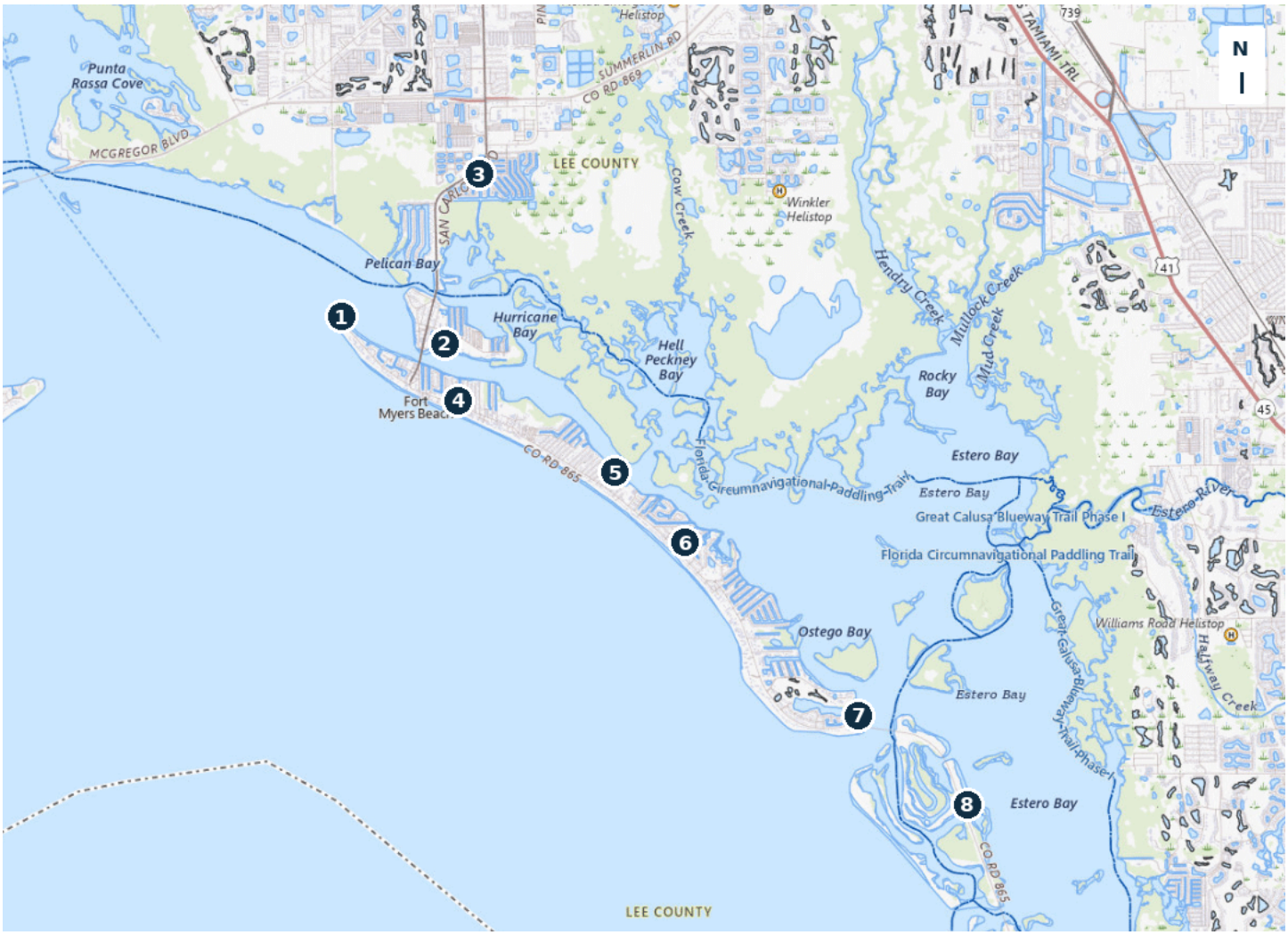
FIND YOUR HOME. KNOW YOUR WAY TO THE WATER.

Know the water behind the home.

Compare Estero Island's back-bay canal neighborhoods, San Carlos Island waterfront and nearby pass approaches before you compare a waterfront address.



USGS The National Map reference basemap | Numbered locations are approximate geographic references, not navigation waypoints.

Fort Myers Beach sits on Estero Island, with the Gulf shoreline on one side and Matanzas Harbor / Estero Bay waters on the other. A Gulf view, bay frontage and a connected canal dock are different property situations. San Carlos Island and Lovers Key are adjacent orientation areas, not part of every home's route.

No address-specific access time, depth or clearance is assigned. Confirm the complete connected route, conditions and dock rights for each property.

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YOUR WATERFRONT AREA GUIDE

Compare the route, not just the view.

Match the numbered map references below. A nearby ramp, creek or bay does not establish private dock access or a navigable connection for a home.

1 Bowditch Point / north Estero Island

North-end geographic reference between the Gulf shoreline and back bay. Check current park and dock access; this marker is not a passage waypoint.

2 San Carlos Island / Main Street waterfront

San Carlos Island waterfront orientation near Matanzas Harbor. Landmark only, not an available public launch or a grant of private dock access.

3 Hurricane Bay / mainland-side canals

Hurricane Bay reference near the historical Lighthouse Marina inventory point. Check the actual canal connection, current facilities and operating permission.

4 Ohio Avenue / Matanzas Harbor canals

Bay-side canal neighborhood locator anchored to the historical Ohio Avenue inventory point. Do not assume a street-end ramp is public or currently usable.

5 Coconut Drive / central island canals

Central Estero Island back-bay reference near Coconut Drive. Confirm the specific home's dock rights, canal connection and route; no public launch is implied.

6 Lazy Way / mid-island back bay

Mid-island back-bay canal locator. The inventory point is a restricted government facility; this is an area reference, not a visitor boat-ramp recommendation.

7 South Estero Island / Big Carlos approach

South-island bay-side orientation near the historical Marina Towers inventory point. Verify each property's connection and bridge exposure; private facilities require permission.

8 Lovers Key boat-ramp area

Off-island reference south of Fort Myers Beach, on the Estero Bay side of Lovers Key. Confirm current launch conditions and the complete water route.

BEFORE YOU BUY: CHECK THE WHOLE ROUTE

1. Confirm whether the property has a usable bay-side canal or dock connection; Gulf frontage alone is not a canal-access determination.
2. Trace the complete route to your chosen pass and destination; verify every bridge, overhead obstruction, shallow stretch and posted restriction.
3. Check current dock, ramp and park conditions directly with the managing agency or facility; inventory status fields may be historical.
4. Review dock rights, seawall and lift condition, current depth and the boat's transit dimensions before relying on a listing description.

Official starting points - click the source names in this PDF:

Town of Fort Myers Beach - Matanzas Pass Mooring Field and canal-map links
Lee County / FWC boat-ramp inventory - geographic locations, historical verification dates
Florida DEP Segment 12 map - published Bowditch Point coordinates (2024 map)

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