

# Bradenton Area Sports Commission

Manatee County



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## ACCESS & LOCATION

**Location:** Nestled between Tampa and Sarasota, the Bradenton Area is a coastal destination. Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key offer 19 miles of sugar white sand beaches.

### Transportation:

**By Air:** Close to 3 international airports: Sarasota Bradenton International Airport (SRQ) is our local airport; Tampa International Airport (TIA) is 40 miles to the north; St. Petersburg/Clearwater International Airport (PIE) is 35 miles to the north.

**By Car:** Easily accessible from I-75 (exits 217, 220, 224).

**Population:** 312,000

## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Number of Hotel Rooms:** 6500

**Average Cost per Room:** \$69 - \$199

Assortment of Team Homes and Hotels, Dorms, Short/Long-term Rentals of single family homes, cottages, villas, and campgrounds.

## FACILITIES & SPORTS

### Bradenton Area Convention Center

**Description:** 34,500 square foot arena floor, seating capacity of 4,000 and 15,000 sq. ft. conference center.

**Sports:** Basketball, Wrestling, Gymnastics, Boxing, Indoor Soccer and Football, Cheerleading, Powerlifting, Martial Arts and sports meetings and conventions.

### Bradenton Motorsports Park

**Description:** Weekly NHRA Drag Racing, plus many national series events.

### Ellenton Ice Sports Complex

**Description:** The complex features 2 NHL size hockey rinks for championship hockey and figure skating, a 13,500 sq/ft indoor soccer/football field, a fitness center, video game room, conference rooms, concessions area, birthday party rooms, Precision Edge Hockey Pro Shop and Massage Therapy.

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### Full Throttle

**Description:** The south's fastest short track, 3/8 mile asphalt track. An array of auto and truck racing; fun for the entire family. Full concessions, closed circuit TV.

### IMG Academy

**Description:** A multi-sport training camp/academy situated on 190 acres. The academies include: Bolletieri Tennis, David Leadbetter Golf, Soccer, Hockey, Basketball and Baseball. IMG has 80 Tennis Courts, 16 Soccer Fields, 2 regulation NBA hardwood courts, indoor Tennis, a new 5,000 seat state-of-the-art stadium and a 25-acre double range short game complex for golf.



The Premier Sports Campus



Pirate City

### McKechnie Field

**Description:** The Spring Training home of the Pittsburgh Pirates and the home field of the Florida State League's Bradenton Marauders from April - August. It is the oldest stadium in use for Spring Training in the country, presenting an unmatched historic charm and an intimate atmosphere to watch professional baseball (seating up to 7,000). Recently underwent 10.5 million dollar fan-friendly design and renovation.

### Manatee County Parks & Recreation

**Description:** 16 parks in Manatee County offering 7 Adult Baseball Fields, 15 Little League Fields, 14 Softball Fields, 22 Soccer Fields, 5 Football Fields, 1 Gymnasium, 2 BMX/Skate Parks, Horseshoes, and an Aquatic Center featuring a pool with dive well.

### Pirate City

**Description:** The minor league training facility of the Pittsburgh Pirates. This all-inclusive training facility features 5 fields, batting cages, expansive locker rooms, dorms and dining on-site. Pirate City is available for rent, meeting the needs of any group from amateur teams to Olympic caliber athletes.

### The Premier Sports Campus

**Description:** Celebration-seeded grass on 22 fields (8 lighted), and more than 140 acres, can support a variety of field-related events. The field irrigation allows for efficient water drainage, which provides for better time-out weather management. The campus is available to host soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, rugby, archery, senior games, Ultimate Frisbee, Special Olympics, flag football, youth football, Frisbee golf and punt/pass/kick football on local, state, regional and national levels. Home of the US Soccer International Nike Friendlies and the Nike Showcase.

### Other Areas and the beach destination:

Bradenton Gulf Islands are comprised of the quaint islands of Anna Maria and Longboat Key. No buildings over three stories high, nor fast food chain restaurants, and only original-owned hotels, cottages, villas on Anna Maria Island. Come visit the native wildlife and historical sites that define the area's heritage. Enjoy the cultural experience through art galleries, theatres, and museums to put you in touch with your artistic side on the mainland communities of Bradenton and Lakewood Ranch.



Longboat Key