

Wednesday May 8th, 2019 - Manatee Public Beach, Anna Maria Island, Holmes Beach, FL

Trip Leaders: Barb Alajoki, Mary Chamberlin, Jan Verhaeghe

When: May 8th, 2019

Where: Manatee Public Beach

Bus boarding: 8:00 am at Lowe's Parking Lot. Hwy 441, behind the Cracker Barrel Restaurant

Depart: 8:15 am **Arrival:** Approximately 11:00 am

Re-board Bus: 4:45 pm (Departs promptly at 5:00 pm) **Arrival:** Approximately 8:00 pm

Price: \$26.00 per person (includes bus transportation and driver gratuity)

If needed, seats will be distributed by lottery on March 24th. Notice of bus assignments will be provided by March 26th. If you are not chosen we will contact you to see if you want to be on the waitlist. If you want to ride with a spouse or with a bus partner please sign up together with one check. This way you will be assigned together. **ONLY 2 seats can sign up (enter lottery) together.**

Trip Description: Manatee Beach is located on Anna Maria Island on the Gulf of Mexico. Anna Maria Island is known for its beautiful, sandy, broad beaches. A free trolley is available to transport you around the island to explore shops, galleries, museums and restaurants.

The beach amenities include lifeguards, chair/umbrella rentals, changing stalls, restrooms, and a lunch/snack bar at the edge of the beach. Manatee Public beach is a dry beach, no alcohol permitted, but there is a Tiki Hut for adult beverages next to the gift/beach shop. Chair/umbrella rentals are not guaranteed and may be sold out before our arrival.

As always on an NBBC trip; you will be on your own for the afternoon. You can enjoy the beach or explore the island. The free trolley stops every 3-4 blocks. Jump on the trolley at Manatee Public Beach and exit the trolley at one of the most frequented areas; Crescent Drive at Pine Avenue. You can enjoy an abundance of restaurants, shops, boutiques, art galleries, jewelry shops and more. You can also visit the Anna Marie Island Historical Society. Admission is free, donations are accepted. Next door is the Old City Jail built in 1927. It burned down in the 1940s, but the remaining structure is one of the most photographed attractions on the island.

Info links & Contact Phone numbers:

Anna Maria Dining Guide:

<https://www.annamaria.com/anna-maria-island-dining-guide-bradenton-beach-holmes-beach-and-anna-maria/>

Transportation :

<https://annamariaislandcondorentals.com/free-transportation-on-anna-maria-island/>

<https://rideschedules.com/schedule.html?48569>

<https://www.annamariaislandhomerental.com/free-trolley-guide>

Trip Advisor Sites:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g34297-d3292211-Reviews-Manatee_Public_Beach-Holmes_Beach_Anna_Maria_Island_Florida.html

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g29166-Activities-Anna_Maria_Anna_Maria_Island_Florida.html

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g635970-0a30-Anna_Maria_Island_Florida.html

Fun Rentals:

Island Scooter Store - 941-779-2255 <http://www.golfcartscooterrentals.com/>

Fun and More Rentals (bikes, kayaks, paddleboards, and more) Free delivery - 941-462-2719

<https://funandmorere rentals.com/>

AMI Beach Buggys. Beach Buggys for 2 or 4 people. Free pick up - 941-773-3800

<http://amibeachbuggys.com/>