

LIDO KEY and ST. ARMANDS CIRCLE, SARASOTA, FL

Lido Key is a barrier island off the coast of Sarasota, Florida. It is connected to mainland Sarasota by the John Ringling Causeway. It boasts many pristine white sandy beaches and year round life guards. Lido Beach is very popular and attracts visitors from all over the world. While the beach isn't as large as nearby Siesta Key Beach, residents and visitors describe Sarasota's Lido Beach as more relaxed and less crowded. The only restriction on alcohol on Sarasota beaches are no glass containers are permitted. The pavilion and concession stand is being remodeled and is currently closed. There will be a food truck. We do not know if chair/umbrellas will be available but we are working on it. St Armands Circle is located just ½ mile from Lido Key. It has midcentury architecture with a European flair. For decades [St. Armands Circle](#) has been known for their elegant boutique shopping, gourmet restaurants and fine art galleries. But back in 1893, it was uninhabited land farmed by homesteader Charles St. Armand. Circus magnate John Ringling bought the property in 1917 with a grand vision to develop homes and a golf course with a circle of shops at the center. Today, more than 30 Italian statues, one-third from Ringling's personal collection, are located on the circle. These statues, plus other park amenities, provide numerous "selfie" opportunities!

BEACH AMENITIES: Restrooms, outdoor showers, heated swimming pool(\$2 for seniors), picnic tables, lifeguards. The concession stand and pavilion are being remodeled and are CLOSED till after June. There will be a food truck. We will update on the chair/umbrellas availability as we get news from Sarasota Parks and Recreations. Water shoes are always recommended.

LIDO KEY INFO LINKS:

<http://www.lidokey.net/index.shtml>

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g34618-d1065861-Reviews-Lido_Beach-Sarasota_Florida.html

<https://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/cities/lido-key.html>

ST. ARMAND CIRCLE AND RESTAURANT INFO LINKS:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g34618-d109809-Reviews-St_Armands_Circle-Sarasota_Florida.html

<http://www.lidokey.net/beach.shtml>

<https://www.starmandscircleassoc.com/restaurants/>

https://www.yelp.com/search?find_desc=st+armands+circle+restaurants&find_loc=Sarasota+%2C+FL