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# GET OUTSIDE

With just 24 hours, get outside and discover our amazing natural attractions.

## 1 Playalinda Beach – 1 hour

Sunrise on Playalinda Beach is worth the early start. This special place is often cited as one of the most beautiful beaches in the U.S. It is much the same view as our ancestors saw, still undeveloped, with sandy long stretches of open beach, sea oats growing on the dunes and the quiet roar of Atlantic Ocean surf. Head over **A. Max Brewer Bridge to SR 406/SR 402 (Beach Road)**. ADA accessible beach ramps are found at Eddy Creek and boardwalks 8,10,11 & 12. This is part of the 24 miles of Canaveral National Seashore and there is a fee per vehicle. Sea turtles love this shoreline too, and in season (April through October), you may see one nesting. [nps.gov/cana/learn/nature/animals](https://nps.gov/cana/learn/nature/animals)



## 2 Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge

The refuge is a national treasure—140,000 acres of coastal dunes, saltwater marshes, scrub, flatwoods, hardwood hammocks and fresh impounds—habitat for more than 500 species. Lots to know and see.

### 2a MINWR Visitor Center – 30 minutes

That's why we start you at the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center on **SR 402** (plus it's on the way back from the beach – turn south on *Scrub Jay Way* – you can't miss it). Picking up a map (and a guide to the many birds you might encounter) is a good idea, especially with just 24 hours to manage lots of fun. Can't stop? Map: [fws.gov/merrittisland](https://fws.gov/merrittisland)

### 2b Black Point Wildlife Drive – 1 hour

With just a day, here's a special way to see a lot of nature really fast—and Black Point Wildlife Drive is a **7-mile, one-way, self-guided loop** (entrance off **SR 406**) you can drive. It's old Florida landscape quite

visible from your vehicle. You may see wading birds, raptors, alligators, otters. There are stops along the way and observation towers, so you may find yourself here longer. Bring your camera. (*Have a long lens? You're going to wish you brought it.*) Small entrance fee at the start, generally well supplied with brochures on the wildlife.



## 3 The Trails at Chain of Lakes – 1 hour

Chain of Lakes can be reached by vehicle or from the **Coast-to-Coast pedestrian and cycling trail**. The multi-use trail meanders around water, over bridges and beside an observation tower that you can climb for long views of Max Brewer Bridge and the Vehicle Assembly Building at Kennedy Space Center. There are two entrances, north and south, and both have parking and restroom facilities. The Park at Chain of Lakes additionally has sports fields and picnic pavilions.

*Main Entrance: East side of U.S. Hwy 1 & Dairy Rd. intersection; turn at Truman Scarborough Way.*

## 4 Take A Break Downtown – 1 hour

Stop for a bite to eat, walk around and get acquainted with the charm of our small town. Stop at the downtown **Titusville Welcome Center**. Get maps, learn about our history, ask about our hidden gems and where to launch your next great adventure.

## 5 Enchanted Forest Sanctuary – 1.5 hours

This stop will get you outdoors on several miles of easy hiking within the 471-acre sanctuary. Enchanted Forest interpretive trails go through a variety of habitats including ancient oaks and magnolias, open scrub and one of the largest tracts of coastal hardwood forest in this region of Florida. You may spot a Gopher Tortoise, or at least one of their burrows. Kids (of all ages) will enjoy the hands-on exhibits in the on-site education center. Located at **444 Columbia Blvd., on the north side of SR405, 1/2 mile west of U.S. Hwy. 1, south of Titusville.**

## 6 Airboating on the St Johns River – 2 hours

See amazing old Florida vistas while skimming the St Johns River in an airboat. This amazing mode of travel can carry you back into nature and deep into coves of mangroves and down narrow strips past cows and cowbirds, alligators and flocks of birds.

Get an expert tour from one of these guides: **A St Johns River Airboat Tour**, [StJohnsAirBoatTour.com](https://StJohnsAirBoatTour.com); **Midway Airboats**, [AirboatRidesAtMidway.com](https://AirboatRidesAtMidway.com)

## 7 Sunset Kayaking at Haulover Canal – 2 hours

Take a leisurely kayaking tour starting at Haulover Canal in the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. See wildlife up-close and personal as you paddle by manatees, dolphins and birds. Consider a late evening tour and experience the awe of stars overhead in a dark night sky.

If you are here between July and Sept, this is a must: See the Bioluminescence at night with a tour from **A Day Away Kayaks**, [ADayAwayKayakTours.com](https://ADayAwayKayakTours.com)



**LAUNCH FROM HERE** is a local campaign created by the people who love to live here for the people who will love to visit here, live here, dream here. A community-forward initiative, **LAUNCH FROM HERE** helps tell the story of Titusville and provide a vital and united way to bring greater attention to its unique accomplishments, places, people and opportunities.

For More Information: Explore [www.Titusville.org](https://www.Titusville.org)  
To learn how to get involved with the Launch From Here Campaign, please contact the Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce at **321.267.3036**

