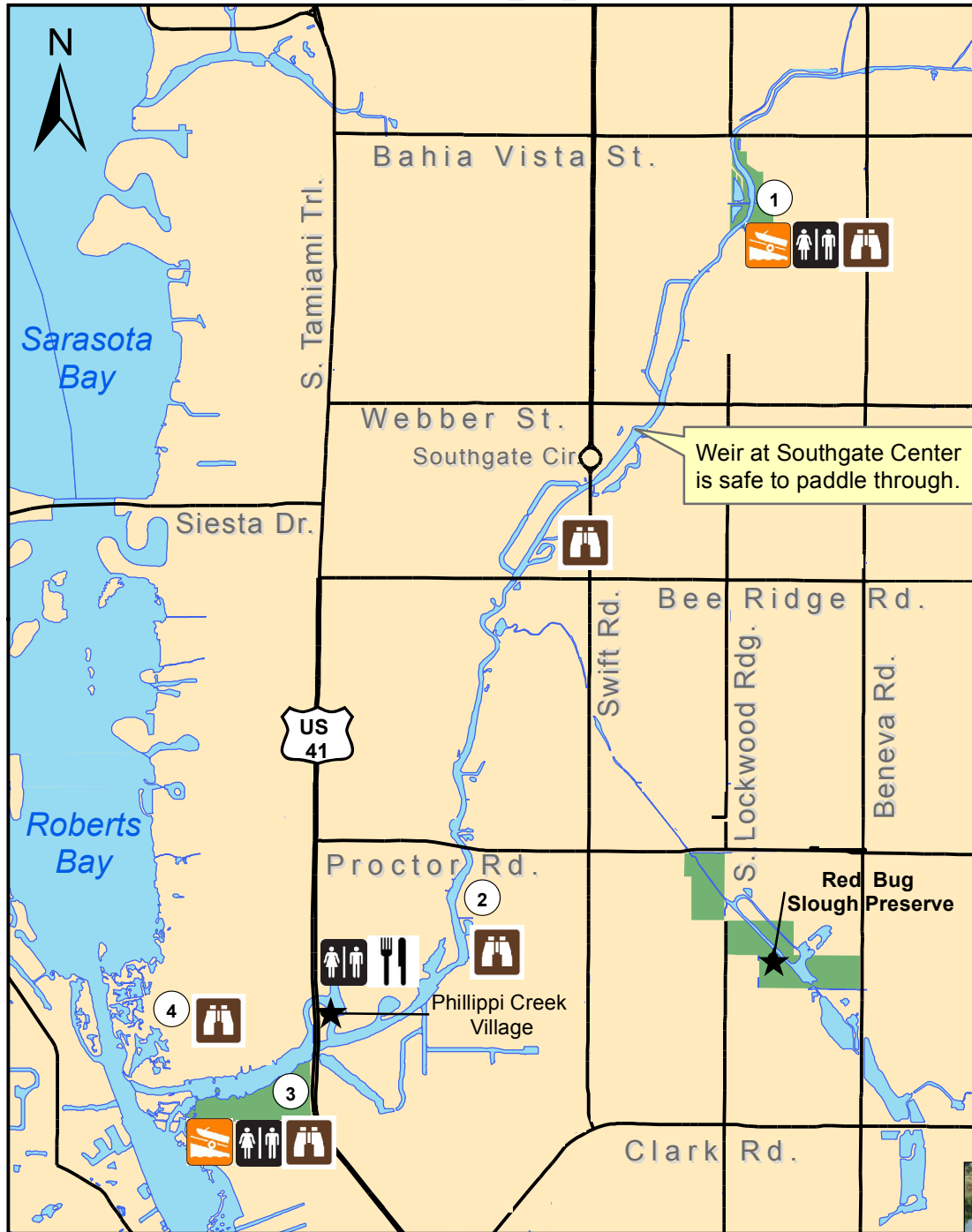


Phillippi Creek Paddling Trail



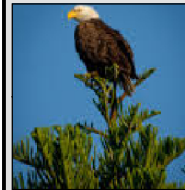
Points of Interest

1 PINECRAFT PARK & KAYAK LAUNCH (Mile 0)



Just over 4 miles upstream from Phillippi Estate Park, this urban park features a boat launch, restrooms, a 1-mile nature trail (Mesic Hammock Trail), & parking. Wildlife viewing & birding are popular here, as well as just relaxing or picnicking under the pavilion.

2 RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL EAGLE NEST (Mile 3)



A bald eagle nest is located on the school's 51-acre property & can be viewed from Phillippi Creek. Bring binoculars & avoid making noises that might disturb the eagles. Eagle nesting season in Florida is from September - May.

3 PHILLIPPI ESTATE PARK & KAYAK LAUNCH (Mile 4.5)

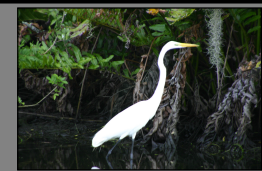
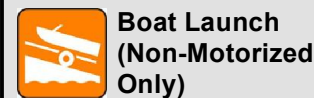


This 60-acre estate is the former homestead of Edson & Nettie Keener Keith. The mansion, which was built in 1916, is open for free tours October - May at 10:00am on Wednesdays, as well as a Farmer's Market from 9:00am - 2:00pm.

4 MOSQUITO DITCHES (Mile 5)



Unlike the mangrove tunnels at South Lido Park, this area has not yet been restored. As a result, only some of the ditches are navigable. However, wildlife viewing & birding are excellent here, especially around the oyster reefs.



0 0.25 0.5 1 1.5 2 Miles

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A History of Phillippi Creek

Phillippi Creek is named after the Spaniard, Felipe Bermudez, who hunted & fished around these parts, & established fishing camps called *ranchos* in the 1800's. However, the creek & its abundance of fresh seafood & plants were harvested by Native Americans long before that: between 1,200 & 2,500 years ago. Since the 1910's, the creek has undergone vast changes: more than 100 miles of ditches were excavated for agriculture, forever changing the landscape & flow of water into the watershed. Celery was a big crop; the former fields located north of Phillippi Creek have since been restored to wetlands. Now, the Celery Fields host a variety of birds & wild-life, as well as recreational amenities for outdoor enthusiasts. In the 1980's, Sarasota County began aggressively addressing flooding & water quality issues around Phillippi Creek & , in 2001, established a Septic System Replacement Program. Currently, several shoreline restoration projects are underway, including one at Pinecraft Park. However, the future of Phillippi Creek lies mainly in the hands of concerned & informed citizens like you.



Man standing in a Phillippi Creek canal, 1929

Life in Phillippi Creek



Great Blue Heron



Snook



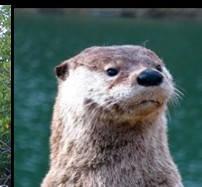
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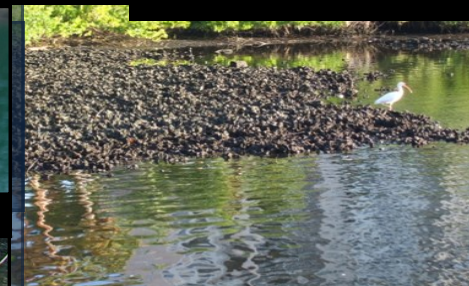
Great Egret



Red Mangroves



River Otter



Oyster Reef

WHILE PADDLING

- Leave No Trace
- Pick up trash you find
- Share your Phillippi Creek adventures & photos with others
- Don't feed wild-life
- Report illicit discharges to Sarasota County

What can YOU do to make a difference?



*Volunteer with
Sarasota County!*



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*Keep
Phillippi Creek
Beautiful*



AROUND YOUR HOME

- Skip the fertilizer
- Pick up after your pet
- Plant native
- Use a rain barrel
- Plant a rain garden
- Reduce impervious surfaces & runoff

Did you know that . . . ?

- ◆ Phillippi Creek is Sarasota's largest creek.
- ◆ Phillippi Creek is approximately 6 miles in length & includes more than 100 miles of man-made canals.
- ◆ More than 55 miles of surrounding land makes up the Phillippi Creek Watershed. All of the surface water that flows downhill from the surrounding land into the drainage basin eventually makes its way to Roberts Bay & the Gulf of Mexico.
- ◆ By replacing 9,500 septic tanks, Sarasota County diverts 1.8 million gallons of raw sewage per day into the city's sanitary sewer system.