

# Public Sites to View a Launch

**Titusville Launch Viewing Locations** 

Marina Park 501 Marina Road, Titusville, FL 32796 / 321-264-5037 Hours of Operation: 7 a.m. until dark https://www.brevardfl.gov/ParksRecreation/North/ParksInTitusville/Marina

This community riverfront park is equipped to service your recreational needs. Whether you're looking for a boat ramp and dock, playground or dog-friendly park, you will find all that and more here. Located along the Indian River Lagoon, shoreline fishing is available, as well as a BMX bike course, skate park and picnic pavilions. Looking to rent a pavilion? Rentals are available through Sandrift Community Center.

Sand Point Park 101 N. Washington Avenue, Titusville, FL 32796 / 321-264-5037 Hours of Operation: Dawn to Dusk https://www.titusville.com/Page.asp?NavID=208

Sand Point Park is one of Titusville's community parks with the Astronaut Memorial located near the south entrance to the park. Here you will find a half-mile exercise trail, baseball and softball fields, playground and a splash pad. Facilities include picnic tables, picnic pavilions, grills, and restrooms. A large pavilion equipped with a kitchen can fit up to 250 people.

Playalinda Beach, Canaveral National Seashore Florida State Road 406, Titusville, FL 32796 / 321-267-1110 Hours of Operation: Summer hours – 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. & Winter hours – 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. https://www.nps.gov/cana/planyourvisit/hours.htm

Playalinda Beach is located inside Canaveral National Seashore, one of America's national parks. It's an undeveloped beach known for its serene environment and pristine shoreline. This beach lends itself to a premiere rocket launch location, but always check their website for the most upto-date info regarding launches. There is a \$10 vehicle entrance fee, as well as an Apollo District Visitor Center that is inside Canaveral National Seashore.

Parrish Park at Titusville 1 A. Max Brewer Memorial Parkway, Titusville, FL 32796 / 321-264-5037 Hours of Operation: Dawn to Dusk https://www.brevardfl.gov/ParksRecreation/North/ParksInTitusville/Parrish-Titusville Located in Titusville on both sides of State Road 402, Parrish Park provides access to the Indian River Lagoon for fishing and watersports. The park is equipped with paved and unpaved parking. Only 10 miles from the closest launch pad, this is one of the top viewing sties on Florida's Space Coast.

Space View Park 219 N. Indian River Avenue, Titusville, FL 32796 / 321-567-3775 Hours of Operation: Dawn to Dusk https://www.titusville.com/Page.asp?NavID=207

Close to Downtown Titusville and only 15 miles directly across from the Kennedy Space Center launch pads, Space View Park is the first and only park in America that honors astronauts and the men and women who helped America lead the world in space exploration. Throughout the park you can walk through the history of space and compare your handprints to those of Mercury astronauts. This park is also a prime spot to watch a rocket launch as it offers a spectacular view.

William J. Manzo Memorial Park 3335 S. Washington Avenue, Titusville, FL 32780 / 321-264-5037 Hours of Operation: Dawn to Dusk https://www.brevardfl.gov/ParksRecreation/North/ParksInTitusville/WilliamManzo

Situated on the Indian River Lagoon, William J. Manzo Memorial Park is ideal for family fun. This park includes a playground, picnic facilities and restrooms. Plus, it's well shaded by trees and has a paved walkway and riverfront boardwalk. It is an excellent viewing venue for rocket launches because the only thing between you and the launch itself is the Indian River Lagoon.

Rotary Riverfront Park 4141 S. Washington Avenue, Titusville, FL 32780 / 321-264-5037 Hours of Operation: Dawn to Dusk https://www.brevardfl.gov/ParksRecreation/North/ParksInTitusville/Rotary

Rotary Riverfront Park is located along the Indian River Lagoon and features top amenities for your day. Enjoy picnic pavilions with grills, a playground, fishing pier and observation deck, perfect for rocket launch viewing. This public park is approximately 13 miles from the launch complexes at Kennedy Space Center. Before or after the launch, be sure to check out nearby El Leoncito for delicious Mexican food.

# **Port Canaveral Launch Viewing Locations**

## Kelly Park East 2550 N. Banana River Dr., Merritt Island, FL 32952 / 321-633-1874 Hours of Operation: Dawn to Dusk

Located on the shores of the Banana River in central Merritt Island and adjacent to Port Canaveral, Kelly Park East's paved walkway connects a medium size pavilion with amenities including grills, restrooms, playground, horseshoe pits and volleyball courts. Additionally, there are two small pavilions and picnic tables that provide picnicking by the river's edge. With the waterfront view and facilities attracting numerous group gatherings through the spring and summer season, advanced reservations are recommended.

#### Exploration Tower 670 Dave Nisbet Drive, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920 / 321-394-3408 Hours of Operation: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Daily http://www.explorationtower.com/

With seven floors of exhibits and interactive play, the Exploration Tower includes something for everyone. Learn about Port Canaveral's history, grab a bite to eat, enjoy panoramic views of Port Canaveral and Kennedy Space Center, and wave goodbye to cruise ships as they pass by on the way out to sea. Exploration Tower is also a great place to watch a rocket launch from, but the facility may be closed for some launches, so it's best to call ahead. Tickets can be pre-purchased or on-site. Children, military and senior rates available.

#### **Port Canaveral 445 Challenger Road, Suite 301, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920 / 321-783-7831** Hours of Operation: Viewing Areas are open 24 hours. Hours vary for restaurants.

Port Canaveral is a world-class cruise and cargo port located 45 minutes east of Orlando International Airport. It's affectionately nicknamed 'Florida's Fun Port' and for good reason. No port gets you closer to space exploration, family-fun adventure and one-of-a-kind waterfront dining. Port Canaveral is home to The Cove, the port's entertainment district, featuring shopping, dining and fishing charters. Home to several waterfront restaurants, visitors can enjoy some of Florida's best seafood while watching fishing charters arrive and cruise ships depart.

Jetty Park at Port Canaveral 400 East Jetty Road, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920 / 321-783-7111 Hours of Operation: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. https://www.portcanaveral.com/Recreation/Jetty-Park-Beach-Pier

Jetty Park is a beautiful 35-acre park and is a well sought-after point of interest in all of Florida. Guests can participate in a variety of activities such as surfing, kayaking, walking the beach, riding bikes, and watching cruise ships. Vendors are located on the beach for all beach rentals, which includes chairs, umbrellas, boogie boards, and kayaks. Jetty Park also offers a 1,200 foot paved and lighted fishing pier for all fishing enthusiast. Pavilions are equipped with tables and

grills. Kids can also have fun at the playground complete with swings, monkey bars, slides and much more. There is a \$15 per vehicle entrance fee (\$5 if you live on Florida's Space Coast).

# **Cocoa Beach Launch Viewing Locations**

Westgate Cocoa Beach Pier 401 Meade Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 / 321-783-7549 Hours of Operation: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. http://www.cocoabeachpier.com/

The world-famous Westgate Cocoa Beach Pier is a hot spot for family, friends, and fun. This historic landmark has been a local favorite for over 50 years and is described as 'not just a day at the beach.' From fishing to beach rentals, gift shops to live entertainment, Westgate Cocoa Beach Pier has it all. Enjoy views from 800 feet over the Atlantic Ocean as you drink and dine at any of the four bars and five restaurants on location, all of which have gluten-free options available. In addition, there are a vast variety of annual activities, events, surf competitions, and festivals all throughout the year.

#### **Alan Shepard Park**

**299 East Cocoa Beach Causeway, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 / 321-868-3252** Hours of Operation: Beachfront viewing is open 24 hours; park is open dawn to dusk http://www.cityofcocoabeach.com/Facilities/Facility/Details/Alan-Shepard-Park-21

Named after Astronaut Alan Shepard, this oceanfront park has five acres worth of out-of-thisworld views, ideal for observing space and rocket launches. Enjoy a day of food and fun with several pavilions, covered picnic tables, barbeque grills, and a playground all provided. Located at the east end of State Road 520, Alan Shepard Park is perfect for a mini get-away and still close enough to explore local popular retail shops in the area. Parking is \$15 and there are over 300 parking spaces available for automobiles and recreational vehicles. Overnight parking for buses not permitted.

# Sidney Fischer Park 2200 North Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 / 513-448-9686 Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. http://www.cityofcocoabeach.com/Facilities/Facility/Details/Sidney-Fischer-Park-30

Sidney Fischer Park is a 10-acre, oceanfront park that's a family favorite. The park is an ideal place for a picnic and a swim in the Atlantic Ocean. Roughly 200 parking spaces, picnic pavilions and shower and restroom facilities are provided. The park was named after Sidney Fischer, who served as the mayor of Cocoa Beach from 1956 to 1960. The parking fee is \$15 for cars and recreational vehicles. Buses and overnight parking are not permitted.

## Lori Wilson Park

## 1500 N Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 / 321-890-4084

Hours of Operation: Beachfront viewing is open 24 hours; park is open dawn to dusk https://www.brevardfl.gov/ParksRecreation/Central/ParksInCocoaBeach/LoriWilson

Located in the heart of Cocoa Beach is a seaside park lush with dunes and coastal hammocks. Lori Wilson Park is the perfect place for a beachside picnic or family get-together, complete with pavilions, a playground, and barbecue grills. Spend an hour, or all day, playing volleyball on the public court, taking a nature walk on one of the six dune crossovers or boardwalk, or even enjoy a refreshing dip in the Atlantic Ocean. With full-time lifeguards present, Lori Wilson Park is ideal for a relaxed and enjoyable time by the water. Parking is free and the facility includes restrooms, outdoor showers, water fountains, on-site vendors, and a dog park. Service animals are allowed. Dogs are allowed specifically at the Dog Park, but are otherwise prohibited in the park and on the beach. Alcoholic beverages are allowed in designated areas only.