

Take a Walk on the wild side ...
With the Master Gardeners!

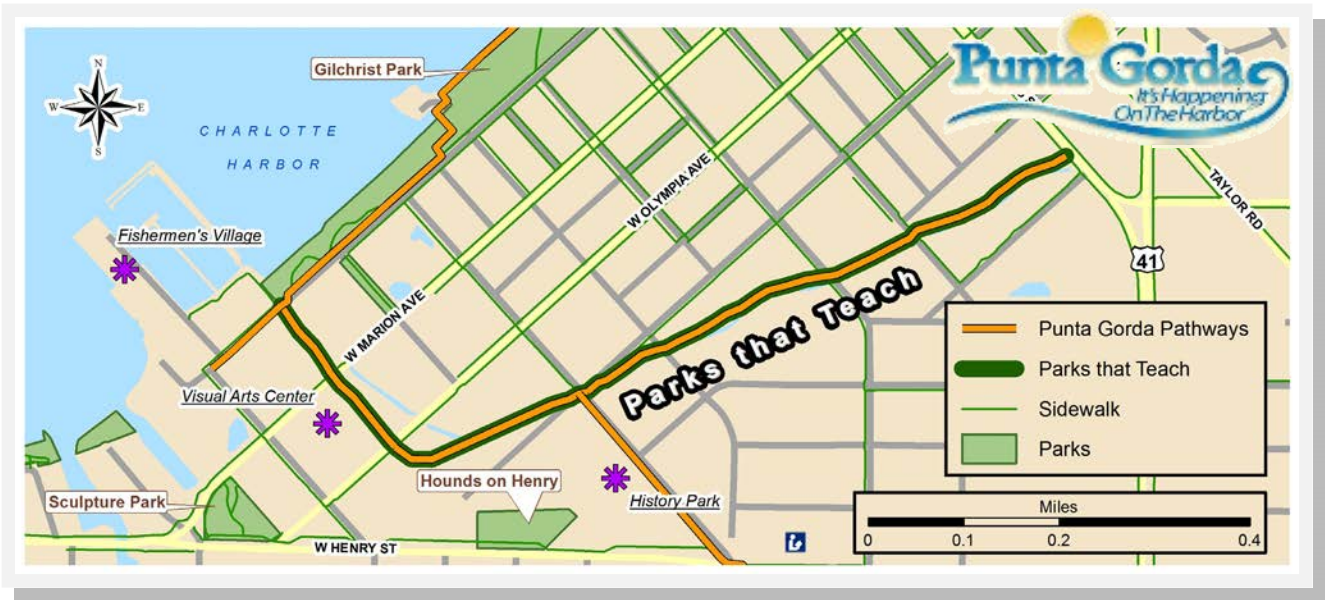


Well, maybe not too wild, but you can take a leisurely walk along The **“Parks that Teach”** corridor of the **City of Punta Gorda Pathways**.

Guided tours will be led by the University of Florida’s Master Gardeners, individuals who have completed an extensive training course in gardening sponsored by the University of Florida. As you walk thru the pathway, you will view the unique ecosystems of the mangroves, identify trees and shrubs, and learn how these plants can fit into your home landscape. In addition, you will experience the habitats that support many different Florida creatures including alligators, wading birds, turtles, fish, raccoons, and crabs.

The Master Gardener guides will introduce native, non-native Florida Friendly (good to plant) and invasive plants (not good to

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plant) and the difference between each. Learn about the importance of the mangrove community, it’s value as a habitat and the support it provides as nursery grounds for fish, birds, crabs and other creatures as well as the ability of the mangroves to survive under low oxygen and saline environments.

Additional information and guided walks will be posted in the kiosk on the Parks that Teach corridor of the Punta Gorda Pathways at the Shreve Street and West Virginia Avenue crossing.



The Master Gardener program is sponsored by the University of Florida. Each Master Gardener is a volunteer and has had extensive training regarding gardening in Southwest Florida. The Master Gardeners conducting these tours have had specialized training regarding the flora along the pathways. Each is excited to share this special walking adventure with you.

Join us and get to know the Nature of Florida!





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All tours are free!

**TOURS HELD MONTHLY
1ST SATURDAY @ 8:00AM &
3RD WEDNESDAY @ 9:30AM**

**No RSVP required
Tours depart from Fisherman's
Village parking lot near
the tennis courts
Tour will last approximately
one and a half hours
Wear comfortable clothing
& footwear**

**Master Gardeners are happy to
accommodate individual, bicycle,
special groups or "doggie" groups wish-
ing to schedule guided walks outside of
regularly scheduled walks....**

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**to schedule your group or
for more information.**

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