

Friendship Force Florida Suncoast June 2007 Newsletter—special Picnic edition

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We generally wind up the year with a picnic. There is no program, but lots of food, and we enjoy ourselves, unashamedly. Philippe Park is cool!!! It has a mile of shoreline on Tampa Bay. See notes on this fascinating site and the map on the next page. This is our last meeting until September, so do come to the picnic.



Our thanks to Sally Ann Hill for this picnic, and other refreshments that she has arranged over the past year. Thanks to all who are helping her, including new member Joe Anthony who is doing the grilling. The club will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, condiments, soft drinks and paper goods.

Will you kindly call Sally Ann 727-796-2520 to let her know whether you are coming or not, and what food you might be bringing. So far, members have indicated they will bring potato salad, baked beans, cole slaws, a three-bean salad, cake, watermelon and fruit salad.

The picnic is Saturday, at 2 p.m., Shelter 1 at Philippe Park. Sally does need this information by Thursday, June 14th. Do contact her.

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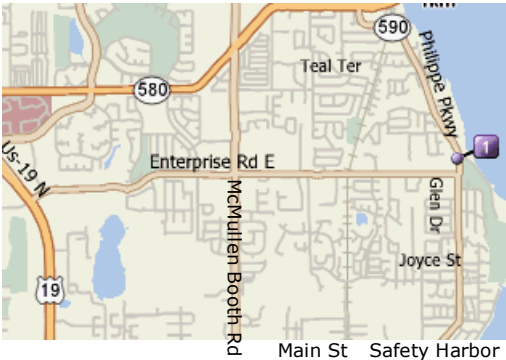
PHILIPPE PARK
2525 Philippe Parkway
Safety Harbor, Florida 34695-5134
727-669-1947

Shelter No. 1 is near the red dot on this map.



Straightforward Route: From McMullen Booth Road, Enterprise Road is not far north of Gulf-to-Bay Blvd in Clearwater. Turn East at Enterprise, and at the end, turn North on Philippe Parkway for a few yards and you will see the entrance to Philippe Park.

Scenic Route: From McMullen Booth Road, turn east on to Main St, Safety Harbor and drive through the delightful small town. At the end of the road, turn north, and you will see the park just north of the junction with Enterprise Road.



Background Note:

Philippe Park (2525 Philippe Pkwy., Safety Harbor, FL 34695 (727) 669-1947) was acquired in 1948, making it the first park in Pinellas county. Much of the 122-acre park is shaded by large oaks and other hardwood trees. It is quite gracious.

The park offers picnicking, and a view of Old Tampa Bay along one mile of shoreline. The largest pre-Columbian mound complex in Florida's Beach area can be found in Philippe Park. When Columbus landed in the New World, the Safety Harbor site served the central village of the Tocobaga people, and was the home of their cacique, or chief.

Another conquistador, Hernando De Soto, visited this capital of the Tocobaga, whose name loosely translates to "the place of the gourds."

Measuring 20-feet high and roughly 50-feet by 100-feet at the top, the mound is undoubtedly the best-maintained and most easily accessible of the pre-Columbian sites in the area.

Near the temple mound, archaeologists excavated a burial mound and unearthed more than 100 skeletons and ceremonial pottery. The pre-Columbian Safety Harbor Site has been designated as a Registered National Historic Landmark.

This historically rich park bears the name of Count Odet Philippe who introduced citrus culture to Florida. His descendents, including the McMullen and Booth families, are among the county's most well known pioneer clans. The existing park property was part of the original Philippe plantation from which several citrus trees still remain.

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