

**Thursday Oct 17, 2024**

**Thu-CB Coffee Pot Bayou Boat trip**

Leaving from Pier 400 2nd Ave NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Boat boards at 6:00 pm, leaves at 6:30 pm, returns 8:00 pm.

Limited to 30 participants. No parking fees. Trip fee \$60.

Leaders: Jeff Liechty 574-312-0946, or Mark Rachal, Mo Taggart (727) 291-4103.

If you have trouble finding them, an alternate number is the boat, (727) 221-2537.

Bring water, snacks, hat.

Join this sunset cruise to an amazing bird roost and nesting colony island nestled in St. Petersburg. The small mangrove island in Coffeepot Bayou provides habitat for a large and varied population of colonial waterbirds, including Anhingas, Cormorants, Brown Pelicans, Great Blue, Little Blue, and Tricolored herons, Black-crowned Night-Herons, Great, Snowy, Reddish, and Cattle Egrets, White Ibis, and Roseate Spoonbills. Although it is not nesting season, you will have ample opportunity to watch the behaviors of these birds while learning about their life histories and conservation status. Tampa Bay Watch's catamaran Discovery Eco-Tour boat will leave from the St. Pete Pier and travel a short distance across Tampa Bay to Coffeepot Bayou.

**Directions from Tampa area:**

Take I-275 South across the bay to Exit 23 A, to I-375. Go East to end of I-375, continue East on 4th Ave North.

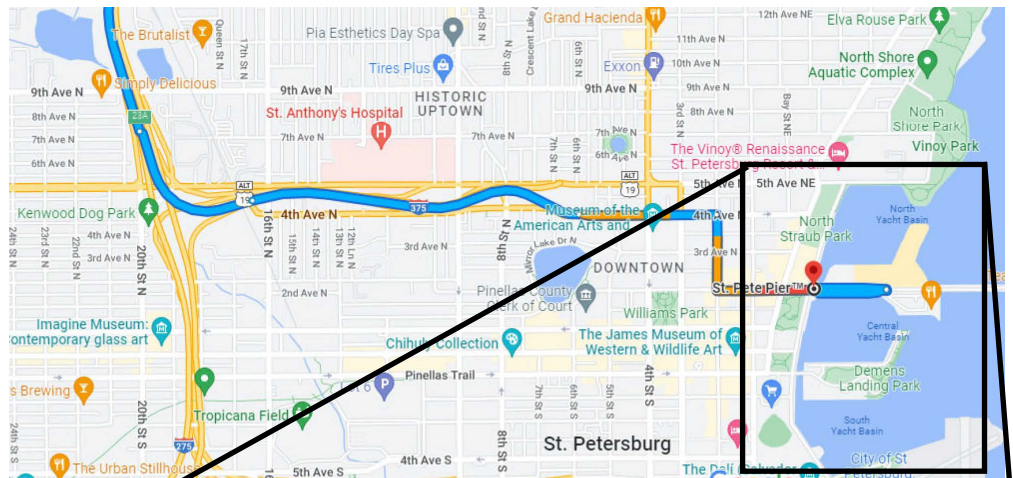
Turn Right/South onto 2nd St North, go 4 blocks south.

Turn Left/East onto 2nd Ave North. Continue East and if possible find parking along the Pier. Look for Gate 23 near the entrance to the Pier.

There is additional parking in the Sundial Parking Garage, 2 blocks away from the Pier, at 117 2nd St N, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

**From the south:**

Take I-275 north to Exit 23B, for I-375 East. Follow above directions.



**Where should I board my eco-tour?**



Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center eco-tours begin at the St. Petersburg Downtown Municipal Marina off of 2nd Ave. NE. Look for Gate 23 near the St. Pete Pier entrance, just a few boat slips past Fresco's Waterfront Bistro.

Questions? Call or text (727) 221-2537. Don't forget to visit the Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center, located farther down the pier!

