

On November 15, we'll travel to one of the Barefoot Beachcombers' favorite beaches,

North Jetty Park at Nokomis

This may be one of the most simplistic, back-to-nature beaches we offer our members. How does 4 hours of total relaxation in a beautiful setting on the Gulf sound to you? Since there is nothing commercial to distract us, the rest of the world will feel many miles away. As you can see, this park facing the Gulf is lined by a channel leading from the intercoastal waterway to the Gulf.

Some serious fishing happens in the Venice Inlet. There is a bait shop on site if you'd like to bring your rod and join these anglers. Just be sure your catch can be stored on ice below the bus—out of **aromatic** range!

Or you can set up a chair with a good book and occasionally look up to watch boats pass by and see dolphins and large rays jumping in the inlet.

Oh yeah ~ there's also a quiet beach and crystal clear water awaiting your pleasure. To ensure your safety, there are lifeguards on duty year round.

(Unfortunately, they tend to rescue girls under age 25 first.)

A modern concession serves only fresh made-to-order food worthy of the short wait you'll experience. There are also relatively new restrooms, covered picnic pavilions, and simple old-fashion picnic tables under the shade of waterfront trees.

By reducing our time a bit at this quiet beach, we preserved two hours to stop--halfway home--at the Shops at Wiregrass in Wesley Chapel. This outdoor shopping and dining venue should be perfect for a stroll in November.

In addition to browsing all that there is to see here, you'll also have the choice of many restaurants, (see <https://www.theshopsatwiregrass.com/directory/#Restaurants>) to share a relaxing meal with old or new friends.

Hopefully Wiregrass won't have to train you back to the bus after a heavy meal.

Rest assured that we will be watching daily any red tide alerts for North Jetty Park at Nokomis Beach. If concern develops, we will substitute a different Gulf beach that is more protective of our health and comfort.