

Are you ready **NOT TO SWIM**, Beachcombers?

We pretty much know its toooooo cold to swim in either the Atlantic or Gulf in February, unless of course, you are willing to travel to Key West--which we're not! So we'll attempt something a little different on the 2nd anniversary of the founding of our club.

On Monday, February 16, let's visit **Washington Oaks Gardens State Park**, on the Atlantic in Palm Coast, which is south of St. Augustine and north of Flagler Beach. You can't go into the water because its floor and shore showcase the second greatest accumulation of coquina rock in the United States and your tootsies would not take too kindly to that. However, your eyes should behold the scenery in wonderment as you stroll cautiously between the beautiful rock formations shown below.

(insert Washington Oaks pics 5 & 6)

If ever your camera eagerly awaited an adventure, this would be the occasion. We suggest that you bring a chair and your lunch with you and enjoy it in this quiet, peaceful, and beautiful setting.

(insert Washington Oaks pic 4)

After viewing rock and water for an hour or so, we'll adjourn to the softer side of the park where we'll be offered a short guided tour of its formal gardens. Below is a sneak peak at its beauty.

(insert Wash. Oaks pic (no number) then Wash. Oaks pic. 3)

The Welcome Center, built in 1936, was once the home of Owen and Louise Young. Rarely did the customers at the roadside vegetable stand of the elderly Mr. Young know that he had been the Chairman of the Board of General Electric, had founded RCA, and had been named Time's Man of the Year for 1929. He was also an advisor to five U.S. Presidents. Apparently, he was a darn good vegetable salesman too!

From there, we will travel just 1-½ miles to the gallery of Paul Biliker, who "endeavors to capture a moment in wood or bronze that expresses potential for a symbiotic relationship with nature." He has graciously agreed to open his gallery for one hour on a Monday afternoon just to please us. Below are some of his works. (Note: We may not be able to store more than two purchases of them in the basement of our bus.)

(insert Baliker pics 1, 2, and 3)

By now, you should be getting pretty hungry. We will visit the Flagler Beach beachfront where the following casual fare restaurants can be found. They are all within 0.2 miles of each other.

Oceanside Beach Bar and Grill (rated #1)
1848 South Oceanshore Boulevard
(386) 439-6345 ~ oceansideflagler.com

Funky Pelican at the Flagler Beach Pier
215 Florida A1A, 0.1 mi SE
(386) 439-0011 ~ funkypelican.com

Flagler Fish Company
180 South Daytona Avenue, 0.1 mi SW
(386) 439-0000 ~ flaglerfishcompany.com

Rocky's Pizzeria Restaurant
105 North Oceanshore Boulevard, 140 ft N
(386) 439-6545

Burrito Works
400 South Oceanshore Boulevard, 0.2 mi S
(386) 439-6601 ~ burritoworks.com

Giovanni's Pizza & Pasta
218 Moody Boulevard, 100 ft SE
(386) 693-4815 ~ giovannispizzaflaglerbeach.com

Fisherman's Net
500 South Oceanshore Boulevard, 0.2 mi S
(386) 439-1818 ~ thefishermansnet.com

Fuego Del Mar
605 S. Oceanshore Boulevard
(386) 439-0098

We'll then nap our way during a leisurely 1 hour and 45 minute ride home.

Because of the loss of many of our incoming checks in November, we have rented a box at the Safe Ship Office in Colony Plaza to prevent further problems. When sending in your check, please be sure to address the envelope **exactly** as shown below.

To join us on this trip, send your check (made out to the BBC) for \$25 pp to:

Barefoot Beachcomber Club
(BBC will also work)
333 Colony Blvd. #110

The Villages, FL 32162

On January 29, we will use our lottery system to determine reservations for this trip, and you will be notified shortly thereafter of your seat confirmation or waitlist status.

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NOTE FOR THOSE WHO PAID FOR BEACH TRIP CANCELLED IN NOVEMBER

If you paid for the cancelled November 17 beach trip and your check was cashed by us, you may sign up for this trip without making further payment. Send us a note (to the address above) and let us know you wish to go on the February beach trip and that you have a credit from the November cancelled trip. You are still subject to the lottery drawing; however, if you don't get on this trip, your credit will remain on the books for a future trip.