

Hello Beach Bums!

Registration 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** or drop off at Kathy's house in the "fish on the porch". Contact Kathy@logistics-plus.com if you are dropping off. .

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

When you fill out your registration form please read the form for instructions how to fill it out. If you want to be matched on a bus with others, please only place the names of others in the Special Request section if:

- A) You know they are coming
- B) **They list your name on their form.**

This will help us sort and not search for "ghost participants".

TRIP INFORMATION:

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

Trip leaders: Barb Alajoki, Mary Chamberlin, Jan Verhaeghe

When: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Where: Manatee Public Beach

Bus boarding: 8:00 am at Lowe's Parking Lot. Hwy 441, behind the Mattress Store on the North end of the parking lot.

Arrival: Approximately 10:45 am

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

Price: \$33 per person (includes bus transportation and driver gratuity)

All NBBC trips are Non-refundable

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.

Mail your check with a Trip Registration Form. Forms are on our website: northernbeachbums.org:

Payment and Trip Registration form must be received by May 12th . **Please make checks payable to Northern Beach Bums Club (NBBC).**

Mail to:

Mary Chamberlin

851 Danforth Ct.

The Villages, FL 32162

If needed, seats will be distributed by lottery. Notice of bus assignments will be provided by June 1st. . If you are not chosen, we will contact you to see if you wish to be placed on a wait list. If you want to ride with a spouse or friend, please sign up together with one check. This way you will be assigned together. **ONLY 2 SEATS CAN SIGN UP/ENTER THE LOTTERY TOGETHER.** If you want to ride on the same bus as other members, please read the registration form. No guarantee can be given to get you on the same bus. We do our best but both parties must fill out the form properly for the system to work.

All NBBC trips are Non-refundable, participate at your own risk.

Trip Description: Due to repeated demand, we are going to spend our day at Manatee Beach, located on Anna Maria Island on the Gulf of Mexico. If you prefer to spend your day at Coquina Beach you can jump on the trolley and head further south. Our members and guest prefer the amenities at Manatee Beach, especially the Tiki Bar! Anna Maria Island is known for its beautiful, sandy, broad beaches. A short walk from drop off to the shore. Be sure to bring your water noodles to lounge and drift in the pool like water. We also recommend beach shoes because the sand can get hot. **A free trolley** is available to transport you around the island if you choose to explore shops, galleries, museums and restaurants. Be sure to plan your adventure and get back to the buses in time for departure.

The beach amenities include lifeguards, chair/umbrella rentals (2 lounge chairs and 1 umbrella for \$40 cash, apple pay or check only), 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.amibeachcafe.com/>

<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://www.mymanatee.org/departments/sports_and_leisure_services/parks_preserves_beaches/manatee_public_beach

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

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-oa30-Anna_Maria_Island_Florida.html

See you at the Beach!

Kathy Eastman, Barb Alajoki, Mary Chamberlin, and Jan Verhaeghe

NBBC Policies: We would like to remind members that NBBC buses are a fragrance free zone. Please no glass, and cups need to have lids. A movie will be presented **only** on the return ride. We suggest members who are not interested in watching should bring their own noise cancelling headphones/earbuds. If you plan to watch your own personal device (ie: phone, ipad, laptop) you must have headphones/earbuds to use with it.

Liability: The Northern Beach Bums Club, its Executive Committee members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever in the operation or management of NBBC or its road trips. All members and/or guests are required to sign the NBBC Recreation Release Agreement for participation for a day trip. All trips are inherently dangerous and members participate at their own risk.