

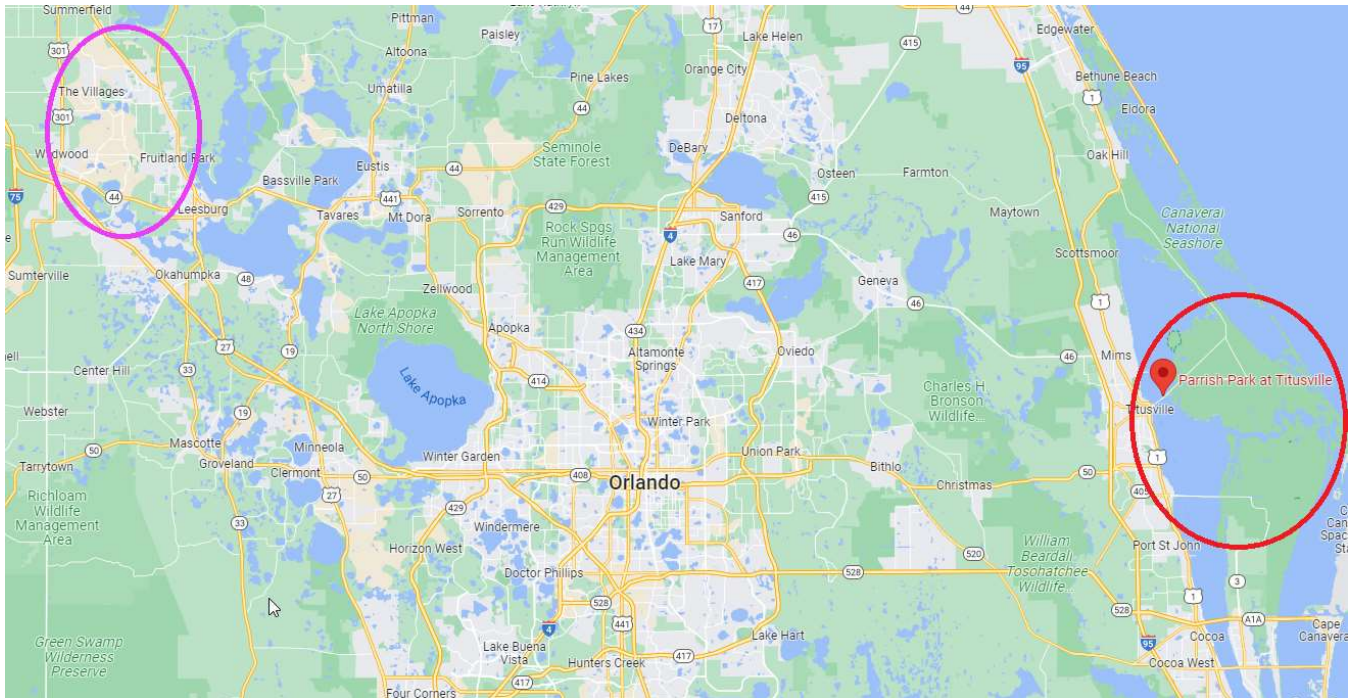
Merritt Island

Address of Venue: 1 A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy Titusville, FL

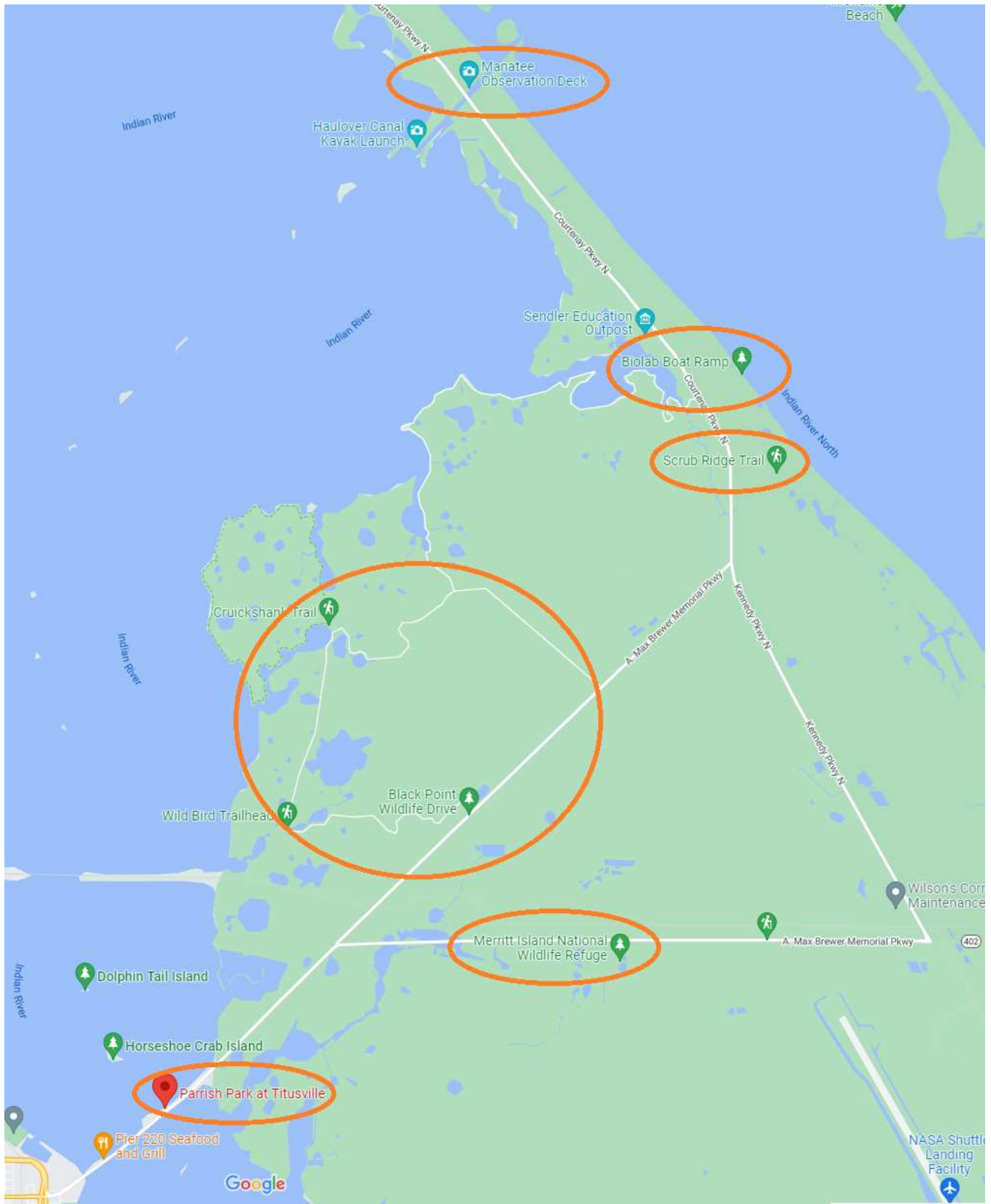
Link to Venue on Google Maps:

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Venue (in Red) Location Relative to The Villages (in Purple):



Detail of Venue:



Note that there are actually several venues on Merritt Island, including (but not limited to)

- *Parrish Park at Titusville – views out onto the Indian River on both sides of the bridge*
- *Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters – visitor center and small ponds with relatively easy boardwalk into the woods*
- *Black Point Wildlife Drive – a seven-mile drive overlooking fairly large lakes and marsh areas, often thought of as the highlight of the Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge*
- *Scrub Ridge Trail – nature trail once known for Florida Scrub Jays, though a fire a couple of years ago devastated most of their habitat there*
- *Biolab Boat Ramp – dirt road trail along the Indian River North*
- *Manatee Observation Deck and Bair’s Cove Road – an observation desk overlooking the Mosquito Lagoon, from which manatees can often be seen and a small parking lot on the opposite side of the bridge from which birds can be seen*
- *Canaveral National Seashore (not shown on above map) – a long beach on the Atlantic Ocean, from which shorebirds might be found*

Directions if Driving From Rohan Recreation Center Parking Lot to Parrish Park (1 hour, 43 minutes, 92.4 miles)

Note that this route has tolls

- Head northwest on Kristine Way
 - Drive 360 ft
- At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto Morse Blvd
 - Drive 1.6 mi
- Slight right toward Warm Springs Ave
 - Drive 1.5 mi
- Turn left onto Marsh Bend Trail
 - Drive 0.5 mi
- At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit to stay on Marsh Bend Trail
 - Drive 2.7 mi
- Turn left onto E C 470/Sumter County Rd 470 E
 - Drive 3.3 mi
- Take ramp onto Florida's Turnpike to Miami
 - Drive 29.7 mi
- Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 265 toward FL-408 E
 - Drive 0.8 mi
- Keep left at the fork to stay on FL-408 E
 - Drive 5.3 mi
- Keep left at the fork to stay on FL-408 E
 - Drive 3.4 mi
- Take exit 23 to merge onto FL-50 E
 - Drive 21.7 mi
- Turn left to merge onto I-95 N
 - Drive 4.2 mi
- Take exit 220 to merge onto FL-406 E/Garden St.
 - Drive 0.3 mi
- Continue on Garden St. Drive to A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy
 - Drive 3.9 mi
- Take first left after the bridge over the Indian River into the parking lot for Parrish Park

Directions to Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters if Driving from Parrish Park

- Head east on A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy
 - Drive 1.8 mi
- Keep right onto A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy
 - Drive 2.2 mi
- Turn left into Black Point Wildlife Drive

Directions to Black Point Wildlife Drive if Driving from Parrish Park

- Head east on A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy
 - Drive 1.8 mi
- Turn left onto A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy
 - Drive 1.4 mi
- Turn left into Black Point Wildlife Drive

Directions to Scrub Ridge Trail if Driving from Parrish Park

- Head east on A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy
 - Drive 1.8 mi
- Turn left onto A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy
 - Drive 4.2 mi
- Turn left onto Courtenay Pkwy N
 - Drive 0.6
- Turn right into Scrub Ridge Trail

Directions to Bair's Cove Rd if Driving from Parrish Park

- Head east on A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy
 - Drive 1.8 mi
- Turn left onto A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy
 - Drive 4.5 mi
- Turn left onto Courtenay Pkwy N
 - Drive 0.6
- Turn left onto Bair's Cove Rd.

Directions to Manatee Observation Deck if Driving from Parrish Park

- Head east on A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy
 - Drive 1.8 mi
- Turn left onto A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy
 - Drive 4.2 mi
- Turn left onto Courtenay Pkwy N
 - Drive 4.5 mi
- Turn right into Manatee Viewing Rd.

Directions to Biolab Rd. if Driving from Parrish Park

- Head east on A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy
 - Drive 1.8 mi
- Turn left onto A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy
 - Drive 4.2 mi
- Turn left onto Courtenay Pkwy N
 - Drive 1.5
- Turn left into Biolab Rd.
- Continue on Biolab Rd. for several miles until it ends on A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy

Directions to Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters if Driving from Parrish Park

- Head east on A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy
 - Drive 1.8 mi
- Keep right onto A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy
 - Drive 9.2 mi
- There are multiple parking lots and access point for the beach on the right

If you are trying to do *all* of these stops in one trip, here is a potential route:

- Follow the main directions above to Parrish Park
- From Parrish Park, follow the directions to Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters
- From the Headquarters, come back west to the split between the two A. Max Brewer Memorial Parkway roads and go right and on up to Black Point Wildlife Drive
- At the exit from Black Point Wildlife Drive, go left on A. Max Brewer Memorial Parkway, then left on Courtenay Pkwy N to Scrub Ridge Trail
- From Scrub Ridge Trail, continue north on Courtenay Pkwy N. to Manatee Observation Deck
- From Manatee Observation Deck, go south on Courtenay Pkwy N. to Bair's Cove Rd.
- From Bair's Cove Rd., go south on Courtenay Pkwy N. to Biolab Boat Ramp
- From Biolab Boat Ramp, go east on A. Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy to Canaveral National Seashore

Note that this makes for a *long* day.