

Nearby Services, Rentals and Restaurants

Websites like <http://www.simplysiestakey.com/> will tell you more than you can ever absorb about what to do and where to go while you are on Siesta Key. In this section we just concentrate on how to handle the simple things you will need while you are here, in places that we use ourselves.

Within walking distance

Leave the Midnight Cove II through the little path to the right of the recycling bay as you leave the building entrance. Turn left and walk down to the Stickney Point traffic lights and cross over towards Old Stickney Point Road. Here you will find most of what you need. There is a grocery store, drug store, bank, post office and 7-Eleven. For sports rentals there is the Siesta Key Bike and Kayak Rentals which we always use. If they don't have what you want there is Siesta Sports Rentals just a bit further on.



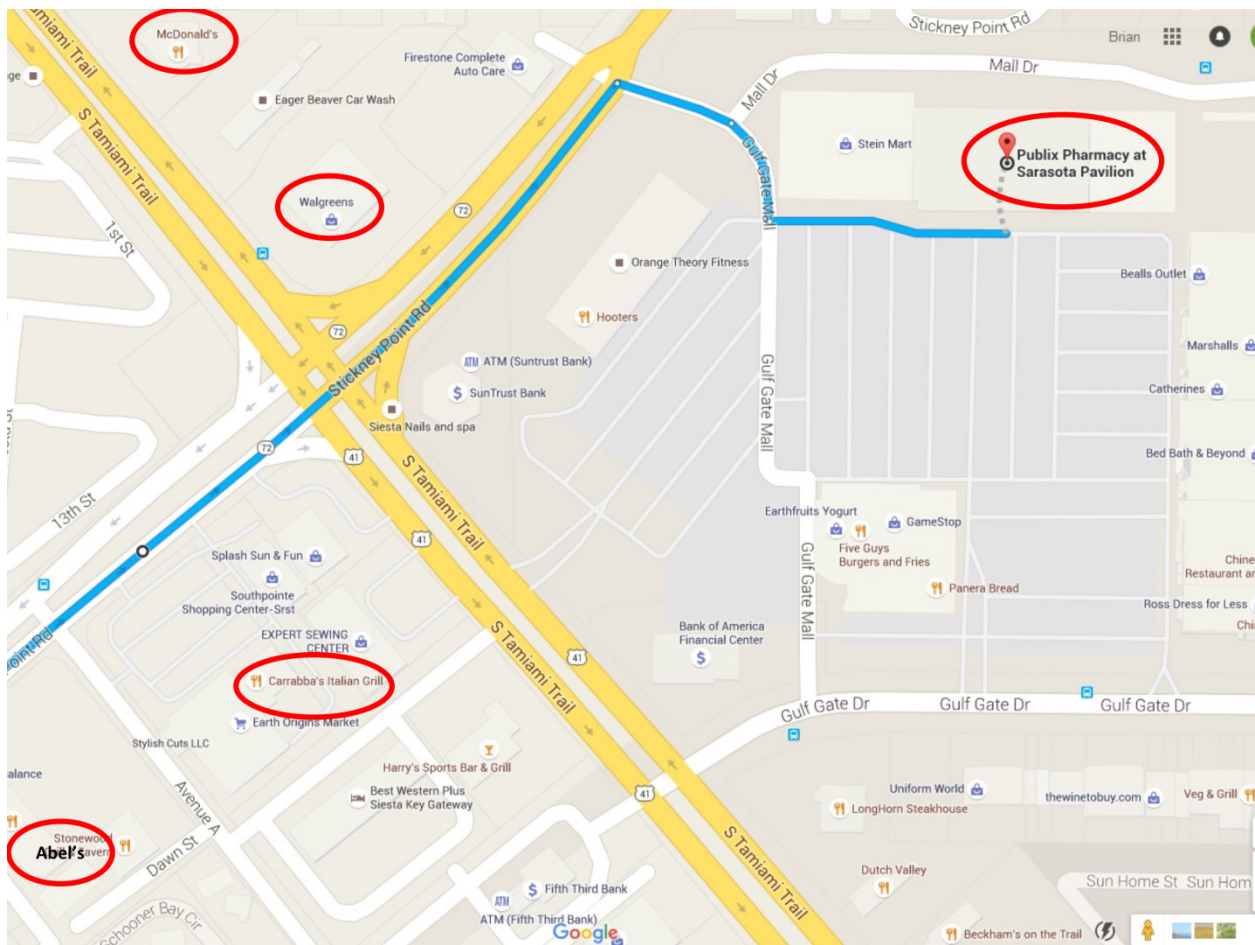
For home-made ice cream there is the Orange Octopus, for the best Clam Chowder try Captain Curt's and a bit further on there is City Pizza. We have a special word for Clayton's Grille. Clayton's is a favorite with the locals as well as visitors, check it out at <http://claytonssiestagrille.com/> As a result you will

need to reserve for breakfast, lunch or dinner, no matter what the season. It's worth it, if I could eat their crispy duck or scallops every day, believe me, I would.

Within a five minute drive.

To stock up on everything you need for your stay then we recommend the Publix Supermarket. It is in the Gulf Gate Mall (also labelled as Sarasota Pavilion) along with a Marshalls, Ross, Bed Bath and Beyond etc.

To get there drive to over the Stickney Point bridge and up to the junction with US-41. Go straight over 41 and then in 200 yards turn right at the lights and then left at the stop to bring you right in front of the store.



Close to the US- 41 junction you can also find a Walgren's drugstore, Carrabbas Italian restaurant and a McDonalds. Almost hidden at the back of the parking lot on Avenue A is Abels, another great ice cream store with plenty of choice.

NOTE: On slow traffic days it can be a long wait to turn left out of the Midnight Cove parking. It is often simpler to turn right, move into the center lane and do a U-turn using the Crescent Arms entrance.

