

# BOCA RATON

<http://www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us/>

## LOCATION

City of Boca Raton  
City Hall  
201 W. Palmetto Park Rd  
Boca Raton, FL 33432  
561.393.7700

## HISTORY

The meaning of the name Boca Raton has always aroused curiosity. Many people wrongly assume the name is simply Rat's Mouth. The Spanish word boca (or mouth) often described an inlet, while raton (literally mouse) was used as a term for a cowardly thief. But the "Thieves Inlet," Boca Ratones, appeared on eighteenth century maps associated with an inlet in the Biscayne Bay area of Miami. By the beginning of the nineteenth century, the term was mistakenly applied to Lake Boca Raton, whose inlet was closed at the time. The "s" and later the "e" were dropped from this title by the 1920s, yet the correct pronunciation remains Rah-tone.

The earliest known inhabitants of the Boca Raton area were the Tequesta Indians, who lived in communities near the ocean as long ago as one thousand years until the eighteenth century. The construction of the Florida East Coast Canal (today's Intracoastal) and the Florida East Coast Railway in the 1890s made the region accessible to a group of resourceful pioneers. By the early 1900s Boca Raton was a tiny agricultural community, many of the farmers specializing in pineapple cultivation. Amongst these were a group of Japanese immigrants under the leadership of Joseph Sakai, who formed a community along today's Yamato Road in 1904.

In May of 1925, the Town of Boca Raton was incorporated at the height of the Florida land boom. The town council commissioned noted society architect Addison Mizner to plan a world-class resort community. His exclusive hotel, known as the Cloister Inn, was completed in 1926 and continues its reign as a city landmark as the Boca Raton Resort and Club. Although many of Mizner's plans for the young community were squelched by the demise of the land boom in 1926, a few survive today—and his architectural style continues to influence the city.

One of Mizner's projects was a design for a city hall for Boca Raton. Completed by Delray architect William Alsmeyer in 1927, Old Town Hall at 71 North Federal Highway still bears the original footprint of the Mizner design, and was constructed using ironwork, tile, and woodwork supplied by Mizner Industries. Today the restored Town Hall is the home of the Boca Raton Historical Society.

In the 1930s and 40s, Boca was known for its winter vegetable crop, particularly the green beans which commanded a premium in northern markets. In 1942, the Army Air Corps established its only war-time radar training school at the site of what is today F.A.U. and the Boca Raton Airport. The facility brought over 30,000 servicemen as well as families and civilian employees to the tiny community of Boca Raton, with a population of 723 in 1940.

In the 1950s, the still small town played host to a safari park called Africa USA which opened where the Camino Gardens development stands now. E. G. Barnhill offered an attraction called Ancient America on the site of prehistoric burial mounds on U.S. One in the area of today's Sanctuary neighborhood. And the Winter Bible Conference Grounds—Bibletown—was established in buildings of the former Air Field.

In the 1960s, South Florida experienced another great land boom, with developments pushing the Everglades and former farmlands increasingly westward. The population grew to almost 30,000 residents by 1970, continuing to increase well outside city limits to this day. In 1962, Boca Raton attracted the newest state university, Florida Atlantic, to the site of the old army airbase. IBM moved one of its computer facilities to Boca Raton in 1967, and in 1981, it was there the first IBM PC, or personal computer, was developed.

During the 1980s and 1990s, the city focused much of its attention on downtown redevelopment, and a number of important historical properties, such as Boca Raton's original Town Hall and F.E.C. Railway Station were restored and opened to the public. Many fine cultural facilities, such as the Boca Raton Museum of Art, have grown up to meet the needs of the growing population.

## **POPULATION**

As of 2000: 74,764

## **EVENTS**

Special Events Hotline  
(561) 393-7806  
Selection #2

### Cinema in the Park

The City of Boca Raton Recreation Services and the Center for the Arts at Mizner Park have brought back the concept with "**CINEMA IN THE PARK,**" with the scheduling of outdoor films once a month on select Friday nights from October through May.

### Concert Series

The City of Boca Raton provides four major concert series throughout the year---"Music In the Park" and "Summer Music In The Park" held at the Mizner Park Amphitheater, "Sunset at Sanborn Music Series" which takes place at Sanborn Square, and "Live from Downtown....It's Wednesday Night" which takes place at Royal Palm Place shopping center.

### GreenMarket

Grab your shopping bags and head on over to the **City of Boca Raton GreenMarket** scheduled for each Saturday, from November through April, 8:00am to 1:00pm. The Market takes place on South Federal Highway in the southwest parking lot of Royal Palm Plaza.

## **ATTRACTIONS**

## TENNIS

Boca Raton Center  
271 N.W. Boca Raton Blvd. (2nd Ave.)  
(561) 367-7978

Patch Reef Center  
2000 Yamato Road  
(2 blocks West of Military Trail)  
(561) 367-7090

The Racquet Center  
21626 St. Andrews Blvd.  
(561) 367-7095

## GOLF PUBLIC

Boca Raton Municipal  
Championship/Executive  
8111 Golf Course Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33434  
(561) 483-5226

Red Reef Park  
Executive Course  
1221 North Ocean Blvd.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
(561) 391-5014

Southwinds Golf Course  
19557 Lyons Rd  
561.483.1305

## PRIVATE

Boca Grove Golf & Tennis Club  
7000 Boca Grove Blvd  
561.477.5583

Red Reef Ocean Front Course  
1221 N Ocean Blvd  
561.391.5014

Bocaire Country Club  
4989 Bocaire Blvd  
561.997.6556

Boca Dunes Golf & Country Club  
1400 SW 65TH AVE  
561.451.1600

Boca Raton Executive Country Club  
7601 E Country Club Blvd  
561.997.9410



Boca Country Club  
17751 Boca Club Blvd  
561.447.3600

Boca Greens Country Club  
19642 Trophy Dr  
561.852.8800 Ext. 222

Boca Lago Country Club  
8665 Juego Way  
561.482.5000

Broken Sound Club  
2401 Willow Springs Dr  
561.241.6800

Country Club at Boca Raton, The  
6200 Boca Del Mar Dr  
561.392.7991

Ocean Breeze Golf & Country Club  
5800 NW 2nd Ave  
561.994.0400 Ext. 273

Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club  
2425 Maya Palm Dr W  
561.210.8120

Southwinds Golf Course  
19557 Lyons Rd  
561.482.3354

#### BEACHES

Red Reef Park  
1400 N. State Road A-1-A, Boca Raton, FL  
(561) 393-7974

Red Reef Park opens from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. 7 days per week. The Gumbo Limbo facilities are open Monday through Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Sunday noon until 4:00 P.M.

Spanish River Park  
3001 N. State Road A-1-A,  
(561) 393-7815

The Park opens no later than 8:00 A.M. and closes at sundown, seven days per week. Sundown is usually established by the U.S. Weather Bureau and is normally published in the weather section of the local newspaper.

South Beach  
400 N. State Road A1A

The park opens at 8:00 A.M. and closes at sundown, seven days a week. Sundown is usually established by the U.S. Weather Bureau and is normally published in the

weather section of the local newspaper.

### MARINAS

Royal Palm Yacht And Country Club Yacht Club  
2425 W Maya Palm Dr  
561.395.2100

Boca Marina Clubhouse  
5290 Boca Marina Cir S  
561.997.6461

Boca Marina Homeowners Assoc.  
5311 Boca Marina Cir N  
561.997.7986

### MUSEUMS

Boca Raton Museum of Art  
501 Plaza Real  
Boca Raton, FL 33432  
Map  
Phone: (561) 392-2500  
Phone 2: (561) 392-2503  
Fax: (561) 391-6410

Children's Museum  
498 Crawford Blvd  
Boca Raton, FL 33432  
Map  
Phone: (561) 368-6875  
Fax: (561) 395-7764

### **SCHOOLS**

School District of Palm Beach County  
3300 Forest Hill Blvd  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406  
561.434.8000

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### PRE-SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTEN

Advent Lutheran Early Childhood School  
5001 N.E. Fourth Avenue  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.395.3631  
Ages: Infant to Kindergarten

Children's House of Boca Raton  
A Montessori Pre-School  
100 Pine Circle  
Boca Raton, Florida 33432  
561.391.0074  
Ages: 2 1/2- 6 years old

Florence Fuller Child Development Center, East  
200 N.E. 14th Street  
Boca Raton, Florida 33432  
561.391.7274  
Ages: 30 days to 5 years, school-age programs from 5-13 year olds

Florence Fuller Child Development Center, West  
10130 S. 185th Street  
Boca Raton, Florida 33498  
561.482.3006  
Ages: 30 days to 5 years. School age programs from 5-13 year olds

Little Friends Pre-School and Kindergarten  
4545 N.W. Boca Raton Blvd.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.368.0266  
Ages: 2 years to pre-kindergarten

MECE  
625 N.E. Mizner Blvd.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33432  
561.368.1215  
Grades: Pre-school to kindergarten

YMCA After School  
6631 Palmetto Circle South  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433  
561.395.9622  
Ages: Kindergarten to 5th grade

YMCA Exceptional Child Program  
6631 Palmetto Circle South  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433  
561.395.9622  
Ages: 5-13 year olds

YMCA Pre-School  
6631 Palmetto Circle South  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433  
561.395.9622  
Ages: 2 1/2-5 year olds

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

A.D. Henderson University School  
(A laboratory school at Florida Atlantic University)  
777 Glades Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.297.3970

Addison Mizner Elementary School  
(offers a gifted program curriculum)

199 S.W. 12th Avenue  
Boca Raton, Florida 33486  
561.338.1450

Boca Raton Community Middle School  
1251 NW 8th St.  
Boca Raton, FL 33486  
561.416.8700

Boca Raton Elementary School  
103 S.W. First Avenue  
Boca Raton, Florida 33432  
561.338.1454

Calusa Community Elementary School

2051 Clint Moore Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33496  
561.241.2255

Coral Sunset Elementary School  
22400 Hammock Street  
Boca Raton, Florida 33428  
561.852.6660

Del Prado Elementary School  
7900 Del Prado Circle  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433  
561.338.1490

Hammock Pointe Elementary School  
8400 S.W. Eighth Street  
Boca Raton, Florida 33428  
561.852.6980

J.C. Mitchell Elementary School  
2401 N.W. Third Avenue  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.338.1468

Loggers' Run Community Middle School  
11584 W Palmetto Pk Rd  
Boca Raton, FL 33428  
561.883.8000

Sandpiper Shores Elementary School  
11201 W. Glades Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33498  
561.852.6675

Spanish Academy Charter School  
414 NW 35th St

Boca Raton, FL 33462

Verde Community Elementary School  
6590 Verde Trail  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433  
561.852.6680

Waters Edge Elementary School  
21601 Shorewood Drive  
Boca Raton, Florida 33428  
561.883.8070

Whispering Pines Elementary School  
9090 Spanish Isles Blvd.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33496  
561.852.6686

#### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Boca Raton Community Middle School  
1251 N.W. Eighth Street  
Boca Raton, Florida 33486  
561.416.8700

Eagle's Landing Middle School  
19500 Coral Ridge Drive  
Boca Raton, Florida 33498  
561.470.7000

Loggers' Run Middle School  
11584 W. Palmetto Park Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33428  
561.883.8000

Omni Middle School  
5775 Jog Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33496  
561.989.2800

#### HIGH SCHOOLS

Boca Raton Community High School  
1501 N.W. 15th Court  
Boca Raton, Florida 33486  
561.338.1400

Olympic Heights Community High School  
20101 Lyons Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33434  
561.852.6900

Spanish River Community High School  
5100 Jog Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33496

561.241.2200

West Boca Raton Community Highschool  
12811 Glades Rd  
Boca Raton, FL 33498  
561.672.2001

### PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Advent Lutheran  
4901 N.E. Fourth Ave,  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.395.3635  
Grades: 1-8  
Affiliation: Lutheran; open to all faiths

Boca Raton Christian School  
315 N.W. Fourth Street  
Boca Raton, Florida 33432  
561.391.2727  
Grades: Pre-kindergarten - 12  
Affiliation: Christian; open to all faiths

Boca Raton Preparatory International School  
10333 Diego Drive South  
Boca Raton, Florida 33428  
561.852.1410  
Grades: Pre-kindergarten to 12

Donna Klein Jewish Academy  
An agency and beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County  
9701 Donna Klein Blvd.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33428-1754  
561.852.3300  
Grades: Kindergarten to 12th  
Affiliation: Jewish; open to all faiths

Garden of the Sahaba Academy  
3100 N.W. Fifth Avenue  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.395.3011  
Grades: Pre-K 3 through 5th grade

Grandview Preparatory School  
336 Spanish River Blvd. N.W.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.416.9737  
Grades: Early Childhood to 12th grade  
Affiliation: Independent, co-educational, non-sectarian college preparatory day school

High Road Academy  
5660 N. Federal Highway  
Boca Raton, Florida 33432

Pine Crest School at Boca Raton  
2700 St. Andrews Blvd.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33434  
561.852.2800

Grades: Pre-kindergarten to 8th  
Affiliation: Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale, where students may transfer for grades 9-12

Pope John Paul II Regional High School  
4001 N. Military Trail  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431-4302  
561.994.8998

Grades: 9-12  
Affiliation: Catholic; open to all faiths

Saint Andrew's School  
(College Preparatory)  
3900 Jog Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33434  
561.210.2000

Grades: K-12  
Affiliation: Episcopalian; open to all faiths

St. Jude Catholic School  
21689 Toledo Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433  
561.392.9160

Grades: Kindergarten-8th  
Affiliation: Catholic

Summit Private School of Boca Raton  
3881 N.W. Third Avenue  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.338.5020

Sylvan Learning Center  
(provides supplemental education programs)  
21212 St. Andrews Blvd., Suite 17  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433  
561.391.0707

Grades: Kindergarten to grade 12

Unity School  
101 NW 22nd St  
Boca Raton, FL 33444  
561.276.4414

West Glades Montessori  
20400 Cain Blvd.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33498  
561.479.4629

Ages: 2 1/2-9 years

### COLLEGES AND UNIVERISITIES

Florida Atlantic University  
777 Glades Road  
P.O. Box 3091  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431-0991  
561.297.3000

Lynn University  
3601 N. Military Trail  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.237.7000

Lynn University Conservatory of Music  
3601 N. Military Trail  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
561.237.9000

Palm Beach Community College  
South Campus  
3000 Saint Lucie Ave.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431-6490  
561.862.4300

### **HOSPITALS**

Boca Raton Community Hospital  
800 Meadows Road  
Boca Raton, FL 33486  
(561) 955-7100

West Boca Medical Center  
21644 State Road 7  
West Boca Raton, FL 33428  
(561) 488-8000

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Boca Isles  
1200 SW 2nd Avenue  
8 AM - Sunset

Boca Tierra  
2601 NW 43rd Street  
8 AM - Sunset

Camino Villas  
580 W. CAMino Rea & El Rio Canal  
8 AM - Sunset

Dog Park  
Broken Sound Blvd.  
7:30 AM - Sunset

Rio Trail  
M Along El Rio Canal (Glades Rd. & 40th St.  
Sunrise - Sunset

George Snow  
1101 NW 15th Street  
8 AM - Sunset

Golden Fig Park  
600 NW 7th Street  
8 AM - Sunset

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center  
1801 N. Ocean Blvd.  
9 AM - 4 PM

Hidden Lakes  
NW 4th Ave. & Country Club Blvd.  
8 AM - Sunset

Hillsboro El Rio  
499 SW 18th Street  
8 AM - 10 PM

Hughes  
200 NE 14th Street  
8 AM - 11 PM

James A. Rutherford  
600 NE 24th Street  
8 AM - Sunset

Lake Wyman  
1500 NE 5th Avenue  
8 AM - Sunset

Meadows  
1300 NW 8th Street  
7 AM - 11 PM

Memorial  
150 Crawford Blvd.  
8 AM - 11 PM

Mizner Park  
Federal Highway and Mizner Blvd.

NW 11th Avenue Park



620 NW 11th Avenue  
8 AM - Sunset

Palmetto Dune Park  
601 W. Palmetto Park Rd.  
8 AM - Sunset

Patch Reef  
2000 Yamato Road  
8 AM -11 PM

Patch Reef Trail  
3.5M Along E4 Canal (Glades Rd. to Yamato Rd.)  
Sunrise - Sunset

Pine Breeze  
1100 SW 20th Street  
8 AM - Sunset

Swim & Racquet Center  
21626 St. Andrews Blvd.  
7:30 AM - 10 PM

Red Reef  
1400 N. State Road A1A  
8 AM - 10 PM

Red Reef Executive Golf Course  
1221 N. State Road A1A  
7:30 AM - Sunset

Sanborn Square  
72 N. Federal Highway  
8 AM - Sunset

Sand Pine  
300 Newcastle Street (NE)  
8 AM - 11 PM

Serenoa Glade Preserve  
1101 NW 15th Street  
8 AM - Sunset

Silver Palm  
600 E. Palmetto Park Road  
24 hrs.

Spanish River  
3001 N. State Road A1A  
8 AM - Sunset

South Beach  
400 N. State Road A1A



8 AM - Sunset

Sugar Sand Park  
300 S. Military  
8 AM - 11 PM

University Woodlands  
2501 St. Andrews  
8 AM - 11 PM

Yale Newman Park  
470 NW 35th Street  
8 AM - 11 PM

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### AIRPORTS

Boca Raton Airport Authority  
3700 Airport Road, Suite 304  
561.391.2202

Palm Beach International Airport  
1000 Turnage Boulevard  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406  
561.471.7420

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport  
100 Aviation Blvd  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315  
866.I.FLY.FLL

### BUSES

Broward Transit Authority  
954.357.8400  
Cherokee-Taylor, Inc.  
800.214.4570

Greyhound/Trailways Bus Lines  
561.272.6447 (in Delray), 954.946.7067 (in Pompano) or 800.231.2222

Midnight Sun Tours, Inc.  
561.588.4446

PalmTran  
561.930.4BUS (only in Palm Beach County) or 561.233.4BUS  
Quality Transportation  
561.570.9555

Palm Tran Connection:  
561.649.9838  
877.870.9849

Shortway Lines  
954.523.0300 or 800.753.2914

Fixed Route Information Line:  
561.841.4BUS (4287)  
877.930.4BUS (4287)

### TRAINS

AMTRAK  
561.USA-RAIL, 800.872.7245

METRORAIL  
305.770.3131

TRI-RAIL  
800.TRI.RAIL (874.7245)

### **DEPARTMENTS**

Public Information Office 561.393.7777  
Building Permits 561.393.7920  
City Attorney Office 561.393.7716  
City Clerk 561.393.7740  
City Manager's Office 561.393.7703  
Code Enforcement 561.393.7941  
Community Redevelopment Agency 561.367.7070  
Financial Services 561.393.7729  
Fire Department (Non-emergency) 561.367.6700  
Boca Raton Housing Authority 561.393.7755  
Human Resources 561.393.7804  
Mayor & City Council 561.393.7708  
Municipal Services 561.416.3385  
Occupational Licenses 561.393.7937  
Planning Office 561.393.7782  
Police Services (Non-emergency) 561.368.6201  
Purchasing Division 561.393.7871  
Recreation Services (Admin) 561.393.7811  
Special Events 561.393.7806  
Questions about your Water Bill 561.393.7750  
Utility Services 561.338.7300  
Zoning Office 561.393.7792 or 7793  
Water and Sewer Emergencies  
During business hours  
561.338.7339  
After business hours or on holidays:  
561.338.7325

Boca Raton Police Department  
100 NW Boca Raton Blvd  
561.338.1234

Municipal Services

2500 NW 1 Ave  
561.416.3367

## UTILITIES

FPL: 561-994-8227

Water Department: 561.338.7339, After business hours or on holidays: 561.338.7325

Sewer: 561.338.7339, After business hours or on holidays: 561.338.7325

Garbage: (561) 416-3367

Recycling: (561) 416-3367

Phone: BellSouth: 561.780.2355

Cable: BellSouth: 561.780.2355

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