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Jupiter Attractions

[Blowing Rocks Preserve](#) is a barrier island preserve that features natural limestone formations that often send saltwater geysers skyward. There is limited parking and no facilities. County Rd. 707, Jupiter Island, 747-3113.

[Canoe](#) and see the "wild and scenic" Loxahatchee River as well as the beautiful scenery and parks along the river via a completely outfitted canoe. State Rd. 706 at Riverbend Park, Jupiter, 746-7053.

[Dreher Park Zoo](#) Visitors will enjoy more than 500 exotic and domestic animals representing nearly 100 species. There is a reptile house, petting zoo, a picnic area, snack shack and a gift shop. Open daily except Thanksgiving and Christmas. 1301 Summit Blvd. West Palm Beach, 547-WILD or 533-0887.

[Henry M. Flagler Museum \(Whitehall\)](#) Built in 1901, this 55-room home stands as a monument to America's "Gilded Age" and includes period rooms, special collections of porcelains, paintings, silver, glass, dolls, lace costumes and family memorabilia. Coconut Row, Palm Beach, 655-2833.

[Jonathan Dickinson State Park](#) is a 11,300-acre park features picnicking, bicycling, cabins, camping, fishing, canoeing and hiking trails. 16450 Hwy.1, Hobe Sound,

546-2771.

[Lion Country Safari](#) Animals roam free while visitors stay in cars at this 500-acre wildlife preserve. Animals include lions, giraffes, elephants, zebras, gibbons and chimpanzees. Highlights include boat rides, petting zoo, animal nursery, reptile exhibit, picnic area and campgrounds. Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach, 793-1084. Campground 793-9797.

[Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Museum](#) Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Museum offers climbing tours of the landmark 1860 lighthouse. The waterfront Museum in the restored WWII building exhibits Five Thousand Years on the Loxahatchee and outdoor exhibits include the Oil House, Tindall Pioneer Homestead, Pennock Plantation Bell, Seminole Chickee and Early Native American kiosks. 500 Captain Armour's Way, Jupiter, 747-8380.

[Marine life Center](#) This facility features aquariums, exhibits, live sea turtles and other coastal creatures. Loggerhead Park, 1200 U.S. Hwy. 1, Juno Beach, 627-8280.

[Morikami Park & Museum of Japanese](#)

[Culture](#) Permanent and changing exhibits acquaint visitors with various aspects of Japanese culture. The museum is nestled in a Japanese garden situated on the grounds of a 200-acre park. 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach, 495-0233.

Old Fort Jupiter This fort was established after the Battle of Loxahatchee during the Seminole Indian Wars in 1838. A memorial marker marks the site where the fort once stood. Winding Lake Dr. Shores of Jupiter.

River Cruises Cruise the Intracoastal Waterway and see the homes of the rich and famous as well as historical and scenic spots. [Manatee Queen](#), 744-2191.

[South Florida Science Museum](#) This Museum features hand-on exhibits, evening laser shows and planetarium. 801 Dreher Trail N. West Palm Beach, 832-1988.

[River Center](#) Have you ever held a starfish, touched a sea cucumber, or spotted a lionfish? It's all at the River Center, which hosts the area's largest aquariums and aquatic exhibits. This interactive environmental center allows visitors to get hands-on with the Loxahatchee River, from the touch tank to the interactive exhibits. The entire family can enjoy monthly activities like story time, kids yoga, aquatic camps, special events, and informative lectures. Located at Burt Reynolds Park, 805 North US Highway One, (561) 743-7123.

[Busch Wildlife](#) is a wildlife sanctuary where injured and disabled animals are brought so that they may be rehabilitated and released back into their natural habitat. Those that are disabled find a new home at the sanctuary. Busch Wildlife Sanctuary can be located at the [Loxahatchee River District](#), 2500 Jupiter Park Drive, Jupiter, Florida 33458, (561) 575-3399.

[Palm Beach County Parks](#) offers a multitude of recreation, exercise, sport and relaxation inside and outside of Jupiter's physical boundaries. To find a recreation location near you, visit Palm Beach County's website. To continue your Park Experience, include the [State of Florida's Park](#) system. And of course, don't forget to visit the [Town of Jupiter's Parks](#) for that local experience.