

# Fun “To Do’s” while visiting Punta Gorda:

## 1. A.C. Freeman House

The A.C. Freeman House Museum is a furnished late Victorian era home picturesquely located on the corner of Tamiami Trail and West Retta Esplanade at the base of the Barron Collier Bridge in Punta Gorda. The house and its period furnishings are under the care of the Punta Gorda Historical Society. 311 West Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda Tours - 941-639-1887 Punta Gorda Historical Society

## 2. Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center

The Alligator Creek Preserve is the area’s four (4+) miles of nature trails. Year-round volunteers offer interpretive trail walks to the public free of charge. Also, the Watershed Resource Center offers free resources to anyone looking for scientific information, maps, periodicals, or presentations about a variety of topics, from water quality in Charlotte Harbor to restoration projects in the Peace River watershed. 10941 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda 941-575-5435

## 3. Babcock Wilderness Adventures

Specially built swamp buggies carry visitors through unspoiled pinewoods, fresh water marsh, and sections of the Telegraph Cypress Swamp. A professional tour guide completes the experience with commentaries on the wildlife, ranch activities such as cattle and horses, and history of the area. Bring a picnic or enjoy a lunch of gator bites, hamburgers, hot dogs, and other luncheon items in the seasonal Gator Shack Restaurant. 8000 State Road 31, Punta Gorda 800-500-5583

## 4. Fishermen’s Village

Fishermen’s Village Waterfront Mall, Resort & Marina is a delightful, relaxing destination located on beautiful Charlotte Harbor featuring shopping, dining, harbor cruises, fishing charters, boat & jet ski rentals, day spa, marina, and villa vacation rentals. Enjoy live music, special events, and watch the dolphins play as you savor the magnificent sunsets! 1200 West Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda 941-639-8721

## 5. Punta Gorda Guitar Army Jam

A spontaneous musical gathering of local musicians playing fiddles, spoons and guitars. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic dinner. Always free. Every Thursday evening in Gilchrist Park.

## 6. Military Heritage & Aviation Museum

The Military Heritage & Aviation Museum is dedicated to educating the public about our rich military heritage, while honoring those who served to preserve our freedom. View more than 50,000 artifacts on display in the Museum’s storefront in Fishermen’s Village. 1200 West Retta Esplanade, Unit 48, Punta Gorda 941-575-9002

## 7. Get out on the water!

The Peace River and Charlotte Harbor are both exquisite and pristine bodies of water. Take a sunset tour of Charlotte Harbor, a daytime trip to Cabbage Key, a wildlife sightseeing tour of Peace River or a guided fishing charter with one of the area’s many first class fishing guides.

## 8. Peace River Wildlife Center and Ponce deLeon Park

The Peace River Wildlife Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the rehabilitation, preservation and protection of Charlotte County’s native wildlife. The center is located at Ponce deLeon Park, a 10 acre park directly on Charlotte Harbor at Ponce deLeon Inlet. The park includes a quarter mile raised boardwalk through a wetland area, educational signage, boat ramp, boat trailer parking, two fishing piers, playground, man-made beach, shelter, restrooms and picnic tables. 3400 West Marion Ave., Punta Gorda 941-637-3830

## 9. Punta Gorda Historic Mural Tour

Punta Gorda offers 23 outdoor murals painted by area artists, each celebrating the history and heritage of our community. Print a Punta Gorda Historic Mural Walking Tour Guide to enjoy a one hour walking tour of the 14 murals located in the downtown area: <http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/userdata/citymanager/muralguide.pdf>

## 10. Punta Gorda History Park

This approximately 2 acre park was established for development as a historical relocation site. At the park is an 1890’s cigar cottage and the Trabue law and land sales office building, which houses the Peace River Center for Writers. 501 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda Tours 941-639-1887 Punta Gorda Historical Society

## 11. Muscle Car City

Muscle Car City is a 99,000 square foot museum with well over 200 vintage '50s to early '70s muscle cars. Featuring classic cars and hot rods spanning 35 years of makes and models. Entrance fee charged. 3811 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda 941-575-5959

# Main Street Punta Gorda Shopping, Dining & Pampering Guide

This downtown guide is presented by



**Main Street Punta Gorda**  
is dedicated to the  
growth, development,  
and preservation of the  
historic Main Street district.

Visit us online at:

[www.mainstreetpuntagorda.org](http://www.mainstreetpuntagorda.org)

941-575-9099

326 West Marion Avenue  
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

Revised 09-14-10

## Waterfront West

- A1 Best Western Waterfront Inn
- A2 Benedettos Steakhouse (D)
- A3 Four Points by Sheraton Hotel
- A4 Dockside Grill Harborside (D)
- A5 Vacuum Cleaner Clinic (S)
- A6 The Tropical Store (S)
- A7 So Sausalito (S)
- A8 Blue Water Trading (S)
- A9 Cubby's (D)
- A10 Tapas One (D)
- A11
- A12 Ace Hardware (S)
- A13 Spago (P)
- A14 Old Town Convenience & Deli (S)
- A15 Hessler Floor Covering (S)
- A16 Big D's Chicago Eatery (D)
- A17 Jack's Restaurant (D)
- A18 Salon Art Works (P)
- A19 River City Grill (D)
- A20 The Tavern at River City (D)
- A21 Al Morgan Jewelry (S)
- A22 Pomegranate and Fig (S)
- A23 Café Ruelle (D)
- A24 Sea Grape Gallery (S)
- A25 Tiki's Clothing /Carries Design(S)
- A26 Harbor Medical Spa (S)(P)
- A27 Giuditta's (S) (P)

## Charlotte Harbor

## Punta Gorda Downtown Shopping, Dining & Pampering Guide

Shopping (S), Dining (D), Pampering (P)

- Chambers of Commerce
- Free Public Parking
- MS** Main Street Punta Gorda

## Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center

## Gilchrist Park

## Freeman House

## City Hall

## Herald Court Parking Garage

This guide presented courtesy of:



## Charlotte Harbor

## Waterfront East

- B1 P.G. River Boat Tours & Charters (P)
- B2 Big Kid Kayaks/Shipstore (S)
- B3 Laishley Crab House Bldg (S)(D)(P)
- B4 Wyvern Hotel
- B5 LuLu's Restaurant (D)
- B6 Dean's South of the Border (D)
- B7 Charlotte County Flowers (S)
- B8 Encore Tea Room & Café (D)
- B9 Skintopia by Bina (P)
- B10 Tamiami Bar & Package Store (S)
- B11 The Perfect Caper (D)
- B12 The Celtic Ray (D)
- B13 Acupuncture & Alternative Solutions (P)
- B14 Gerro's Fashions & Creations Gallery(S)
- B15 Harborwalk Scoops & Bites
- B16 Olde Punta Gorda Cigar Store (S)
- B17 Hill & Hill Barber & Style Shop (P)
- B18 Peggy's Bow Wow (S)
- B19 Wood Street Grill (D)
- B20 Healthy Solutions (S)
- B21 Seams to be (S)
- B22 Hair Designers (P)
- B23 Mediterranean Café & Grill (D)
- B24 Mediterranean Café & Grill& (D)
- B25 Creative Window Treatments (S)
- B26 Green Hibiscus Transportation (P)

## Downtown West

- C1 Table 209 (D)
- C2
- C3 Sun Art Gallery (S)
- C4 Red Hat Studio (S)
- C5 Geri's Country Café
- C6 Papillon Gifts, Books & More (S)
- C7 Sugar Island Cupcakes (D)
- C8
- C9 Spazzi Italian Grill (D)
- C10 Yoga Sanctuary (S)(P)
- C11 Pilates for Life (S)(P)
- C12 Swiss Chocolate+ (S)(D)
- C13 Ooodles (S)

## Downtown East

- D1 Tom McCarthy Massage Therapy(P)
- D2 Peter's Knife Shop (S)
- D3 Mooseheads Jazz & Cigar Bar (D)
- D4 Barb's Cedar Point Barber Shop (P)
- D5
- D6 Lupe's Tacos (D)
- D7 Interiors by Design (S)
- D8 Toucan Travel (D)
- D9 Icehouse Pub & Manatee's Pizza (D)
- D10 Kats Eye Photography (S)
- D11
- D12 Gabriele Childs Studio & Gallery (S)
- D13 Up the Street Gourmet (D)
- D14
- D15 Crock Pot Grocery & Diner (S)(D)

West Charlotte Ave.

East Charlotte Ave.