

Hudson Beach



ABOUT

Hudson Beach park consists of a small sandy beach and a waterfront with mostly rocks exposed at lower tide levels. The sea wall provides an easy place from which to appreciate sea birds, shore birds and ducks, as they tend to come in quite close, allowing for good views. The location includes a large gazebo with an upper level, providing a great spot to watch the ocean - a scope is helpful here. Sam's Beach Bar is located in the middle of the waterfront and beyond it there is another expanse of waterfront with a free parking lot and broad shelter behind.

BIRDS

Red-breasted Merganser, American Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Sandwich Tern, Common Loon, Great Horned Grebe, Eurasian Collared Dove

eBird hotspot link:
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L584788>

DIRECTIONS

From Highway 19 about 2 miles north of SR 52 turn west on Hudson Ave. Turn left on Old Dixie Highway then Left on Clark Ave.

FACILITIES

Parking, restrooms, picnic tables, cabana



TIPS

Lower tide is preferable here, giving a place for birds to land and be observed quite easily. Walk along the sea wall and get a good view of the Gulls, Terns, shorebirds and waders that enjoy this location. The close proximity of the birds to the sea wall, which can act almost as a bird blind, makes this a popular place for photographers. There's a good chance you'll see dolphins coming close to the shore in search of mullet also.

Hudson Beach can be a particularly productive spot after a storm or front has moved through, when fellow birders may be found on the upper level of the gazebo scanning the oyster bars and skyline. It is also useful that there are several shelters from which to observe when the weather is less than ideal. And Sam's Beach Bar is conveniently located with waterfront views and a varied menu.

Flocks of ducks can be seen flying by in formation during migration. A scope is very helpful here for viewing the oyster bars and distant horizons for possible pelagic birds that may have come a little closer to land than is typical and for ducks, loons and grebes on the water.



Check out Veterans Memorial Park on Hicks Avenue. This is another of Pasco's mixed-use parks, but has a good circular path around the perimeter that can provide good opportunities for Northern Flicker (northern perimeter) along with other woodpeckers, Flycatchers, Sparrows and Wrens. Look over the fence to the north where open fields and live oaks. Beyond the fence to the west you will find a pond and wetland area worth scanning.

Ample parking is available and Veteran's Park is also home to a Pasco Parks and Recreation office where you can pick up an annual pass for SunWest - a must for Pasco birders.