

# LOCATION *guide*



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# HOW TO PICK THE RIGHT LOCATION



The location you choose for your session is not make-or-break, but it should still reflect who you and your loved ones are. Think of your happy place and consider what makes it so special. Now keep that in mind while deciding your location.

If you already have the perfect outfit in mind, make sure it compliments your location, and the same goes both ways. If you want to wear a green dress, don't choose a park full of greenery and If you want pictures by the ocean, maybe wear white instead of blue.

The wonderful thing about Tampa Bay is that there is a wide variety of options available, including natural beaches, historic monuments, and green parks.

All of the locations can be utilized for a variety of purposes including engagement, couple, family, and wedding sessions. However, they each have unique offerings that should be considered when picking the ideal location for your session.



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# HONEYMOON ISLAND

## RECOMMENDED TIME

Honeymoon Island is an ideal location for sunset photos - as crowds tend to lessen in the evening hours.

## ENTRANCE FEE

To enter the Island, patrons should expect to pay \$8 a vehicle (with two or more people).

## PARKING

Parking is included with admission. Most sessions occur at North Beach (follow the signs located on the island).

## KEY FEATURES

- 4 miles of beach
- Scenic rocks/greenery
- Less crowds
- Kid/dog friendly
- Easy to locate
- Bathrooms for changing

## ADDRESS

#1 Causeway Blvd. Dunedin, FL 34698





# SAND KEY

## RECOMMENDED TIME

To avoid crowds and the heat of the day, plan for a sunset session.

## ENTRANCE FEE

There is no fee for entrance (see parking).

## PARKING

Parking is \$5 a vehicle, but covers the entire day.

## KEY FEATURES

- A hefty, sandy beach
- A rock jetty (see photo on right page)
- Large bathhouses for changing
- Long boardwalks perfect for photos
- Tall grass (as seen in the bottom left)
- Handicap Accessible

## ADDRESS

1060 Gulf Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33767







# FRED HOWARD

## RECOMMENDED TIME

Because it functions as both a park and beach, the time of day depends on the type of photos you are looking for. Prefer beach photos? I recommend sunset to avoid glare and heat. If you are opting for the park, sessions can occur throughout the day.

## ENTRANCE FEE

There is no fee for entrance (see parking).

## PARKING

Automated pay stations with daily parking fees of \$5.

## KEY FEATURES

- White sandy beach
- Spectacular sunsets
- Sea grass/greenery
- 6 restrooms
- Large Rock Formations
- Causeway (to the beach)

## ADDRESS

1700 Sunset Dr., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689







# PHILIPPE PARK

## RECOMMENDED TIME

Due to its large size, you do not have to worry about crowds. Sessions can be scheduled at any time.

## ENTRANCE FEE

There is no entrance fee.

## PARKING

Parking is free.

## KEY FEATURES

- One-mile shoreline (featured in bottom left)
- Historical points of interest
- Open spaces, ideal for photo landscapes
- Large brick walls and staircases
- Restrooms (for changing)
- Easy to locate

## ADDRESS

2525 Philippe Pkwy. Safety Harbor, FL 34695





# CASPERSEN BEACH

## RECOMMENDED TIME

Caspersen Beach is fairly remote, so you don't have to worry about crowds. If you are looking for romantic couple photos, I would recommend going at sunset.

## ENTRANCE FEE

There is no entrance fee.

## PARKING

Parking is free.

## KEY FEATURES

- Natural beach
- Rock formations
- Bathrooms for changing
- Remote, so fewer crowds
- Fun Fact: It's a good place to find prehistoric sharks' teeth.

## ADDRESS

4100 Harbor Drive, Venice, FL 34285







# TREASURE ISLAND

## RECOMMENDED TIME

Time of day will depend on the type of session you are booking. For couples and weddings, I recommend late afternoon or sunset.

## ENTRANCE FEE

There is no entrance fee.

## PARKING

All parking is \$2.75 per hour.

## KEY FEATURES

- White sand
- A 5/10 mile boardwalk
- Handicap accessible
- Large rock formation
- Rumored to have inspired the hit song "Margaritaville"

## ADDRESS

9000 W. Gulf Blvd, Treasure Island, FL 33706







# PASS-A-GRILLE

## RECOMMENDED TIME

Time of day will depend on the type of session you are booking. For couples and weddings, I recommend late afternoon or sunset.

## ENTRANCE FEE

There is no entrance fee.

## PARKING

Meters start at \$3.25/hour (increased to cover additional expenses around enhanced cleaning and sanitation efforts)

## KEY FEATURES

- Numerous wooden dune walkovers
- Rock jetty on Pass-A-Grille Pass
- Open spaces, ideal for photo landscapes
- Less populated beach
- Restrooms (for changing)
- Easy to locate

## ADDRESS

22nd Avenue, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706







# CLEARWATER BEACH

## RECOMMENDED TIME

To avoid crowds and the heat of the day, plan for a sunset session.

## ENTRANCE FEE

There is no fee for entrance (see parking).

## PARKING

Parking varies depending on the meter location. Plan to spend around \$3-4 an hour.

## KEY FEATURES

- White, sandy beach
- Frequently ranked one of the best beaches in the United States
- Perfect for sunset photos
- Conveniently located next to restaurants and hotels

## ADDRESS

14 Idlewild St, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767







# FORT DE SOTO

## RECOMMENDED TIME

Because it functions as both a historic park and beach, the time of day depends on the type of photos you are looking for. Prefer beach photos? I recommend sunset to avoid glare and heat.

## ENTRANCE FEE

Pay booth collects the daily parking fees of \$5.

## PARKING

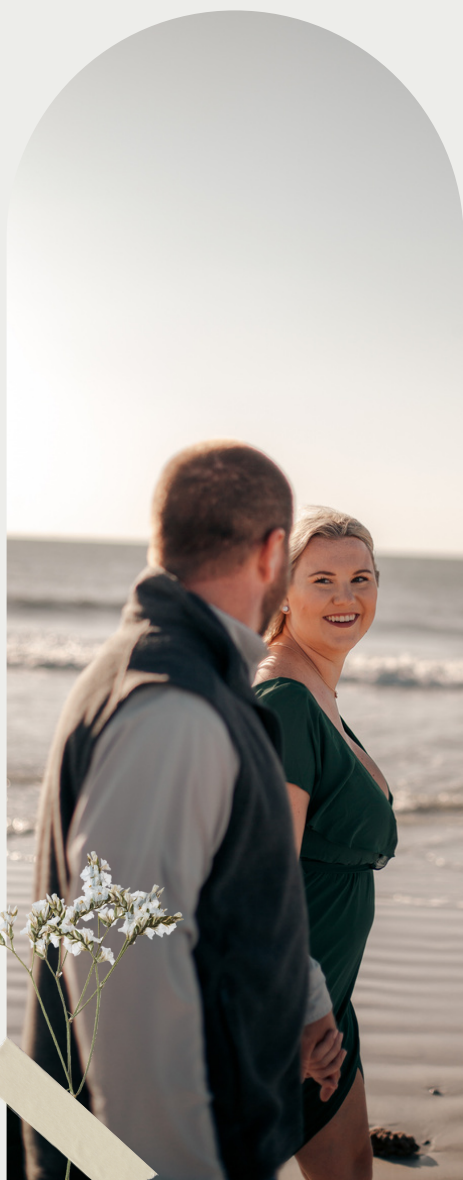
Included with the entrance fee.

## KEY FEATURES

- Largest park within the Pinellas County Park System
- Home to beach and native plants
- Historic rock/stone located in and out of the water
- Restrooms for changing
- Large Rock Formations
- Boardwalks and paths for pictures

## ADDRESS

3500 Pinellas Bayway S., Tierra Verde, FL 33715





# ANY LAST QUESTIONS?

## WHAT IF IT RAINS?

If rain is forecasted (either the day before or day of your session), I will likely contact you to discuss alternative dates/times. If rain occurs during a session, we will make the most of the opportunity. Sometimes, rain makes for some pretty great, impromptu photos.

## CAN I BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES?

Absolutely. Simply ensure that you schedule enough time into your session (i.e. at least book one hour), as changing clothes can take valuable time from photos. Also, make sure to select one of the locations designated with a bathroom (to ensure that you have a proper place to change).

## CAN I BRING MY DOG?

I love dogs! However, ensure that you select a location that is dog-friendly (note that Clearwater Beach and Honeymoon Island have some excellent options). Also, keep in mind that a leash might still be required.



## DON'T SEE ONE YOU LOVE?

Don't worry! There's plenty more where that came from, so if you want to take a look at more options, you just let me know and we will dive deep into Google until we find the perfect location for you!



LOTS OF LOVE,  
*Donald*