



CALADESI ISLAND STATE PARK

A TRULY UNTOUCHED ISLAND OFFERING NATURAL DELIGHTS

2023 PARK FACTS

VISITATION

287,787

ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$35,072,357

LOCAL JOBS SUPPORTED

491



One of the few untouched islands along the Gulf Coast, Caladesi Island State Park is accessible only by boat, but is worth the extra effort. Whether it is a stroll along the island's pristine beaches or a kayak trip through the bayside mangrove forest, a trip to Caladesi Island is an unforgettable experience. Take a nature trail walk to the historic Scharrer Homestead through the island's interior and listen to the ocean breeze whisper through old-growth slash pines and feel the embrace of expansive live oaks. Discover why homesteader Myrtle Scharrer Betz called this place "Paradise" in her memoirs.

[Plan your visit at FloridaStateParks.org](https://www.floridastateparks.org)



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FLORIDA STATE PARKS

A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO FLORIDA'S WELL-BEING!

The Florida State Parks and Trails system is one of the state's greatest success stories having won the prestigious National Gold Medal of Excellence a record four times. 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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FY 2022-23 Statewide Economic Data

•175 Florida State Parks and Trails

(164 Parks / 11 Trails) comprising nearly 800,000 acres

•\$3.6 billion direct economic impact

• \$241 million in sales tax revenue

• 50,427 jobs supported

• Over 28 million visitors served



The Friends of the Island Parks Citizen Support Organization was formed in 2002 by a small group of people who were dedicated to preserving, protecting and promoting

Caladesi Island and Honeymoon Island State Parks. The Friends serve as a non-profit corporation to generate both financial and volunteer resources that support the mission and best interest of our Parks.

Find Out More - Get Involved

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