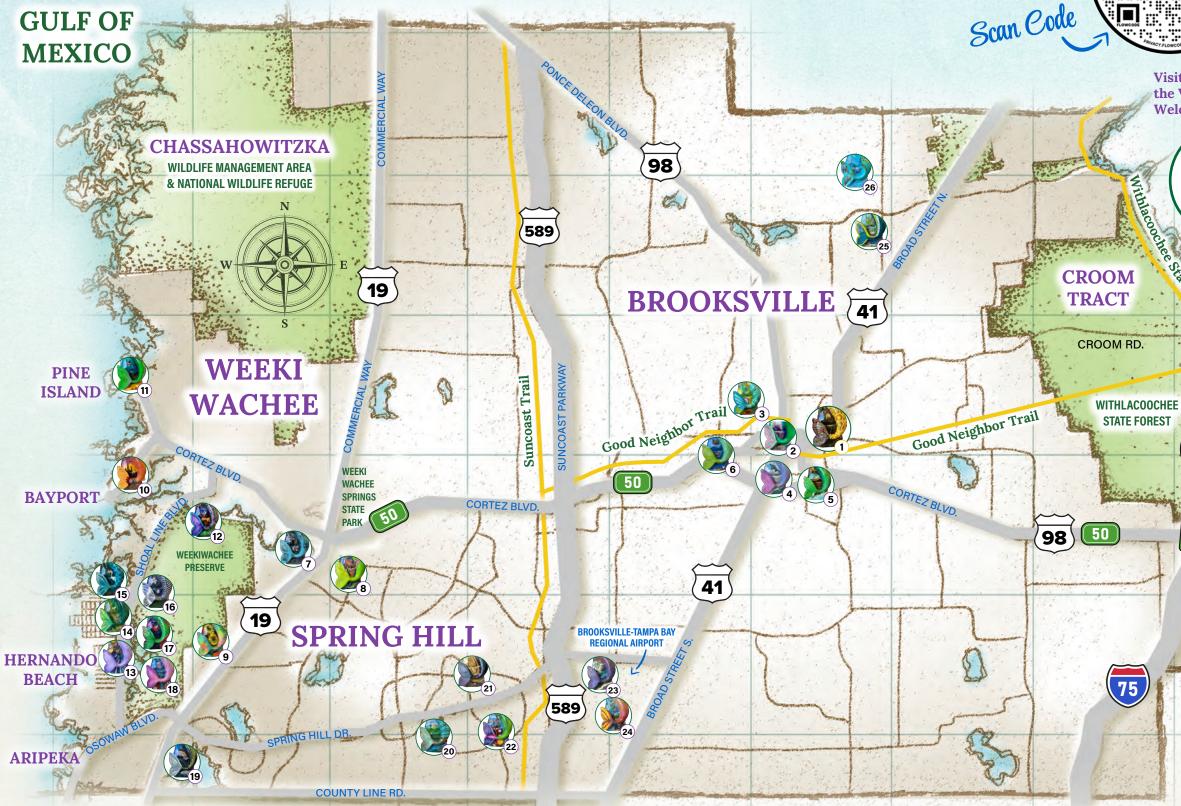
# How many mermaids can you find on Florida's Adventure Coast?

Explore mermaids from Brooksville to Weeki Wachee with our free interactive passport, sent via text or email. No app needed! Check in to earn points and prizes. Scan the code to learn more about the trail and other mermaid adventures in Hernando County!



Embark on a Mor-Mazing road trip with a scenic driving tour of Florida's Adventure Coast!





Visit Meraki at the Visit Florida Welcome Center!

EXIT 301

## Discover

Discover dozens of magnificent mermaid statues, each a unique and stunning work of art created by Florida artists.



Take your time to explore our parks, points of interest, and hidden gems on Florida's Adventure Coast as you search for every mermaid on this one-of-a-kind trail.



Whether you choose to complete the journey in a day, or savor the sights at a leisurely pace. The Mermaid Tale Trail promises to be a memorable experience.



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### l. Queen Bee Artist: Rachel Ford

#### Sponsored by Brooksville Main Street

205 E. Fort Dade Ave. Brooksville, FL 34601 Queen Bee is inspired by the artist's grandfather's bee keeping combined with her love for nature (and honey). She's a natural queen!

### 2. Undine Artist: Renata Villemaire

In loving memory of Harvey Blair

"Scooter" Sellers, IV

Forever in our Hearts Hernando County Main Library Branch

238 Howell Ave. Brooksville, FL 34601 Undine is a water nymph

inspired by a fairytale novella,

published in 1811 by Friedrich de la Motte Fouque. In the fairytale, Undine, a water spirit, marries a knight in order to gain a soul.

### 3. Sirena de la Fruta Artist: Arielle Katarina

### Sponsored by City of Brooksville

Brooksville City Hall 201 Howell Ave. Brooksville, FL 34601 Translating to "Mermaid of the Fruit," Sirena de la Fruta is a celebration of living life in abundance, and all things tropical fruit! She is fun, festive,

and surrounded by nature, including many fruits grown in Florida.

### 4. Patience Artist: Kaylee La Placa

### Sponsored by Lowman **Family Foundation**

Hernando County Courthouse 20 N. Main Street Brooksville, FL 34601

Mermaid Patience enjoys her time soaking in the Florida sunshine. She loves wearing her oneof-a-kind ocean jewelry and will never be caught underwater or on shore without it!

### 5. Lily Artist: Gary Duquette

Sponsored by Brooksville Main Street

**Russell Street Park** 28 Russell Street Brooksville, FL 34601 A very popular mermaid on Florida's Adventure Coast, this mermaid has many friends.

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### 6. Esturia Artist: Deb Newman

### Sponsored by Sonny Vergara,

in honor of Legendary Mermaid, Emilia "Vicki" Vergara Smith

Jerome Brown Center 99 Jerome Brown Place Brooksville, FL 34601

Keeper of all life in the brackish intercostal waters and beyond. Her mission is to eliminate the invasive Hydrilla plant that destroys the habitats of otters, turtles, fish, and birds.

### 7. The Spring Artist: Lydia Singer

### Sponsored by The Friends of Weeki

Wachee Weeki Wachee Springs State Park 6131 Commercial Way Spring Hill, FL 34606

This statue is a representation of Weeki Wachee Springs through

the years, including much of its history as well as what visitors might see at the park today. The rock the mermaid sits on represents the early years of Weeki Wachee, all the way back to the first original theatre build in 1947.

### 8. Pasha

#### Artist: Angela Farinelli Sponsored by West Coast

Musculoskeletal Institute 8468 Northcliffe Blvd. Spring Hill, FL 34606 Pasha, the mermaid, loves all

the creatures she shares the ocean with, but she is especially fascinated by the Octopus. Beneath the waves, she has become friends with many

species of Octopi, playing fun games like hide and seek and learning just how clever they really are.

### 9. Ila

#### Artist: Roxanne Marie Campbell Sponsored by WellCome OM **Education & Integral Healing**

Center

4242 Lake in the Woods Dr Spring Hill, FL 34607 Ila is the mermaid of reflected light. She has the ability to control wavelengths of light

and can create beautiful color projections on numerous things in nature.

### **OstSaguar**a

#### Sponsored by "A Fishing Story with Ronnie Green"

Bayport Park 4140 Cortez Blvd. Spring Hill, FL 34607 This mermaid has traveled far to discover the Southwest

United States; she is inspired by Arizona's wildlife, scenery, and cultures.

### ll. Kaimana Artist: Mckenzie Montecalvo

### Sponsored by Terlep Chiropractic

Pine Island 10800 Pine Island Dr. Spring Hill, FL 34607 Kaimana is a Hawaiian name meaning "power of the ocean," reflecting not only the beauty of the ocean, but how treacherous it can also be.

### 12. Nova Artist: Robin Stewart

#### Sponsored by Sarah Hill, PA JT Realty & Associates

**Rogers** Park 7244 Shoal Line Blvd. Spring Hill, FL 34607 Nova is from a water planet in a faraway galaxy, surrounded by marine constellations.

### 13. The Rebel **Artist: Autum Proctor**

### Sponsored by Hernando Beach Motel

4291 Shoal Line Blvd. Hernando Beach, FL 34607 A rebel mermaid, she has fiery red hair and old-school Sailor Jerry tattoos. She is inspired by the artists's father, a tattoo artist.

### 14. Marina Artist: Renata Villemaire

### Sponsored by Hernando Beach Motel

4291 Shoal Line Blvd. Hernando Beach, FL 34607 Marina protects the ocean's treasures and secrets. Beautiful and proud, she is a dangerous creature, who lurks nearby with enchanting music and voices to shipwreck boats on the rocky coast of Florida.

## 15. Mother Nature

Weeki Wachee River which winds around her with a few wildlife friends keeping her company.

### 16. Alina

Sponsored by Our Beach Store and Doggie Dazzle

4108 Shoal Line Blvd. Hernando Beach, FL 34607

Alina's name means "bright light" in Greek and matches her glowing personality. This mermaid is a deep-sea creature, with spots that glow like that of a jelly fish who lives deep in the ocean.

### 17. The Kraken Artist: Brian Morris

### Sponsored by The Silver Dolphin Restaurant

4036 Shoal Line Blvd. Hernando Beach, FL 34607 The statue depicts a Kraken's

tentacles rising up from a dark sea, as if being summed to do the bidding of the mermaid herself! Her loving features, soft appearance and shimmering tail provide a sense of peacefulness for those crossing her path, unaware of the beast that she is about to release from the depths below.

### 18. Lorelei Artist: Karen Governale

Sponsored by The Weaver Group Realty, Inc.

3436 Shoal Line Blvd.

Hernando Beach, FL 34607 Bright colorful currents surround Lorelei, displaying a rainbow world of beautiful sea creatures.

### 19. Weeki Wachee at

### Heart Artist: Joan Casadiego

Sponsored by Win the **Day Foundation** 392 Beverly Court

Spring Hill, FL 34606

This mermaid statue represents elements from the Weeki Wachee Springs experience, including wildlife and another view of the mermaid depicted on the rock.

### 20. Nakoma "Great Spirit" Artists: Rita Taverni and Shaun Stranger

Sponsored by The Hawkins Family

Veterans Memorial Park 12254 Spring Hill Dr. Spring Hill, FL 34609 Nakoma, meaning "Great Spirit" celebrates the Seminole Tribe that once inhabited Brooksville and the surrounding areas, featuring symbols and patterns from Seminole arts and crafts, as well as Florida

### 21. The Way Home Artist: David Hendrickson

wildlife.

#### Sponsored by Century 21 **Alliance Realty** 13179 Spring Hill Dr.

Spring Hill, FL 34609 The mermaid statue depicts an old vintage-style map that a pirate might have used, with a star on Weeki Wachee indicating that it is always 'the way home.'















Artist: Lynne Simone Sponsored by The Captain's House

4138 Pine Dale Ct. Hernando Beach, FL 34607

Mother Nature sits high above the

Artist: Victoria Maxim

### 22. Nico & The Velvet Underwater Artist: Jesse Kasabian

### Sponsored by NatureCoaster.com

Anderson Snow Park 1360 Anderson Snow Rd. Spring Hill, FL 34609



Nico loves to sing and play guitar, so she formed a band with

her underwater friends! Jesse Dolphin plays drums, Sassy Seahorse plays sax with her sister Valeri on trumpet, and then there's Peter Turtle on keys.

### 23. Flora Artist: Karen Heidler

### Sponsored by Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce

15588 Aviation Loop Dr. Brooksville, FL 34604 Mermaid Flora sits on a rock that reflects the Adventure Coast, with a beautiful sunset at Pine Island and the winding waters of Weeki Wachee. The



rock features many types of flowers, as well as butterflies found in Florida.

### 24. Tifara: Mermaid Goddess of Deep **Open Waters** Artist: Jancie Uribe

### Sponsored by Hernando County **Tourism Development Council**

Hernando County Administration Offices 15470 Flight Path Dr. Brooksville, FL 34604 Tifara is a mermaid who lives in warm tropical waters surrounding islands located



near the equator. Her colorful hair and tail help her blend into the coral reef environment she inhabits, where she can remain camouflaged to the human eye until she wants to be seen.

### 25. Amaxura Artists: Diane Liptak and Steve Krou

### Sponsored by Cemex Construction Materials Florida

Chinsegut Hill 22495 Chinsegut Hill Rd. Brooksville, FL 34601 Inspired by the Seminole Indians that once made Chinsegut Hill home, Amaxura features Seminole symbols that refer to aspects of their native culture, dress, religion and beliefs.





### 26. Clarise Artist: Marti Vitulli

### Sponsored by Sparacia Witherell Family Winery & Vineyards

21509 Snow Hill Road Brooksville, FL 34601 The mermaid protector of manatees. The ultimate "seacowgirl," she and her posse of mermaids are expert seahorseback riders. Their sole purpose is to protect their coveted herd.



### Meraki Artist: Arielle Katarina

Sponsored by Florida's Adventure **Coast Visitors Bureau** 

Visit Florida Welcome Center

1247 I-75, 4 miles north of Jennings on I-75 South Jennings, FL 32053

"Meraki" is a Greek word that means "to do something with soul, creativity, or love; leaving a piece of yourself in to what you are doing." Meraki is a creative mermaid who loves what she does, and puts her soul into beautiful expression and sharing her creativity with the world!

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