

Pinellas Trip - April 25-27, 2023

Getting there:

We will meet at the Great Hall at 8:50 AM on Tuesday. We will leave about 9:00 and drive to the parking area in Starkey Park. To get there take Rte 50 to I75 and head south. Take Exit 285 onto Rt 52W. Follow 52W for 17 mi to a left turn onto Moon Lake Rd (which turns into De Cubellis Rd.). After 7 mi turn left onto Starkey Blvd. followed by the next left onto Wilderness Park Rd. The trip is about 75 miles and should take about 1:40, so we should get there by 10:45. As we drive into the park we will stop at the first available pavilion for our picnic lunch.

Day 1 (Team Jersey Day)

We will ride the internal roads and trails within the park, heading generally east to the intersection with the Suncoast Trail (about 6.4 miles one-way.) Those who wish can go a ways on the Suncoast before turning back. After returning to the cars drive on to the hotel on your own.

To get to the hotel head south on Starkey, west on 54 for 1.3 mi, left onto Little Rd for 1.3 mi, right onto Mitchell Blvd (which eventually becomes E Lake Rd) for 11.5 mi, right onto Curlew (Rt 586) for 4.4 mi, then left onto Alt 19 for 2.5 mi to the hotel. Or follow your GPS.

Map Links: (Park Trail outbound) <https://www.google.com/maps/dir/28.2526108,-82.6471621/Suncoast+Trail+MM+22.9+@+Starkey+Park%E2%80%A6/@28.2386754,-82.6329125,13.29z/data=!4m9!4m8!1m0!1m5!1m1!1s0x88c2bd6ff58170ab:0x62cf277a21193331!2m2!1d-82.5510284!2d28.2496884!3e1!5m1!1e3>

(Park Trail return) <https://www.google.com/maps/dir/28.2526108,-82.6471621/Suncoast+Trail+MM+22.9+@+Starkey+Park%E2%80%A6/@28.2386754,-82.6329125,13.29z/data=!4m14!4m13!1m5!3m4!1m2!1d-82.5775091!2d28.2588646!3s0x88c297c19e0798c3:0xb95f244abe239374!1m5!1m1!1s0x88c2bd6ff58170ab:0x62cf277a21193331!2m2!1d-82.5510284!2d28.2496884!3e1!5m1!1e3>

Total distance: About 15 mi + extra mileage on Suncoast

Facilities: There are restrooms at the Trailhead in Starkey park.

Wine & cheese party: 5:30 TBD Maybe?

Dinner: We'll walk to dinner. Restaurant TBD.

Day 2 (Club Jersey Day)

Meet in parking lot at 9:00 AM. Ride north on Pinellas Trail approx 7.2 mi to Wall Springs Pk. We'll stop here for a bit and check out the springs and observation tower. Continue north to Tarpon Springs. At the intersection with Live Oak St. turn left and go about 4 blocks to the Tarpon Springs City Marina building where we can lock up the bikes. It is 11.1 miles to the marina. Those who want can go right at Live Oak to continue on the main trail on out along Keystone Rd. to East Lake Dr. before returning back to the Marina.

After lunch ride back to the trail and straight back to the hotel, another 11.1 miles. You might want to stop at the primate sanctuary right by the trail after crossing Klosterman Rd.

Map Links: (Hotel-Tarpon Springs) <https://www.google.com/maps/dir/28.0153236,-82.7887086/28.1537472,-82.7529998/@28.0763093,-82.8136351,12.08z/data=!4m2!4m1!3e1!5m1!1e3>

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/28.1537472,-82.7529998/28.1554437,-82.7580877/@28.155246,-82.7578118,17z/data=!4m2!4m1!3e1!5m1!1e3>

(Extra miles out Keystone) <https://www.google.com/maps/dir/28.1537472,-82.7529998/28.1492239,-82.6961076/@28.1421771,-82.7475055,14z/data=!4m2!4m1!3e1!5m1!1e3>

Total distance: 22.5 miles + 8 miles for the round trip out Keystone to East Lake Dr.

Facilities: Wall Springs Park, Tarpon Springs

Afternoon activities: Lounging, shopping, etc

Wine & cheese party, Part Deux: See above.

Dinner: We'll walk to dinner. Restaurant TBD.

Day 3

Drive to the Carpenter Sports Complex (651 Old Coachman Rd). We will ride north on the Duke Energy Trail as far as Meadow Wood Drive and return. On the return we'll make a short side trip to Kapok Pk on the Ream Wilson Trail.

Lunch at the Tarpon Turtle on Lake Tarpon in Tarpon Springs on the way home. After checking out of the hotel head north on 19 or 19A to a right turn onto E Tarpon Ave in Tarpon Springs. Another right onto Lake Tarpon Ave (about 5 blocks E of Rt 19) will take you to the restaurant.

Map Links: (Duke) <https://www.google.com/maps/dir/27.9714963,-82.7338983/28.0448151,-82.7216525/@28.0062523,-82.7415758,13z/data=!4m2!4m1!3e1!5m1!1e3>

(Ream Wilson) <https://www.google.com/maps/dir/27.9743897,-82.7338523/Kapok+Park/@27.9740731,-82.7305458,15.58z/data=!4m9!4m8!1m0!1m5!1m1!1s0x88c2ee49d4d79d9f:0x4edab1d6c4208685!2m2!1d-82.71294!2d27.9748691!3e1!5m1!1e3>

Total distance: Duke: 12.2 mi RT; Ream Wilson: 3.0 RT

Facilities: Porta Johns at the sports complex.

Accessing map links: To display the ride maps (Google maps) click on the link while depressing the **ctrl** key. If this does not work open your browser and copy and paste the entire multiple line link onto the browser search bar.