

CAYO COSTA STATE PARK

2018 PARK FACTS

<u>VISITATION</u>	<u>ECONOMIC IMPACT</u>	<u>LOCAL JOBS SUPPORTED</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
65,212	5,881,902	82	13*	28	2,644

*13 staff manage four parks - Cayo Costa, Gasparilla Island State Park, Don Pedro Island State Park, and Stump Pass Beach State Park



Cayo Costa State Park protects the Charlotte Harbor Estuary and provides visitors with a majestic piece of untouched Florida. An unspoiled Gulf Coast island evokes images of wind-shaped trees, dunes, beaches and freedom to explore. This especially rings true for Cayo Costa Island. Accessible only by boat or kayak, this former fishing ground of the Calusa Indians features nine miles of undeveloped shoreline for swimming, snorkeling, shelling, fishing, birdwatching and exploration along with several walking and bicycling trails through the island's interior. Shorebirds are numerous and one might spot manatees, porpoises and sea turtles offshore.

Plan your visit at FloridaStateParks.org



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A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO FLORIDA'S WELL-BEING!

The system of Florida State Parks and Trails is one of the state's greatest success stories. It's the ONLY system in the nation thrice awarded the Gold Medal of Excellence by its national peer group. Florida residents and visitors from around the world are drawn to Florida's state parks and trails as *the places* to hike, bike, kayak, swim, fish, camp, lay on the beach, hunt for shells, learn about nature and Florida history, have family reunions, and even get married!

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2018 Statewide Economic Data

- **175 Florida State Parks and Trails**
(164 Parks / 11 Trails) comprising nearly 800,000 acres
- **\$2.4 billion direct economic impact**
- **\$158 million in sales tax revenue**
- **33,587 jobs supported**
- **Over 28 million visitors served**



The Friends Group established in 1989, and an award-winner's mission is to support Cayo Costa, Don Pedro, Gasparilla, and Stump Pass State Parks. Friends of Cayo Costa is a division of the Barrier Island Parks Society. Their mission is to preserve, protect and promote the unique unspoiled natural beauty and heritage of Cayo Costa State Park for present and future generations.

Find Out More - Get Involved
friendsofcayocosta.org



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