

New Smyrna Beach

America's Beach



Fact Sheet

Location: New Smyrna Beach is located on Florida's east coast, just north of Cape Canaveral. Off 1-95, exit 84A. Closest beach to all central Florida attractions.

History: The land, originally inhabited by Timucuan Indians, was settled in 1767 by Dr. Andrew Turnbull, a Scottish physician. He named the town after his wife's birthplace of Smyrna, Turkey (now known as Izmir).

Land Area: 19.5 square miles, including a 13.2-mile stretch of beach. An additional 22 miles available at Canaveral National Seashore.

Population: Currently, New Smyrna Beach is home to approximately 17,500 citizens.

Attractions:

- **The Beach** - "The World's Safest Bathing Beach" free entertainment in a clean, peaceful setting (sunbathing, swimming, surfing, jet skiing, wind surfing, fishing, shell collecting).
- **Turnbull Ruins** - The remaining structure of Dr. Turnbull's unfinished mansion upon which several other buildings were constructed and then destroyed.
- **Turtle Mound** - A 50 foot high mound, containing 33,000 cubic yards of oyster shells, created by the Timucuan Indians. Visible 7 miles out at sea and historically used as a navigational device.
- **Canaveral National Seashore** - Twenty-four miles of preserved coastline. Home to many unique species of plants and animals. Nesting grounds of loggerhead sea turtles.



- **Ponce Inlet Lighthouse** - Built in 1882 on the north side of the inlet, the lighthouse stands 175 feet high and overlooks the Atlantic Ocean and Intracoastal Waterway.

**Recreation:**

Backwater Fishing - Mosquito Lagoon is a 21 1/2 mile long and 3 1/2 mile wide lagoon containing redfish, black grouper, speckled trout, tarpon, triple tail, snook, spots and Spanish mackerel to name just a few.

Golf - Golf enthusiasts have three 18-hole courses to choose from locally, but many more within a 30 minute drive, including the new LPGA course.

Theater - Atlantic Center for the Arts hosts theatrical performances, lectures, recitals and readings. Little Theater puts on several plays and musicals throughout the year.

Stock Car Racing - New Smyrna Speedway holds weekly races. Daytona Speedway is 20 minutes away.

Accommodations: Visitors can choose from a wide variety of oceanfront condominiums, hotels, mom & pop motels, bed and breakfast inns or campgrounds/RV parks.

- **Dining:** New Smyrna Beach, surrounded by the plentiful waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Intracoastal Waterway and Mosquito Lagoon, claims the best fresh seafood restaurants around. There are also restaurants for lovers of traditional, Italian, Mexican and Chinese fare.
- **Shopping:** New Smyrna Beach and nearby Edgewater have several shopping plazas. Visitors can also frequent the different shops and boutiques in downtown New Smyrna Beach, picking up souvenirs and gifts along the way.