

SOLAR SOARS IN NATURE



PALMETTO ESTUARY PRESERVE

98 U.S. Highway 41, Palmetto

MANATEE COUNTY

This park is ecologically important with a wildlife habitat for native birds. Nature lovers can now park under a solar canopy that feeds clean energy to the community. The canopy is visible from U.S. Highway 41/301 as an iconic symbol of a sustainable future.

VISIT PALMETTO ESTUARY PRESERVE FOR:



Nature Trail



Pavilion



Boat Ramp &
Boardwalk



Playground



Pet Friendly



Kayaking &
Canoeing

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE PRESERVE:

- **24,400** annual visitors
- **2,600** FPL SolarNow participants in Manatee County supported this installation

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FROM OUR COMMUNITY:






“Palmetto Estuary Preserve is the perfect place to have a solar canopy, which is a symbol of clean energy. This environmentally friendly structure is seen by hundreds of thousands of drivers who pass beside the park on a regular basis. The solar canopy provides shade for parked cars, and it also helps the area by using the sun’s rays to create power for the electric grid.”

— Shirley Groover Bryant
City of Palmetto Mayor

PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

FPL SolarNow solar trees and canopies are innovative solar structures created by the community for the community. They provide shade and harness the power of the sun to generate emissions-free energy that benefits all of us while encouraging future generations to learn more about solar energy.

About the FPL SolarNow Program

-  **70+** Locations at parks, zoos and museums
-  **50 million** Annual visitors to SolarNow locations
-  **100** Solar trees and canopies around Florida
-  **2,281 MWh** Energy generated through solar trees and canopies
-  **52 thousand** Total number of participants

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