

## **Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Fred Howard Park Beach and Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks**

Trip Leaders Kathy Eastman, Eileen & Moe Bauer

WHEN: Thursday February 20th, 2020

BUS BOARDING: 8:30 am at Lowe's Parking Lot. Hwy 441, behind the Cracker Barrel Restaurant

BEACH ARRIVAL: 10:45 am

BUS REBOARDING For Tarpon Springs: 2:15 pm

BUS REBOARDING For Home: 5:15 pm

ARRIVAL at TV: approximately 7:30 pm

PRICE: # \$25.00 per person payable to NBBC (includes bus transportation and driver gratuity)

**TRIP DESCRIPTION**: Visit this beautiful man made beach to enjoy the sand, water and viewing many aquatic birds. Because of grasses growing in the shallow water, we recommend wearing water shoes. Bring drinks, snacks and chairs for the beach. Restrooms were recently updated. Rentals of kayaks, boogie boards, etc are available but are pricey. There is no concession stand. While there is a modest food truck, we suggest you bring your own lunch and drinks.

### **At 2:15 reboard bus for a 15 minute ride to Tarpon Springs.**

This area has a strong history of sponge diving. You can experience the Greek influence by visiting some of the best Greek restaurants, bakeries and shops in Florida. We personally recommend Hellas restaurant and bakery. Other restaurants are Costas, Mr Souvlakis and the original Mama Marias Greek Cuisine. Work off the calories from your meal by visiting the shops, the aquarium for \$7.00 or Spongeorams Sponge Factory to view a movie on sponge diving and harvesting. Reboard bus at 5:15

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Howard Park Beach <http://www.pinellascounty.org/park/06>

TARPON SPRINGS <http://www.visitpeteclearwater.com/communities/tarpon-springs>

SPONGE DOCKS <http://www.spongedock.net>

AQUARIUM <http://www.tarponspringsaquarium.com>

**WHEELS** <http://www.wheelfunrental.com/tarponsprings/fred-howard-park>