

ANASTASIA STATE PARK and ST AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

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WHEN: Thursday September 8th, 2022

WHERE: Anastasia State Park and *(OPTIONAL) St. Augustine, FL

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

ARRIVE: 10:30am

***Optional* RE-BOARD BUS TO ST. AUGUSTINE:** 2:15 pm (only 10 minutes from Beach).

BUS BOARDING FROM BEACH: 5:15 pm

BUS BOARDING FROM ST AUGUSTINE: 5:30 pm

ARRIVE TV: approximately 8:00 pm

PRICE: \$25.00 pp (includes bus transportation, park entrance fee, and driver gratuity)

All NBBC trips are Non-refundable, participate at your own risk. Members must be vaccinated to participate

Snacks are allowed on the bus along with your personal water, coffee, and sodas in a spill proof container. **Mask are currently required** on all NBBC bus trips (subject to change, we are watching the recommendations for our area and will advise before the trip if Covid level drops below high risk). Members agree to wear their masks while on the bus if required. Please do not hassle the trip leaders or make them monitor. We are only volunteers.

Payment and your Trip Registration form must be received by August 7th.

If needed, seats will be distributed by lottery. Notice of bus assignments will be provided by September 1st. If you are not chosen, we will contact you to see if you wish to be put on the wait list. If you want to ride with a spouse or a bus partner, please sign up together **with one check. Only 2 seats can sign up (enter lottery) together.** If you want to request seats on the same bus as other members, make sure those members are going, and make sure those member(s) also place your name on their registration form. **Read the trip registrations form and follow the instructions.** No guarantee can be given that we will match up members on bus but we do our best.

TRIP DESCRIPTION: Anastasia State Park covers 1600 acres of beaches, tidal marshes, the historic coquina quarry, and nature trails for hiking. There are 4 miles of beach along the Atlantic coastline. The State Park is located on the Great Florida Birding and Wild Life trail. There is a designated swimming area **NO LIFEGUARDS AFTER LABOR DAY.** St Augustine is 3 miles away. Alcohol from home is prohibited but can be purchased at the Island Beach Shop and Grill. Entering the sand dunes, which are protected wildlife areas, is also prohibited.

****OPTIONAL EXCURSION TO ST AUGUSTINE HISTORIC DISTRICT**** After approximately 3 hours on the beach you can stay at the Beach **OR** you can board the bus at 2:15pm to St. Augustine to tour, shop, dine, happy hour, etc. Those who depart to St. Augustine will have 3 hours on your own to enjoy St. George Street and the restaurants. Please be back at the bus for **boarding at 5:30pm.** If you choose to stay at the Beach the buses will return and you will **board at 5:15 pm.** Your choice to stay or go, and you don't have to decide until the bus boards.

St, Augustine is a beautiful historic city. Ponce De Leon arrived there in 1513 in search of the Fountain of Youth. It is the oldest continuously occupied city in the United States. There are many fine

restaurants, pubs, and museums. If you are not interested in a restaurant or pub, one of many attractions such as Castillo de San Marcos Fort, Fountain of Youth, Lightner Museum, or Ripley's Believe It or Not would be a good choice to visit.

BEACH AMENITIES: Restrooms, outdoor shower, concessions, and gift shop. There is no Lifeguard on duty after Labor Day. The Island Beach Shop and Grill offers beach and camping supplies, souvenirs, alcoholic beverages, free Wi-Fi, boogie boards and more.

RENTALS:

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS/UMBRELLAS. The park has extremely limited rentals (12 sets), which are rented on a first come first serve basis on line. Anastasia Water Sports offers bicycles, canoes, kayaks, sailboats, and standup paddleboard rentals. You can rent online at <https://anastasiawatersports.com/home/plan-your-day/beach-activities/>

CONCESSIONS:

If you are staying at the Beach the concession stand has a nice assortment. Here is the menu: https://secureservercdn.net/198.71.233.229/w01.f49.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Anastasia_Menu_Board_HighSeason_2019.pdf

ANASTASIA ISLAND INFO LINKS:

<https://www.visitstaugustine.com/regions/anastasia-island>

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g28930-d199054-Reviews-Anastasia_Island-Florida.html

<https://www.floridastateparks.org/anastasia>

ST AUGUSTINE INFO LINKS:

www.floridastateparks.org/anastasia

www.visitstaugustine.com/restaurants

www.floridahistoriccoast.com

www.visitstaugustine.com

www.bigfatcouponbookonline.com

www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine/1day-itinerary

See You at The Beach!