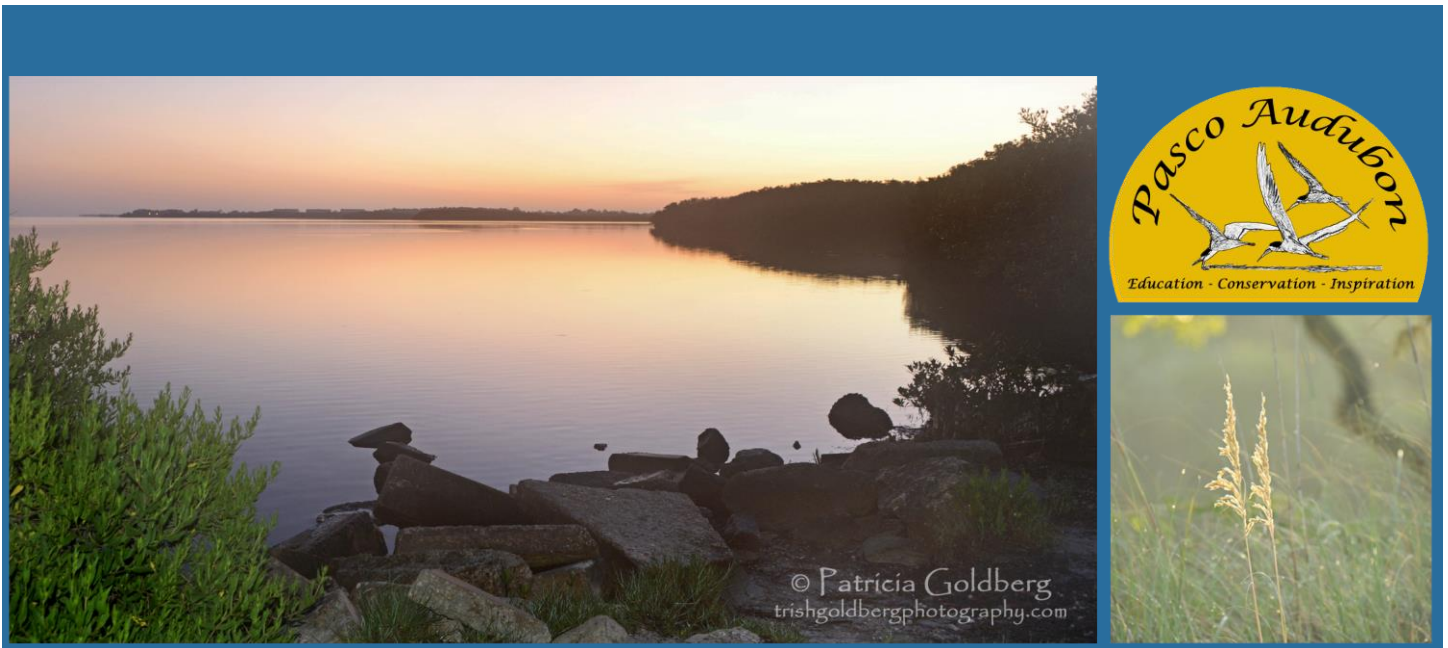


# Robert K. Rees Memorial Park

## GREEN KEY



### ABOUT

The Green Key peninsula, formally known as Robert K. Rees Memorial Park, consists of 45 acres of mangroves on the Gulf of Mexico. There is a small beach on the south side of the key and a 650 foot boardwalk through the mangroves to the north side, ending at a small observation deck looking out onto the gulf. The park is small but mighty: 244 different species have been recorded here on eBird, and many migratory birds can be seen in fall and spring.

#### BIRDS

Horned Grebe, Common Loon, Reddish Egret, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Roseate Spoonbill, Hooded Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Clapper Rail, White-winged Dove, Brown-headed Cowbird, Prairie Warbler.

eBird hotspot link:  
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L127314>

#### DIRECTIONS

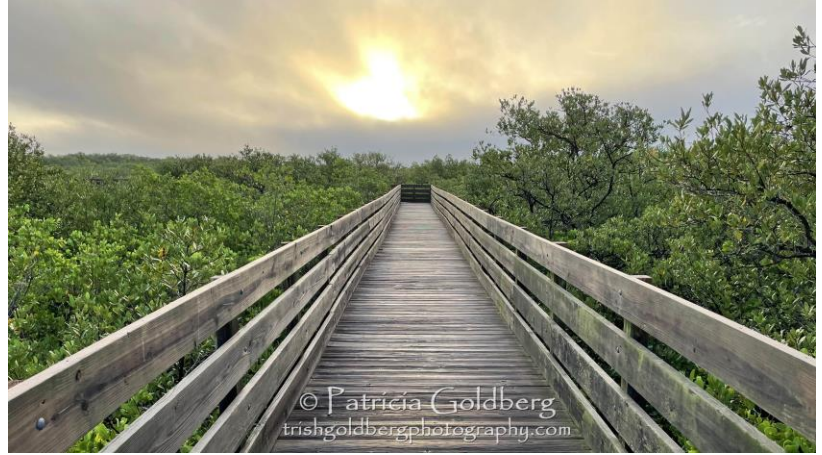
From Highway 19 in New Port Richey go west on Green Key Road 1 ½ miles.

#### FACILITIES

Parking, restrooms, picnic pavilion, playground, beach, and boardwalk

<https://www.pascocountyfl.net/676/Robert-K-Rees-Memorial-Park>

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## TIPS

Check the mangroves on both sides of the entrance road. Scope tidal flats near boat launch at low tide. Watch electric lines along the road for kingbird, cowbird, and dove. Stop at needle grass on the left side of the road traveling west for rail and Sedge Wren. Scan the beach area for shorebirds and waders. Take the boardwalk over the mangroves for warblers, wrens, and rails. Canoe or kayak through the surrounding marshes and mangroves. During spring migration, especially when the wind is easterly, stop before the gate on the causeway in the early morning and observe the mangroves on both sides of the road for waves of wood warblers and other migrants. Check out our website for links to articles on this phenomenon by Ken Tracey.

While early morning can be the most productive time to bird here, it can be a favorite time for fierce no-see-ums, particularly in the summer months. Also note that weekends are popular with locals, and the small beach and boat launch can be busy. Weekdays can be the best time to visit if you have the flexibility.



Check out nearby **Boy Scout Preserve** on Green Key Road: This small preserve has a loop trail and a shelter. On the west facing side of the preserve there is an opening over needle grass and a view of the mangroves of Green Key (bring boots, it's soggy). Some of the more common species found here include rails (Clapper, Virginia, and Sora), Osprey, Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Bald Eagle, Finches, and Wrens. During the winter months, thousands of American Robins can be observed flying from the mangroves to the west at dawn.

