



# A Virtual Visit of the Manatee Viewing Center

# Big Bend Power Station

- Located in Apollo Beach, Florida
- Manatees visit the clean warm water discharge canal during the winter months
- Manatees need water warmer than 68F to survive



# Manatee Viewing Center

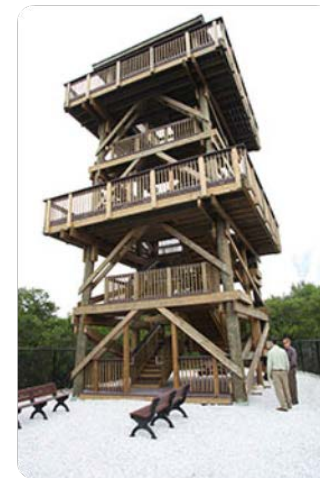
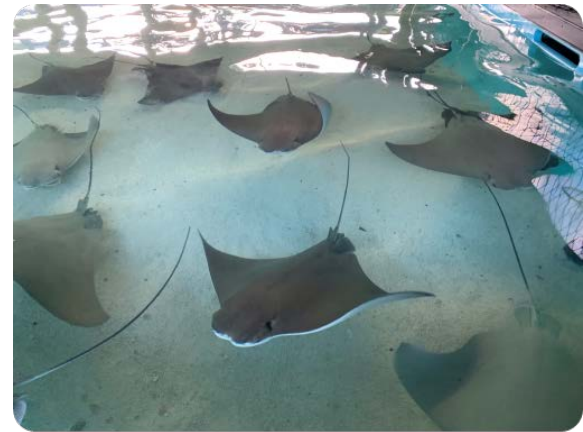


Location: 6990 Dickman Road  
Apollo Beach, FL 33572

- Open: Nov. 1 - April 15
- Hours: 10am-5pm, Nature Trails & Observation Tower close at 4pm
- Closed: Thanksgiving day, Christmas Eve at 3pm, Christmas day & Easter
- Admission: Free!
- Parking: Free!

# Manatee Viewing Center

- Owned and operated by Tampa Electric Company
- Opened in December 1986
- Is a federal and state sanctuary
- 7 million visitors!
- Features: Manatee, ray touch tank, butterfly garden, nature trails & an observation tower





# Manatee Observation Platform





# Tidal Walk

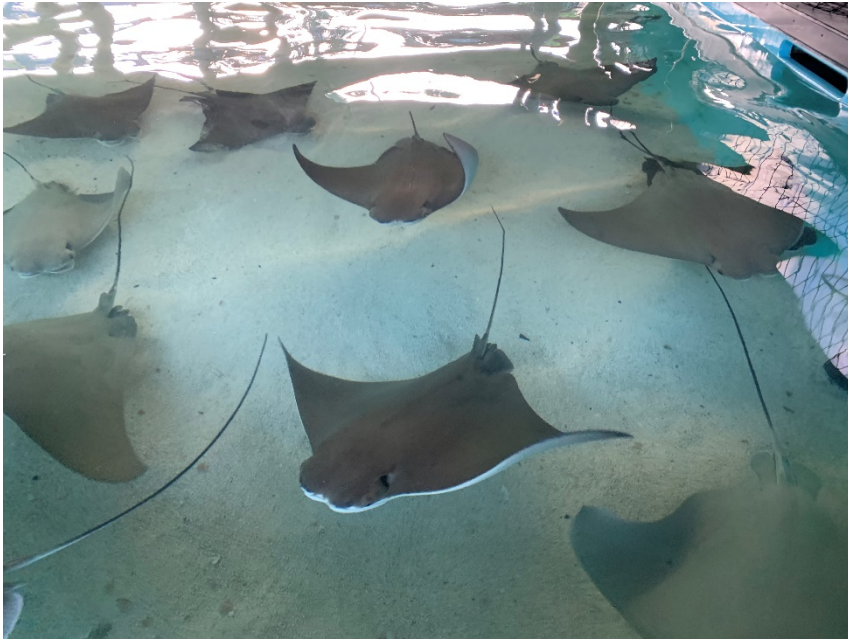




# Butterfly Garden



# Cownose Cove Rays Touch Tank





# Education Building





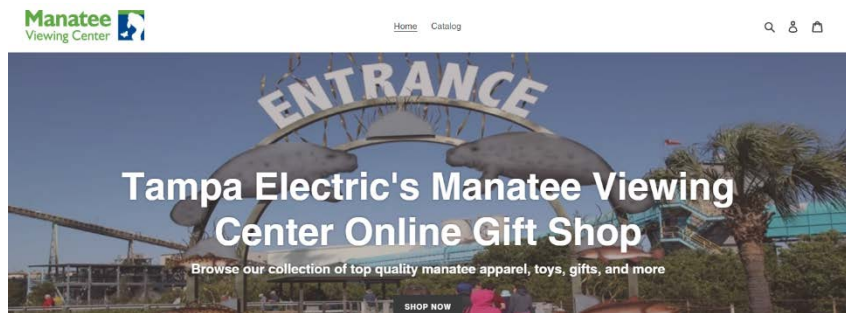
# Nature Trails & Observation Tower





# Gift Shop & Online Store

<https://manatee-viewing-center.myshopify.com/>



# Additional Resources on our [Website](#)

- FWC [Manatee Activity Book](#)
- MVC [Coloring Book](#)
- MVC [Coloring Sheet](#)
- [Presentations on Manatees](#)