

LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA WALKING TOUR



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Welcome to the LBTS Self-Guided Tour where you'll get a bit of exercise, learn a little history, and maybe even find a local treasure that is new to you! As you stroll through our town, look for photo ops and new shops or restaurants that you haven't been to yet.

Stop 1: Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce

Start at the Visitor Center/Chamber of Commerce at 4201 North Ocean Drive, the home of the Big Blue Chair. The site was donated by Melvin Anglin, and the Chamber of Commerce building was gifted to the Town in 1968 from Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis. The staff or volunteers will gladly take your picture in the chair and then invite you inside the beautiful coastal-themed Visitor Center for information, discounts and coupons for attractions and restaurants. Check out the Little Free Library just outside the Visitor Center doors for a nice read while you're relaxing at the beach or pool.

Stop 2: Parrot Fish Plaza

Stroll down Bougainvillea North to Commercial Blvd and head west. You'll pass by some decadent bakeries including Beach Buns by the Sea and Crema. The first plaza on the south is **Parrotfish Plaza**. There you will find several businesses, including Ace Hardware, Keese's Greek and Beach King. Take a photo in front of the beautiful turtle painting at Beach King and check out all of the tees and souvenirs inside. Look for the Parrotfish marine sculpture too!

Stop 3: Eagle Ray Plaza

Continue walking west on Commercial to **Eagle Ray Plaza**. There you'll find shops like Digs N Gifts and Big Cat Bikes. Benihana is adjacent to the plaza and was built in 1969. The roof tiles were imported from Nagoya, Japan and a traditional Japanese garden graces the grounds. Look for the two marine sculptures in this plaza. On the side of the building facing Benihana, you'll find a new mural that welcomes all as they cross over the Commercial Blvd. bridge. Yes, this is a photo opportunity - and Relax...You're Here!

Stop 4: Sea Fan Plaza

Use the crosswalk and step into **Sea Fan Plaza**. If snorkeling or scuba diving is on your bucket list, stop by Gold Coast Scuba and make a plan! Oh, and look for the marine sculpture.



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Stop 5: Green Turtle Plaza

Head east to **Green Turtle Plaza**. If all the walking is making you hungry, try Alexandra's Caribbean Café for some Jamaican cuisine. Or if you prefer a breakfast or lunch crepe, Frenchy's Table is just the place. For one of the best hoagies, go to Laspadas. Need some local artwork for your home? Frame 'n Art is just the place for some beautiful coastal prints. Did you see the Green Turtle marine sculpture?

Stop 6: Friedt Family Park Playground

Head east on Commercial Blvd and then turn left, or north, on Bougainvillea Drive. Walk past the Community Church and soon on your left you'll see the newly renovated **Friedt Family Park playground**. Enjoy the beautiful mural painted by artist Jonathan Ramirez. After you and your kiddos play, check out the Little Free Library in front of the park for more fun reads. There are also public restrooms adjacent to the park.

Stop 7: LBTS Town Hall, Jarvis Hall, Community Center, and Fire Station

From the park, cross over Bougainvillea Drive, where you will see the **Fire Station, LBTS Town Hall, Jarvis Hall, and the Community Center**. The complex is a throwback to the Mid-Century Modern (MiMo) designs of the 1950's that are so prevalent in our Town. The MiMo architectural design is characterized by the use of horizontal lines and vertical features that complement Florida's tropical climate. The Town officially adopted MiMo as its preferred architectural style in 2013. Stop by the Community Center and check out the activity calendar for classes and activities to enjoy while you're in Town (for a small fee).

Our Garden Club designed and planted a beautiful butterfly garden in the front of Town Hall. Finally, if you didn't get a book at Stop 1 or Stop 6 at a Little Free Library, you can visit the Little Free Library next to the Community Center on Ocean Boulevard.

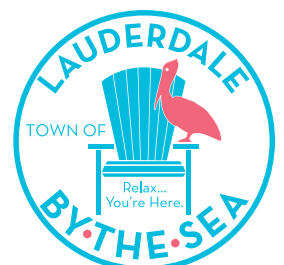
Stop 8: El Prado Park

Across the street from the front of Town Hall is a public parking lot and our very popular **El Prado Park**. In the winter, between December and May, we host a Farmers' Market with local produce and artisans. Between January and May, you can get your zen on by taking FREE yoga classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. And throughout the year, the park hosts various events. Check out www.discoverlbts.com/events for details.

If you have some time to walk the beach, there is a life vest stand at El Prado Park for your safety. Or, take one of the baskets at the beach entrance and pick up trash on the beach. We appreciate your help to keep our beaches clean!

Stop 9: Village Pump

After you've enjoyed a view of the ocean from El Prado Park, walk south on El Mar Drive, heading back toward downtown LBTS. As you walk, take notice of Driftwood Beach Club on the west side and High Noon on the east side. Both properties feature MiMo design, the unique architectural style that began in



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the 1950's in Miami. As you continue walking south, on the east side you'll see the **Village Pump** established in 1949. Stop in for a snack and a cold beverage before continuing your walk.

Stop 10: Pelicans in Flight Sculpture

As you walk south on El Mar Drive from the Village Pump, you will see the Pelican Square. There, the **Pelicans in Flight sculpture** was placed atop the bronze monument in October 1990. There are 200 bricks at the base that honor former town leaders. The design enhanced the intersection of Commercial Boulevard and El Mar Drive. And, fun fact.....the monument also becomes the base for the Town's christmas tree. One of our most cherished traditions is Christmas By-The-Sea in early December. There, we host a market with local vendors and live music. You can buy holiday gifts, yummy food, and Santa can be found ready to hear children's wishes and take photos.

Stop 11: Connie Hoffman Beach Pavilion and Ocean Plaza

Next walk east toward the beach in between the colorful Adirondack chairs. You may want to sit for a bit and people watch. Directly east is the **Connie Hoffman Beach Pavilion & Ocean Plaza**. If you're here in the winter months, every second and fourth Sunday between 5 and 7 p.m., you'll find people kicking up their heels at Dancing by the Sea. This area is a wonderful place to access the beach and watch the waves dance against the shore. You can also get a great view of Anglin's Pier, which is privately owned.

Stop 12: Shops along Commercial Boulevard

Take a stroll on Commercial Boulevard between El Mar Drive and Ocean Drive/A1A. Along the way you'll see many restaurants, ice cream shops, and small boutiques. Don't be tempted to stop into Diamonds and Doggies, you may leave with a bundle of fur. For locally curated gifts and jewelry, pop into Coast Boutique - they will even give you a sip of liquid sunshine, aka rum punch!

Stop 13: Datura Beach Portal

Your last stop is south on El Mar Drive. About a block on the left is the **Datura Beach Portal**. This entrance is a very popular spot for local beach divers and snorkelers to enter and enjoy the three living natural coral reefs just 100 yards from shore. There is also a dive bench if you're diving to ready your gear and rinse. For suggestions on dive and snorkel guides, head back to Stop 1 the Visitor Center for assistance.

Summary

We hope you enjoyed the walk and seeing some of the historic and interesting sites of our little beach town. We appreciate you visiting and look forward to your return. Rate your experience using the Trip Advisor app.

Our current Town tagline is "Relax...You're Here." When first established, the LBTS slogan was "For the Rest of Your Life." Both ring true today!

