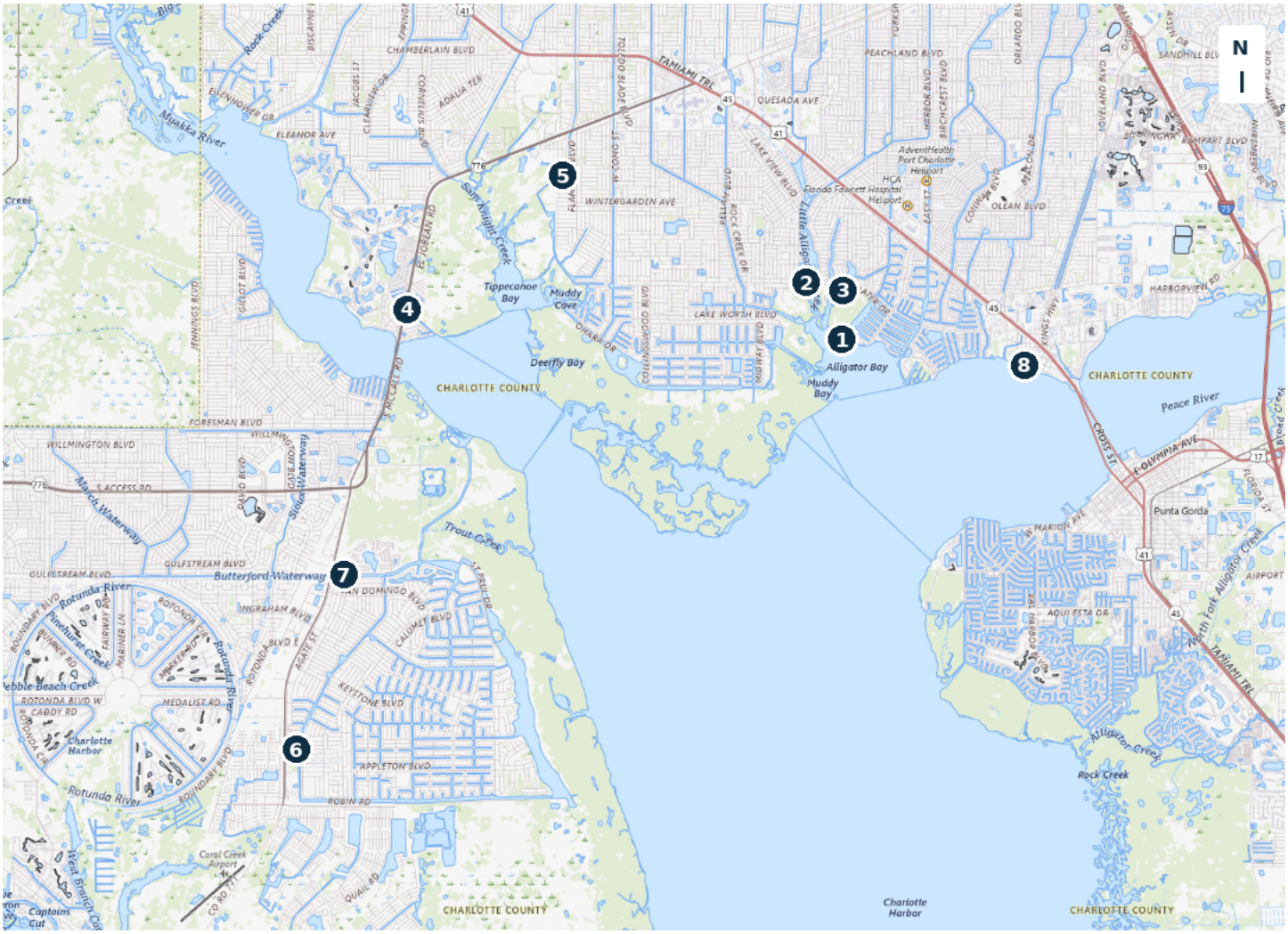
FIND YOUR HOME. KNOW YOUR WAY TO THE WATER.

Know the water behind the home.

Explore Charlotte Harbor, Myakka-side waterways and the South Gulf Cove canal-system context before comparing a waterfront address.



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

This guide includes Port Charlotte references plus South Gulf Cove and Butterford in the wider Charlotte County area. A Port Charlotte postal address does not establish the connected water system. Reaching Charlotte Harbor is different from reaching a Gulf pass.

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 Port Charlotte Beach / Charlotte Harbor

Charlotte Harbor shoreline reference at the county park. A harbor-view home does not automatically have usable private dock access.

2 Spring Lake / Little Alligator Creek

Spring Lake waterway reference at the county ramp. The County lists the canoe/kayak launch as closed as reviewed October 29, 2026; check current facility status.

3 Alligator Bay / Gaines Park

Alligator Bay shoreline orientation at an inventoried canoe/kayak launch. A paddling site does not establish motorboat launching or private property access.

4 El Jobean / Myakka River

Myakka River reference at the county boat-ramp location. Evaluate the complete river and harbor leg separately from the final Gulf destination.

5 Tippecanoe waterway / preserve edge

Port Charlotte preserve-side reference at an inventoried canoe/kayak launch. Motorboat passage, water depth and a private dock connection are not established here.

6 South Gulf Cove / interior canal system

Broader Charlotte County canal-system reference. The County lists this boat ramp as closed as reviewed October 29, 2026. Check current status, the specific canal route and any lock requirements.

7 Butterford / South Gulf Cove outlet area

Broader Charlotte County reference at Butterford Waterway Park, not a marker for the lock itself. Verify the actual route and current lock operations; the County maintains a parallel-lock project page.

8 Bayshore Live Oak / historic harbor shore

Charlotte Harbor north-shore reference at the county park and paddling location. Open-water exposure and property-specific dock rights must be checked.

BEFORE YOU BUY: CHECK THE WHOLE ROUTE

1. Identify the actual dock-to-harbor connection; some canal or water-view properties do not have navigable Gulf access.
2. For South Gulf Cove, verify the complete canal route and any lock, gate, bridge or operating restriction; do not assume current lock operations from a map marker.
3. Treat canoe/kayak references separately from motorboat launching and passage. Check current closures directly with the managing agency.
4. Verify low-water depth, every overhead crossing, dock rights and the separate open-water route to the intended Gulf destination.

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

Charlotte County boat ramps and paddle launches
FWC Florida Boat Ramp Inventory - coordinate source
South Gulf Cove Park - current facility notice

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