

Honor 10 Years of ManateeFest This Weekend

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A busy day at Manatee Lagoon. Photo courtesy of Manatee Lagoon

Manatee Lagoon will host its tenth annual [ManateeFest](#) on February 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ManateeFest attendees can enjoy free, family-friendly activities that celebrate Florida's iconic manatees and local waterways.

To add to the excitement, Manatee Lagoon counted the highest number of manatees in the site's history on February 3, with 230 manatees gathered in the lagoon's warm waters.

With cold weather continuing, manatee sightings are expected to remain strong leading into ManateeFest. During the event, guests can visit the Conservation Pledge Station and make a pledge to help protect manatees and their habitat. By participating, visitors commit to simple actions like reducing plastic use, supporting clean waterways, and respecting manatee zones, and receive a commemorative certificate to mark their pledge.

Guests are also welcome to interact with environmental exhibitors, help Mia the Manatee complete her conservation challenge, and listen to educational presentations throughout the day.

Fun for All Ages:

- Outdoor games like cornhole
- KidzFunZone presented by Friends of Manatee Lagoon
- Coastal cleanup activity
- Mia's Conservation Mission
- Face painting
- Giant sea-life puzzles
- Selfie station with Mia and Friends

Local Shops and Eats:

- Visitors can explore and support a variety of small local businesses
- Enjoy a delicious array of food options along your journey through ManateeFest

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