

**Friends of
Sebastian Inlet State Park, Inc.
Membership Form**



- Student \$5.00
- Adult \$10.00
- Family \$25.00
- Corporate \$500.00
- Donation \$ ____

Method of Payment

- Cash
- Check

Name

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Thank you for your support!

Please mail this form to:

Friends of Sebastian Inlet State Park, Inc.
13180 North Highway A.I.A.
Vero Beach, Florida 32963

Visit our website at:
www.FriendsofSebastianInletStatePark.org

Phone: 772-589-2147

Ways You Can Assist The Friends

- Community Outreach
- Membership Recruitment
- Concerts & Programs
- Photography
- Publicity & Publication
- Social Events
- Web Master
- Grant Writing

Mission Statement

The Friends of Sebastian Inlet State Park, Inc. is a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization dedicated to supporting the park and its two museums. The organization enhances the state's mission to provide and preserve resource-based recreation, such as fishing, surfing and enjoying the outdoors.

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free 1-800-435-7352.



**Helping to Preserve
and Promote
Sebastian Inlet
State Park**

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Park History

Sebastian Inlet State Park borders the inlet on both its north and south shores. The Atlantic Ocean lies to the east and the Indian River Lagoon to the west. Surrounded by natural beauty, the inlet is a man-made cut through the barrier island. Approximately 1000 acres include a beach dune habitat, maritime hammock, and an estuarine tidal swamp. With three miles of pristine Atlantic beach, Sebastian Inlet State Park is a favored annual nesting ground for three species of sea turtles.

The inlet connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Indian River Lagoon, making it a premier saltwater fishing spot on Florida's east coast. The park jetties are favorites of anglers nationwide for catching snook, redfish, bluefish, and Spanish mackerel. Surfing is also popular, and several major competitions are held each year.

The park is home to two museums. The McLarty Treasure Museum is situated on a survivors' camp of the wrecked 1715 Spanish Plate Fleet. The museum features artifacts, displays, a movie, and an observation deck that overlooks the ocean. The Sebastian Fishing Museum depicts the history of the people who lived in Sebastian, their lives interwoven with fishing and the Indian River Lagoon habitat.

With over 12 miles of trails and a full-service campground, Sebastian Inlet State Park offers the visitor an opportunity to experience nature while enjoying the real Florida.



The Friends Annual Scholarship



Mr. Carl Rodenbeck was a Park Ranger whose career spanned many years at the Sebastian Inlet State Park. Carl and a small group of volunteers had the foresight to see the need for a citizen support organization advocating the park. They also recognized a need to keep the history and ecology of the park alive within the surrounding school community. A scholarship was created and offered as one such way to achieve this goal.

Eventually, the scholarship was named **The Carl Rodenbeck Memorial Scholarship** in his honor. It assists and encourages young citizens of the surrounding community in their coursework and careers.

The Friends annually award up to two \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students.

Please visit the Friends website by going to: www.FriendsofSebastianInletStatePark.org for a scholarship application and guidelines form.



Why We Need You

The Friends of Sebastian Inlet State Park is a non-profit citizen support organization comprised of individuals and groups dedicated to supporting Sebastian Inlet State Park. Their role is one of support for the park and the two museums located within. Together with the Florida Park Service, FSISP works to enhance, protect, and promote Sebastian Inlet State Park and its sister parks.

The FSISP have improved the park by funding projects like the observation deck at McLarty Museum, picnic tables throughout the park, concerts, boardwalk improvements, and a gazebo overlooking the jetty and beach. Improvements are ongoing as FSISP works closely with park management to provide the public with the best park experience possible. Funds are modestly generated through two FSISP-operated giftshops in the park museums. Thank you for your purchases and support!

