

First Stop- Greater Pine Island Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center



PINE ISLAND

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- Galleries & Gift Shops
- Charming Accommodations
- Wonderful Restaurants
- Music
- Specialty Food Shops
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- Fantastic Fishing
- Nature Trails & Cruises
- Indian Heritage Trails

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Greater Pine Island Chamber of Commerce
Visit our welcome center:
3640 Pine Island Rd., Matlacha, FL 33993



5 Things to Do on Pine Island

We welcome our seasonal friends back to the island! Warm sunshine and gently waving palm trees are a sure way to beat the winter blues of the northern climes. We want to remind everyone whether you are a permanent resident, seasonal or a visitor we have lots to offer! Our eclectic shops in Matlacha are fun to stroll through, our restaurants offer a wide variety of cuisines and music is everywhere! That being said we would like to offer you 5 things to do just a bit further down the road on Pine Island.

Let's take a left at the 4 way (That's the 4 way stop in the center of the island) and head on down to St. James City.

1. Project 911UP: Art by San 8568 Evergreen Lane St. James City, FL 33956 239-269-5733

Artist Sandra (San) Priest has created an art gallery to honor the horrific devastation of 911. She has created monuments from sections of the 4-foot-thick concrete slurry wall that was below the World Trade Center. "From the rubble of humanity to an uplifting venture", you are invited to visit the studio and talk with this amazing artist. Visit the Project 911UP at their website www.911up.com or call to make an appointment to speak with the artist directly.

2. St Jude Trail: Look for "Great Florida Birding Trail" signs to lead you from Stringfellow Rd to this site within the St. Jude Harbors subdivision along Stabile Rd. This trail is managed by the Calusa Land trust and protects 386 acres of mangrove forests that stretch along the southeastern coast of the island. The 1 mile walk that follows an old roadbed

to the banks of St James Creek is a birders delight! There is a board walk and observation deck at the end of the trail which makes bird watching ideal. <https://floridahikes.com/st-jude-trail>

Now we will turn around and head north toward the 4 way.

3. Museum of The Islands 5728 Sesame Dr, Bokeelia, FL 33922 239-283-1525

Pine Island's rich history is preserved in this vintage exhibit hall which is maintained and manned entirely by volunteers. From the Calusa Indians to early settlers to depression era squatters this island has many secrets to share! Even Pirates and their still hidden treasure!

www.museumoftheislands.com



4. Randell Research Center: 13810 Waterfront Drive Pineland, Florida 33945 239-283-2062

Hike the Calusa Heritage Trail and climb atop a



shell mound that overlooks Charlotte Harbor. The Randell Research center encompasses 67 acres of archaeological wonders. Bring your camera as the scenery is spectacular. You may walk the park on your own or take a guided tour. Either way you will enjoy learning about the original inhabitants of the islands.

<https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/rrc/visit/trail/>

5. Bokeelia Fishing Pier: 8421 Main St, Bokeelia, FL 33922 239-283-2244

Situated at the very northern tip of Pine Island is one of the islands true gems. Fishermen have come to this location for over 100 years! While the pier has been rebuilt twice, there has always been a pier on this site. Even if you don't fish it is quite lovely to just sit on the seawall and admire the view of Charlotte Harbor. If you do fish you just might catch Snapper, Red Fish, Snook, Grouper, Mackerel, Sheep Head and yes perhaps a shark!! You don't

even need to bring your own fishing gear...the pier can rent you all the gear you need and no fishing license is necessary. Pier Fees and Hours: \$8 a day per person. Open each day from 7AM till 7PM, with bait available. Private pier rental for night fishing available. Call for pricing and reservations. 239-283-2244.

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