach the beach. On the islands, all roads blessedly lead back to the sea, so you never have to worry about beach separation-anxiety.

eat with their toes while pelicans scoop up fish with their three-gallon bills. Mangrove trees walk on their tiptoes and fiddler crabs scuttle along the trees' bare legs. Waters teem with mangrove snapper, blue crabs, manatees, river otters, and feeding birds. The new observation tower along Wildlife Drive affords an osprey's-eye perspective of snowy egrets and blue herons knee-deep in estuary stabbing at schooling pinfish. On a good day, you may spot bald eagles, red-shouldered hawks, blue herons, white pelicans, pileated woodpeckers, or roseate spoonbills. The most productive times for bird-eyeing are around low tide, sunrise, and sunset. A video camera on the tower feeds images into the Education Center for easy viewing. The center also features interactive habitat models, a birds' flyway exhibit, a children's hands-on area, and a vignette on J.N. "Ding" Darling, the Pulitzer



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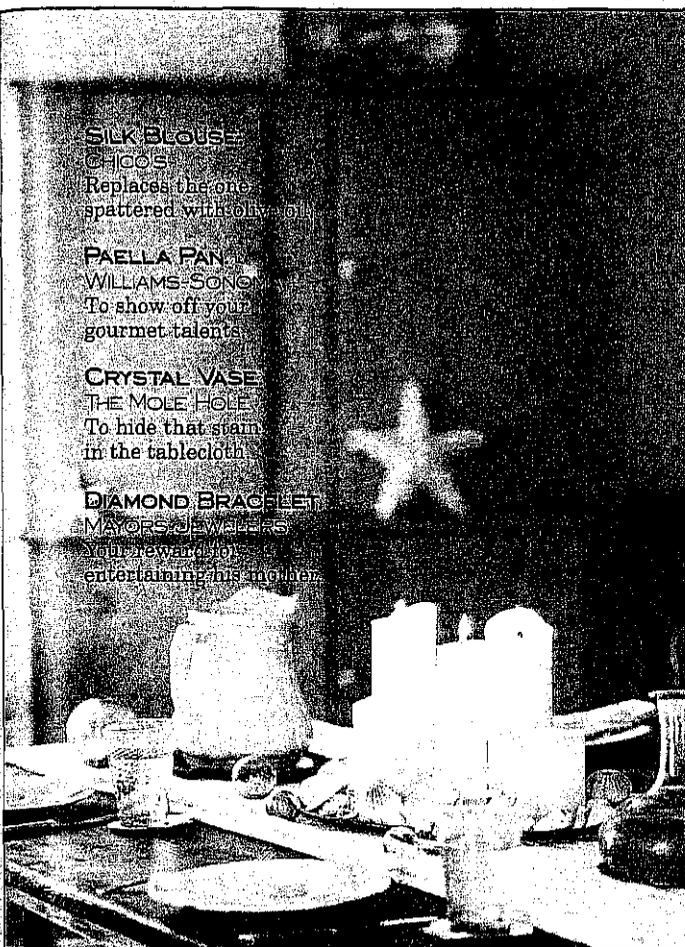
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### CLINIC FOR THE REHABILITATION OF WILDLIFE

(C.R.O.W.)

This well-respected facility for injured and orphaned birds and mammals is dedicated to restoring the health of the islands' wildlife in a natural setting and to reintroducing rehabilitated animals into the wilds. C.R.O.W. treats more than 3,000 patients each year.

C.R.O.W., 3833 Sanibel-Captiva Road; 239-472-3644. Educational programs 11 a.m. Monday-Friday and an additional 1 p.m. Sunday tour Thanksgiving-Easter only. \$5 requested donation for visitors ages 13 and older.

### THE BAILEY-MATTHEWS SHELL MUSEUM

The most comprehensive museum in the nation exclusively devoted to shells, Bailey-Matthews exhibits nearly a third of the world's 100,000 shell specimens. Exhibits are devoted to shells in art and history, shell habitat, rare specimens, fossil shells, common Sanibel-Captiva shells, and more. The 25,000-square-foot facility, named for two pioneer

island families, emphasizes Sanibel's trumpeted reputation as one of the world's top shelling destinations. A children's Learning Laboratory provides hands-on experiences in colorful reef-motif surroundings. Other museum displays depict local shell habitat and the role of shells in the lives of the Calusa Indians. In the center of the octagonal Great Hall of Shells, a gigantic globe makes a centerpiece for shell exhibits from around the world. Videos and slide shows portray the life of shells and the museum's history.

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road; 239-395-2233 or 888-679-6450; [www.shellmuseum.org](http://www.shellmuseum.org). Open 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. daily. \$6 for ages 17 and older; \$3 for ages 5-16; free for ages 4 and younger.

## Other POINTS OF INTEREST

### Barrier Island Group for the Arts (BIG ARTS)

900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel; 239-395-0900; [www.bigarts.org](http://www.bigarts.org)

A home for all the arts, it hosts readings, musical performances, movies, classes, work-

shops, and an annual arts and crafts fair. See page 55 for more information.

### Captiva Memorial Library (public library)

11560 Chapin Lane, Captiva; 239-472-2133  
 Part of the Lee County Public Library System, it holds an impressive collection of Florida books and more than 25,000 volumes of all genres, plus a variety of tapes, CDs, and DVDs, all arranged in a well-lit, renovated setting dating back to 1928. Public Internet access is also available. Membership is open to all Lee County residents (with I.D.) and visitors (with fee).

Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, except Wednesdays, noon-8 p.m.

### Chapel by the Sea

11580 Chapin Street (by the Captiva Library), Captiva; 239-472-1646

This charming old building invites a pause for solitude and for dwelling in the past. Islanders built it as a one-room schoolhouse that could be used as a church come Sunday. Today it serves as an interdenominational church and popular wedding spot. Trimmed in lattice fencing, the seaside cemetery next door guards the graves of many early settlers who came to Captiva late in the 19th century to homestead and farm.

### Mel Fisher's Treasure Company

2353 Periwinkle Way; 239-395-3473;  
www.sanibeltreasure.com

Marvel at \$40 million worth of treasure still being collected off the storied Atocha wreck and its sister ship. Self-guiding exhibits take you back to 17th century where you can feel the weight of a gold bar and imagine the life of a period seafarer. An eight-minute video tells the amazing story. Admission is \$5 for adults ages 19 and older, \$3.50 for children ages 6 to 18, and free for children ages 5 and younger. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; closed Sunday.

### Old Schoolhouse Theater

1905 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel; 239-472-6862; www.oldschoolhousetheater.com

Built in 1896, this charming island treasure was Sanibel's one-room schoolhouse until it was transformed into a theater in 1964. For the last nine years it has been home to a special kind of theatrical magic. Islanders and visitors alike are enchanted by the casual and friendly atmosphere as they enjoy an evening of song, dance, and laughter in this one-of-a-kind, intimate playhouse. Visit the Old Schoolhouse soon and find out what has everyone raving. This is one school you'll want to attend again and again.

### Old Town and Periwinkle Way Walking and Bicycle Tours

(Sanibel Historical Society) 950 Dunlop Road, Sanibel; 239-472-4648

Pick up the two self-tour brochures at the Historical Village or Chamber of Commerce. They will take you to yesteryear spots throughout Sanibel Island's east end—between the lighthouse and the old Bailey General Store—and down Periwinkle Way.

### Sanibel Community House

2173 Periwinkle Way; 239-472-2155

Islanders built Sanibel Community House more than 70 years ago as a friendly haven for socializing, voting, and sharing potluck dinners. Today, the Old Florida-style building hosts Sanibel Island's annual Shell Show and Fair, plus a range of community activities, from pancake breakfasts and square dances to crafts fairs and bird identification classes. Call for a schedule of special events.

### Sanibel Historical Village and Museum

950 Dunlop Road; 239-472-4648

Off Periwinkle Way, Dunlop Road holds the present and past of Sanibel Island along its back-road curves. This village of history returns you to the days when ferry crossers stopped at Miss Charlotta's for tea, then made their way to Bailey's General Store for supplies. The village began with one building, the pioneer Rutland House. It was turned into a

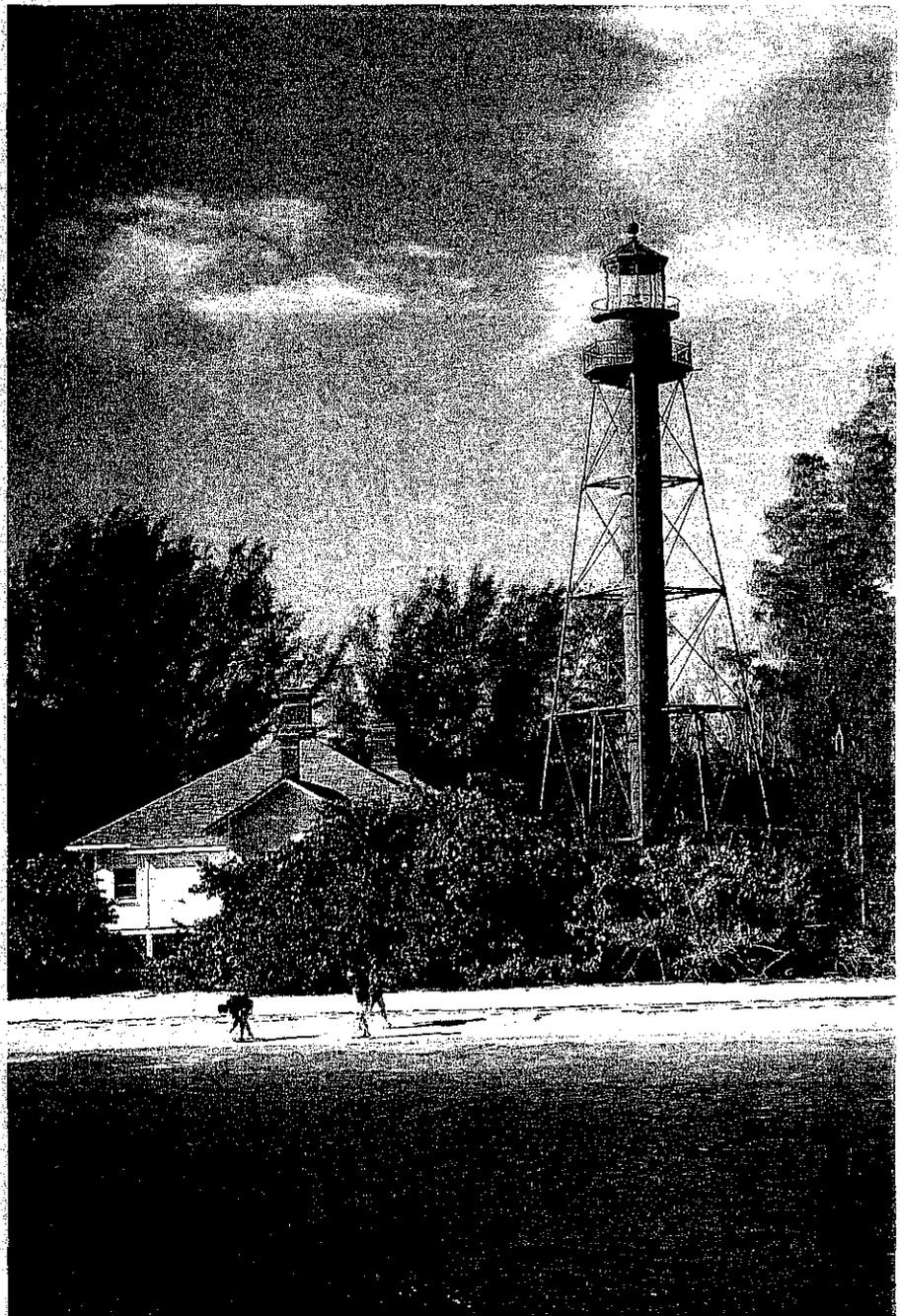


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Sanibel Lighthouse: Beacon of welcome

museum demonstrating old-island lifestyles and containing artifacts dating back to the Calusa Indians. Eventually, six buildings and a pioneer garden grew up around the museum. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, November to June; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. June through mid-August. Closed mid-August through October. \$5 donation per adult requested.

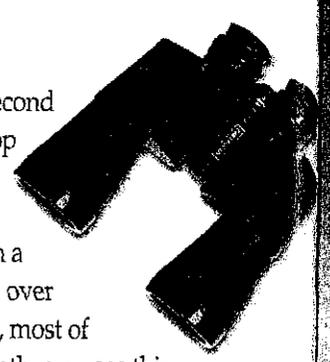
### Sanibel Lighthouse (Point Ybel Light)

East end of Sanibel; public parking at the beach at east end of Periwinkle Way, Sanibel (the lighthouse cannot be entered) The lighthouse was first lit in August 1884. Since 1850, the U.S. Coast Guard property at the lighthouse has been a wildlife refuge.

### Sanibel Public Library

770 Dunlop Road, Sanibel; 239-472-2483;  
www.sanlib.org

Author talks, book discussions, children's programs and art exhibits. The library houses more than 50,000 books and 5,000 video and audio tapes and CDs, and is currently undergoing expansion. Online card catalog and Internet access are available. The library's stunning lobby features an identification and fossil shell collection, a glass dolphin sculpture by local artist Lucas Century, and a striking outdoor sculpture. Membership is open to residents and visitors. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday (open until 8 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays), 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays (extended to 5 p.m. Labor Day-Memorial Day).



The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge is second only to beaches as the island's top attraction. It is in the top ten most visited refuges in the United States. Traveling Wildlife Drive is an experience people will remember. This pristine natural ecosystem has been preserved within a densely populated region of southwest Florida. Each year over 800,000 people visit the refuge and explore Wildlife Drive, most of them by car. Unfortunately, this automobile traffic constantly exposes this delicate ecosystem to polluting exhaust fumes and noisy automobile engines. Visitors should consider taking the tram that is offered several times daily to tour Wildlife Drive. Wildlife refuges are created and maintained for the protection

# Traveling Wildlife Drive

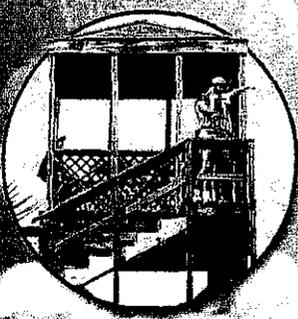
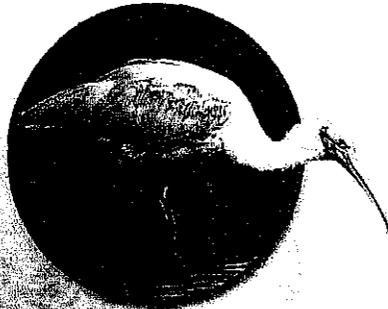
and preservation of the animals and their natural habitats. Bear this in mind and experience this unique refuge in the way that has the least impact on its inhabitants. If the automobile traffic continues and the human impact on the ecosystem is not reduced, our children and grandchildren will not be able to enjoy the same experience.

Not only is the tram the better touring option when we consider impact, but it is also the more enjoyable option, and it provides a more in-depth learning experience. With an experienced guide, you'll spot wildlife most visitors would never see on their own or would not be able to identify. In addition to identifying all the refuge inhabitants, the guides are a wealth of information regarding the biology and life history of these species. The guide takes visitors past tidal mud flats and mangrove forests where roseate spoonbills, herons, egrets, pelicans, ibis, anhingas and many more birds may be observed.

You will have the chance to stretch your legs at several stops along the way. The Mangrove Overlook boardwalk is a great place to spot tree crabs, fiddler crabs, periwinkles and more. On a walk to the water's edge near the Cross Dike, you may spot crown conch, jumping mullet, or even a marsh rabbit. Of course no trip on Wildlife Drive is complete without a stop on Alligator Curve, where you are almost sure to observe these prehistoric reptiles.

You never know what you may encounter along the way. The tram tour guides are always on the lookout for interesting and unusual wildlife. The guides will stop the tram whenever they - or a passenger - see something to share with the group. The tram tour isn't just about the wildlife, you'll also hear much of the history of the Calusa Indians and other Sanibel folklore. The tram benefits the wildlife and the refuge visitors, so please consider this option next time you visit "Ding" Darling. Sit back and enjoy the ride with your hands free to snap photos or hold your binoculars as you gaze at the wildlife. You'll know you made the right choice by taking the tram. Protect wildlife and take the tram.

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