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EIGHT BEACHES, SO MANY WAYS TO PLAY

Enjoy a day of fun in the sun at eight distinct beaches in Greater Fort Lauderdale, spanning 24 miles. Meditate as you watch the sunrise on beautiful **Deerfield Beach**, Greater Fort Lauderdale's cove-like beach with a fishing pier, sand volleyball courts and surf lessons. Hillsboro Beach boasts the brightest lighthouse on the East Coast with monthly tours through the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society. Heading south, enjoy Pompano Beach, a favorite spot for families with playgrounds, a fishing pier, dive shops and boat charters. Catch the Old Florida "beach village" vibe of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea's half-mile hamlet and snorkel (no boat needed) from the shore along three-tiered reefs. Stroll, jog or bike along the Fort Lauderdale beachfront promenade, a charming cosmopolitan spot. Dania Beach is home to some of the least crowded stretches of shoreline, and a favorite for kayaking, swimming and picnicking. Hollywood is retro-cool and laid-back with a 2.5-mile Broadwalk that is ideal for walking, cycling (try a funcycle) and jogging. In Hallandale Beach, visitors can enjoy beautiful stretches of beach and exciting nightlife.

NATURAL WONDERS: PARKS & NATURE CENTERS

Greater Fort Lauderdale is a gateway to the Everglades and more. Enjoy some of Mother Earth's most amazing wonders. Here's a sampling: Climb (or take the elevator) to the observation tower or follow the boardwalk at **Anne Kolb** Nature Center at West Lake Park in Hollywood, a mangrove estuary and habitat for wading birds and other native wildlife. **Snake Warrior's Island** in Miramar is a 54.4-acre nature preserve along the Great Florida Birding Trail. Fern Forest Nature Center in Coconut Creek offers a serene setting with picnic shelters, an amphitheater and Royal Fern Hall. **Deerfield Island Park**, accessible only by boat, is a 53.3-acre nature-oriented park offering outdoor recreational activities and is open only on the weekends with free boat shuttle to the island. Central Broward Regional Park in Lauderhill is the only certified U.S. cricket stadium and is free on weekdays with soccer/football fields, netball, tennis, basketball and a water playground. Tree Tops Park in Davie features 23 acres of nature trails. Enjoy free entrance to all county parks Monday through Friday.

ALL FOR FUN, FUN FOR ALL

There's something for everyone under the sun to enjoy in Greater Fort Lauderdale. Check the events calendar at **VisitLauderdale. com/Events** for the latest free events.

MUSIC: Sistrunk Marketplace, live music three nights a week, 5:30-11pm. Dancing Under the Stars with free concerts at Hollywood Beach Theatre on the Hollywood Broadwalk programmed by the Margaritaville Hollywood Beach Resort Wednesday-Sunday. Dance the Night Away at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale Beach, Friday and Saturday. Sunday Jazz Brunch along Fort Lauderdale's scenic Riverwalk, first Sunday of each month, 11am-2pm.

SPORTS: Free surfing lessons Saturday mornings from Island Water Sports, Deerfield Beach; Florida Panthers NHL practice sessions, (October-April), Florida Panthers IceDen.

ART WALKS & STREET FESTIVALS: Multiple communities come together to celebrate local creativity with food, drink, live music, street performances, interactive exhibitions and more. Art Walk Wilton Manors, third Saturday of the month, 6-9pm, on the sidewalks of beautiful Wilton Drive (2245 Wilton Drive); Downtown Hollywood Artwalk, third Saturday monthly, 6-11 pm with a walking tour of the mural project and a collection of curated outdoor murals by local, national and international recognized artists (1955 Harrison Street); Fort Lauderdale Artwalk, last Saturday of the month starting at 6pm in the MASS District (844 NE 4th Ave.); Dania After Dark, second Saturday of the month, 5-10pm, Dania Beach (SW 1st Ave.); Old Town Untapped, first Friday of the month, 6-10pm, Pompano Beach (41 NE 1st St.). Keep an eye out for fascinating public art including **Thrive**, the colossal installation by Daniel Popper at 301 SW 1st Ave., Fort Lauderdale, next to The Wharf.

FREE ADMISSION: Always free: Plantation Historical Museum and Coral Springs Museum of Art. Free on first Thursday of the month: NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale. Free on third Sundays of the month: Art & Culture Center/Hollywood.

MARKETS: New River Open Air Market in Fort Lauderdale, every Sunday, year-round; Green Market Pompano Beach, Saturday (November-April); Fort Lauderdale Swap Shop, flea market, daily; Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Farmers Market at Prado Park, Sunday (December-May); Farmers' Market at The Shops at Pembroke Pines, Sunday; Las Olas Oceanside Park Farmer's, Antique And Artisan Market, every Saturday and Sunday; Yellow Green Farmers Market, every Saturday and Sunday, Hollywood; Coconut Creek Farmers Market, first and third Saturday, 9 am-2 pm (November-April).



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on pints, and earn prizes as you cross off each destination.

FREE FESTIVALS & EVENTS: Las Olas Art Fair, January, March, October, downtown Fort Lauderdale; Fort Lauderdale Air Show, April, Fort Lauderdale beach; Stonewall Pride, June, Wilton Manors; Wicked Manors, Halloween, Wilton Manors; Christmas on Las Olas, November; Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade, second Saturday in December, along the Intracoastal Waterway; Ignite Broward, January, pop-up art installations in Fort Lauderdale and Dania Beach.

GETTING AROUND

The LauderGo! MicroMover is a free, eco-friendly shuttle that operates daily from 10am-7pm. Riders can use the "Ride Circuit" app to request a ride anywhere within the service area, which covers downtown Fort Lauderdale, Las Olas and Fort Lauderdale beach. You can also get a free ride along the New River in downtown Fort Lauderdale with the LauderGo! Water Trolley, running daily from 10am-10pm.







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