



# CAYO COSTA STATE PARK

## 2023 PARK FACTS

### VISITATION

34,032

### ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$4,499,277

### LOCAL JOBS SUPPORTED

67

\*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](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
- \$241 million in sales tax revenue
- (164 Parks / 11 Trails) comprising nearly 800,000 acres
- 50,427 jobs supported
- \$3.6 billion direct economic impact
- 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.

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