

Hello Beach Bums!

Sign-ups for seats on our next trip to Manatee Beach on Anna Marie Island are now open. Make your checks payable to: Northern Beach Bums Club (NBBC) AND MAIL TO THE TRIP LEADER NOTED BELOW. We will not be stopping for dinner. The buffet restaurant could not promise to seat us all at once.

NBBC club information, forms, and policies can be found at our web site: <https://northernbeachbums.org/>

When you fill out your registration form, and want to be matched on a bus with others, please only place the names others in the required section if:

- A) You know they are coming
- B) They list your name on their form. Please help us out not searching for “ghosts”.

Upcoming Schedule:

- 1. July 20th, Fred Howard Beach & Tarpon Springs Sponge docks. A few seats are available for members or non members. Contact Kathy@logistics-plus.com
- 2. August 17th, Manatee Beach, Anna Marie Island
- 0. September 5th, NBBC Quarterly Meeting/Social at 6:00pm Savannah Center. Entertainment from Vocalist/Comedian Meg Coutinho. One women show. “Songs and Smiles”
- 1. September 20th, Clearwater Florida. Beach & Sunset Trip
- 2. October - Upham Beach Paradise Grille
- 3. NOV-DEC - TBD
- 0. December 5th - End of Year Party – “Sand Between My Mistletoes” - 5:30pm Savannah Center - Vocalist Da J. “Lady in Black” and friends. Catering from Gio Deli = Chicken Marsala, Baked Zita, Meatballs & more! Cost will be Partially subsidized by NBBC

TRIP INFORMATION:

Manatee Public Beach, Anna Maria Island, Holmes Beach, FL

Trip leaders: Cathy & Bob Snyder, Kathy Eastman

When: August 17th, 2023

Where: Manatee Public Beach

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

Arrival: Approximately 10:45 am

Re-board Bus: 3:45pm, arrive home approximately 6:30pm.

Price: \$30 per person (includes bus transportation and driver gratuity)

All NBBC trips are Non-refundable (including if trip is postponed due to weather).

Masks are optional. No vaccination required but is highly recommended. Water, coffee, soda, (with a lid) and snacks are permitted on the bus. No ice cream or popcorn is permitted.

Payment and Trip Registration form must be received by July 17th . **Please make checks payable to Northern Beach Bums Club (NBBC).** Mail with a trip Registration Form. <https://northernbeachbums.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023TripRegistration.pdf>

Mail to:**Cathy Snyder**

1007 Vermont Ave

Lady Lake, FL 32159

If needed, seats will be distributed by lottery. Notice of bus assignments will be provided by August 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. This way you will be assigned together. **Only 2 seats can sign up (enter lottery) together.** All NBBC trips are Non-refundable, participate at your own risk. If you want to request seats with other members please read the trip registrations form.

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 short walk from drop off to the shore. A free trolley is available to transport you around the island to explore shops, galleries, museums and restaurants. If you prefer to spend your day at Coquina Beach you can jump on the trolley and head further south.

The beach amenities include lifeguards, chair/umbrella rentals (no pre-reservation available), changing stalls, restrooms, ice cream shop, souvenir store, Tiki Bar, and concession stand. Manatee Public beach is a dry beach, no alcohol permitted, but there is a Tiki Bar for adult beverages with great views of the beach and Gulf Coast.

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 (Gratuity Appreciated). 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**Anna Maria Dining Guide:**

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

<https://annamariaisland.com/thingstodo/restaurants-and-bars>

Trolley/Transportation :

<https://www.bradentongulfislands.com/storage/staging/20171102231226-mcat-ami-trolley-timetable-111216.pdf>

<https://annamariaislandchamber.org/island-trolley/>

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

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

Beach Information:

https://manatee.hosted.civiclive.com/departments/sports_and_leisure_services/parks_preserves_beaches/manatee_public_beach

https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/sports_and_leisure_services/parks_preserves_beaches/coquina_gulfside_park

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_Island_Florida.html

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

See you at the Beach!

Kathy Eastman, Cathy Snyder, Bob Snyder