

We hope we can entice you to join us on
Monday, September 16 from 8:30-7:45
for a trip to lovely Honeymoon Island.

The island offers a peaceful and relaxing setting just off the coast of Clearwater. Honeymoon Island is a 2,810-acre park of which 2,400 acres is submerged. (No, we will not be visiting that portion of the park!) Receiving more than one million visitors each year, it is the most-visited state park in Florida. After crossing a causeway, we will "drop anchor" on its 4 miles of beach and spend a relaxing afternoon swimming in the warm waters of the Gulf, fishing for trout and snook (is that a fish?), or having lunch amid the beautiful scenery.

You might prefer to enjoy a good book, play a quiet game, or set out to explore for unique shells. That search is particularly good here as the Gulf currents deposit an incredible variety along the shore.

Please note that we have been advised to shuffle our feet when entering the water to scare away small sting rays that sometimes burrow under the sand along the water's edge. We trust the advice that they are more afraid of us than we are of them. Also, the beach area itself has a lot of shells and rocks, so you may want to take beach shoes or just be careful when walking.

Activities include birding, fishing, and hiking. On the trails you may see many osprey, on nests, limbs, and while flying.

Showers and restrooms are available and Café Honeymoon offers food, beverages, and beach supplies. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited except, of course, at the restaurant where alcohol is sold. Rentals are available and include:

Umbrella & 2 chairs - \$25 plus tax;

Single Chair - \$5 plus tax Single umbrella - \$15 plus tax

We will not collect for these rentals in advance; just go to the café upon arrival if you wish.

Although the famous Caladesi Island is just a short ferry ride away, our members who went there on our last trip did not find the \$14 cost worthwhile so we are not promoting it this time.

After 3½ hours of strong Sept. Florida sun, we think it might be everyone's best interest to board the bus for a trip into neighboring Dunedin. You may not be aware that neighboring Dunedin has become a mini-Mecca for craft breweries. It's on the northern end of what is now called the "Gulp Coast." Anyone wishing to sample some local craft beers could leave the beach at 2:20 for a 15-minute drive to belly up to the bar at the

Dunedin Brewery and/or the Woodwright Brewing Company which are only about 600 ft. apart. Just be sure you're not too tipsy to climb up those bus steps at 3:35.

Or, if you'd prefer, you could visit the Penny Lane Beatles Museum a few blocks away and meet the owner, Dr. Robert Entel, who grew up in Liverpool, England, where the Beatles started, and who enjoyed seeing performances at the Cavern Club and the Casbah Coffee Club in the early sixties before the Fab Four became a world-wide phenomenon. He will share with us his private collection of rare Beatles memorabilia, including some original stage costumes. Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

Also at that locale is the Stirling Art Studios, where a collective of 10 local artists create and show their wares. Please be aware these studios and Penny Lane are on the second floor of a building up, a short flight of stairs. You would need to reboard the bus by 3:45.

We will then will proceed for an early casual dinner in Dunedin at Frenchy's Outpost Bar and Grill. They will be pleased and prepared to host our size crowd. You can view their menu at

<http://places.singleplatform.com/frenchys-outpost-bar--grill/menu>

Then back home where you may have "let sleeping dogs lie" ~