CAYO COSTA STATE PARK

2025 PARK FACTS

VISITATION	ECONOMIC IMPACT	LOCAL JOBS SUPPORTED
6,047	$2,612,697	37

*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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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 2024-25 Statewide Economic Data

- **175 Florida State Parks and Trails**

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

- **$3.6 billion direct economic impact**
- **$234 million in sales tax revenue**
- **49,910 jobs supported**
- **Over 28 million visitors served**

Friends of Cayo Costa State Park's mission is to **preserve, protect and promote** the unique unspoiled natural beauty and heritage of Cayo Costa State Park for present and future generations.

Our goal is to preserve and protect one of the few remaining undisturbed/undeveloped barrier islands left in Florida while educating the general public and local community on the natural and cultural resources found here.

Find Out More - Get Involved

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