

IRB Historical Marker Bike Tour

Unlock the history and beauty of Indian Rocks Beach. Our self-guided historical marker bike tour includes a map, great for mobile devices, to help you explore. With 12 historical markers, you'll get a real flavor of the history of our beautiful coastal community. Our guide to the markers can help you find what you're looking for – from important people to historical buildings and sites.

The tour is about three miles from start to finish. Here is a suggested route, starting at the Indian Rocks Historical Museum at 203 4th Avenue.

- Start at the “Beach Cottage” which is home to our IRB Historical Museum, a preserved 1914 cottage, in beautiful Chic-a-Si Park.
- Head south down 1st Street to our "Fish House" historical marker.
- At the end of 1st Street and Gulf Blvd. is the “Historic Homes of the Narrows” featuring three of our oldest homes dating from the late 1800s and early 1900s.
- Across Gulf Blvd and south to the Central Avenue Beach Access brings you to the “Tourist Center of the Narrows” which was a popular tourist destination in the early 1900s.
- From there head south to a beautiful waterfront area in the Narrows that shows where the old IRB "Swing Bridge" used to be located. This is a perfect spot to enjoy the view of the intracoastal waterways on a beautiful wooden swing.
- Bike about a half mile north on Gulf Blvd to the 5th Avenue beach access and see two original cottages from 1917 and 1919, the historical marker there is called "Haven Beach."
- The tour continues north a block on Gulf Blvd. to the "Yacht Basin" where the first planned community was established on the beach.
- Continue north on Gulf Blvd to 12th Avenue to the "Big Indian Rocks Beach Fishing Pier" which had the longest pier that existed in Florida in that location.
- Continue north along Gulf Blvd to 15th Avenue and learn about the train that used to bring excursionists from Tampa at the "Tampa & Gulf Coast Train" site.
- Then head east to 15th Avenue and Bay Palm Blvd to Kolb Park that used to be called "City Park" that residents and tourists have enjoyed for over 100 years.
- The “Civic Center of Indian Rocks” is located just a few steps away in front of IRB City Hall.
- Our last stop brings us back out to Gulf Blvd. and heading south to 12th Avenue to visit the “Stone Houses” built by O.G. Creel starting in 1937. From here it is one mile back to the IRB History Museum.

Restrooms are located at the back of the IRB History Museum and in Kolb Park. Make a day of it and enjoy one of our many restaurants for breakfast, lunch or dinner. You'll love the friendly and quaint atmosphere of Indian Rocks Beach.

The IRB History Museum is open from 10am to 2pm Wednesday to Saturday. It is a treasure of our community!

The IRB Historical Marker Bike Tour is brought to you by local nonprofits - IRB Action 2000, Inc. and the Indian Rocks Historical Museum.