

# SCRA Miami Neighborhood Quick Reference

## Coral Gables

### Family-friendly Activities/Venues

- Actors' Playhouse Theatre
  - The Actors' Playhouse at the the Miracle Theatre offers shows specific to children in addition to its lineup of shows for older audiences. As with most theaters, the performances change regularly and a new show is always on the horizon. Budding thespians may also take interest in the theater classes available to children, teenagers and adults.
  - 280 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables, Florida 33134
  - (305) 444-9293
  - actorsplayhouse.org
- Salvadore Park Tennis Center and Playground
  - Beneath the giant banyan trees and surrounded by historic and notable homes, the park includes a children's playground. Covered picnic tables, swings, slides and shady benches make this a perfect place to spend an afternoon.
  - 1120 Andalusia Ave., Coral Gables
  - 305-460-5333
- Jaycee Park
  - Just a few blocks south of the UM campus, Jaycee Park offers a modern assortment of youth playground equipment and facilities. The park is very popular with families in the neighborhood and children of all ages are often found enjoying the playground.
  - 1230 Hardee Rd., Coral Gables
- Gameworks
  - Gameworks is a leisure venue where the whole family will be entertained for hours on end. Fun restaurants, stylish bars, all of the latest video games, interactive attractions and much more.
  - 5701 Sunset Dr., The Shops at Sunset Place, South Miami, FL 33143
- Venetian Pool
  - Listed in the National Registry of Historic Places, this pool surrounded by waterfalls and Italian-style grottos was formed from a coral rock quarry in 1923. The 820,000 gallon pool is fed with spring water from an underground aquifer. In the spring and summer seasons, the pool is filled and drained daily.
  - 2701 De Soto Blvd, Miami, FL
  - (305) 460-5306
- Coral Gables Museum
  - Address: 285 Aragon Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134
  - Phone:(305) 603-8067
  - **Transit:** Aragon Av@Salzedo St

## Restaurants

- Books and Books Cafe
  - Affordable dining indoors or outdoor court yard features coffees, teas, sandwiches and desserts for lunch and dinner with take out service.
  - 265 Aragon Avenue
- Chicken Kitchen
  - Chicken Kitchen offers grilled chicken and all the fixings for lunch and dinner, plus take out and delivery.
  - 111 Miracle Mile
- Green Gables Cafe
  - The Green Gables Cafe is a green business, serving predominately homemade, fresh and organic products. Even their plastic ware is biodegradable and made from renewable resources. Serving breakfast and lunch with soups and salads, sandwiches, melts, snacks and desserts. open Monday through Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm. Take out and delivery service available.
  - 166 Alhambra Circle
- Havana Harry's
  - Just west of the Village of Merrick Park, Havana Harry's offers moderately priced Cuban favorites with a full bar.
  - 4612 S. LeJeune Road

## Night life

- The Biltmore Lounge
  - Enjoy classic jazz performances each Monday-Saturday evening at the , with half-price cocktail specials.
  - 305-445-1926
  - <http://www.biltmorehotel.com>
- JohnMartin's Irish Pub and Restaurant
  - Karaoke Night every Wednesday from 9pm to 12am
  - 253 Miracle Mile
- Tarpon Bend
  - \$3.50 Mojitos all day Thursday, including Watermelon, Blackberry, Grapefruit, Pineapple and Cantaloupe. In addition, the happy hour runs from 3 to 10pm with 2 for 1 drinks.
  - 305-444-3210
  - <http://www.tarponbend.com>

## Transportation

- Coral Gables Trolley
  - <http://www.greatgables.com/CoralGables/Trolley.html>
- Metrobus 42 from MIA airport

## Coconut Grove

### Family-friendly Activities/Venues

- Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden
  - Lush and meticulously maintained, this garden showcases a wide range of tropical plants. Within its 83 acres, palms and cycads flourish, and a 16,000-square-foot conservatory shelters rare specimens. The Fairchild also offers an arboretum and rainforest, and it houses a world-renowned research facility. Leisurely strolls through the grounds are sure to provoke plenty of "oohs and aahs," and you may gain inspiration for your own little patch of paradise back home. A small museum, gift shop and cafe take care of practical needs. Free tram tours run on the hour.
  - 10901 Old Cutler Rd., Miami, FL 33156
  - 305-667-1651
- CocoWalk
  - CocoWalk is Miami's multicultural marketplace, is a premier open-air shopping, dining, and entertainment destination. Its distinctive design is created to blend seamlessly with historic Coconut Grove, the bayside village known for being eclectic, eccentric, and always exciting. CocoWalk's unique boutiques, casual dining, live music, and ultramodern movie theaters provide the perfect mix for relaxing "Grove style."
  - 3015 Grand Avenue, Coconut Grove, Miami
- The Barnacle Historic State Park
  - Address: Miami, FL 33133
  - Phone:(305) 442-6866

### Restaurants

- Chart House
  - Address: 51 Charthouse Dr, Miami, FL 33133
  - Phone:(305) 856-9741
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$
  - **Transit:** Pan American Dr@#3500 (City Hall)
- The Cheesecake Factory
  - Address: 3015 Grand Ave, Coconut Grove, FL 33133
  - Phone:(305) 447-9898
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$
  - **Transit:** Grand Av@Virginia St
- Green Street Cafe
  - Address: 3468 Main Hwy, Coconut Grove, FL 33133
  - Phone:(305) 444-0244

- Prices: \$\$\$\$
- **Transit:** Grand Av@Commodore PZ
- Mr. Moe's
  - Address: 3131 Commodore Plaza, Miami, FL 33133
  - Phone:(305) 442-1114
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$
  - **Transit:** Grand Av@Commodore PZ
- Jaguar Restaurant
  - Address: 3067 Grand Ave, Coconut Grove, FL 33133
  - Phone:(305) 444-0216
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$
  - **Transit:** Grand Av@Matilda St
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### Nightlife

- The Goose
  - Address: 3008 Grand Ave, Miami, FL 33133
  - Phone:(305) 529-6498
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$
  - **Transit:** Grand Av@Virginia St
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- Fat Tuesday
  - Address: 3015 Grand Ave #260, Coconut Grove, FL 33133
  - Phone:(305) 441-2992
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$
  - **Transit:** Grand Av@Virginia St
- Sandbar Sports Grill
  - Address: 3064 Grand Ave, Miami, FL 33133
  - Phone:(305) 444-5270
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$
  - **Transit:** Grand Av@Matilda St
- Barracuda Raw Bar & Grille
  - Address: 3035 Fuller St, Miami, FL 33133
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$
  - **Transit:** Grand Av@Matilda St
- Miami Improv Comedy Club
  - 3390 Mary Street #182, Coconut Grove, FL

### Transportation

- Metrorail stops: Coconut Grove, Douglas Road, University, South Miami
- Metrobus: Route 249 Coconut Grove Circulator

## **Downtown/Brickell**

### Family-friendly Activities/Venues

- Miami Children's Museum
  - Miami Children's Museum (MCM) is dedicated to enriching the lives of all children by fostering a love of learning and enabling children to realize their highest potential. Visitors of all ages are encouraged to play, learn, imagine and create. MCM offers interactive exhibits, programs, and learning materials related to arts, culture, community and communication.
  - 980 MacArthur Causeway, Miami, FL 33132
  - (305) 373-5437
- Miami Seaquarium
  - Watch live dolphin shows, see shark and crocodile feedings, and get up-close and personal with the best of Florida's marine life at this 38-acre nature-lover's paradise. Miami Seaquarium, since 1955, has been delighting visitors with an exciting display of the Sunshine State's finest asset—its wildlife.
  - 4400 Rickenbacker Causeway, Miami, FL 33149
- Miami Museum of Science
  - The Miami Museum of Science and Planetarium leaves its young patrons (and their parents) wide-eyed with its vast array of hands-on exhibits. Start your visit with "Moving Things," where you can experiment with the science of movement and even try to solve the rush hour problem using a traffic simulator. Other family-friendly stops include "Sea Lab," a 3000-gallon touch tank, and the Miami Planetarium, which features an observatory with two powerful Meade telescopes.
  - 3280 S. Miami Ave., Miami, FL, 33129
- Jungle Island
  - More than 1000 exotic birds and other colorful varmints populate this iconic South Florida discovery park that dates back to 1936. Founded by Australian businessman Franz Sherr (as 'Parrot Jungle'), the birdie-centric venue moved from an island in Biscayne Bay to more expansive digs on Watson Island in 2003. Jungle Island's interactive animal exhibits include a serpentarium, parrot bowl, authentic Everglades experience, and up-close-and-personal kangaroo encounter.
  - *1111 Parrot Jungle Trail, Miami, FL*
- Little Haiti Cultural Center
  - The Little Haiti Cultural Center offers a unique opportunity for residents and visitors to gain exposure to Afro-Caribbean culture, entertain and develop a new talent, and expand their knowledge of the arts. We are committed to providing activities for the community that promotes imagination, creativity, and positive experiences for children and adults throughout the year.

- 212 - 260 NE 59 Terrace, Miami, FL 33137
- Bayside Marketplace
  - A dining, entertainment and retail complex located on beautiful Biscayne Bay in Downtown Miami. Visitors will find more than 150 shops, restaurants and bars, including national retailers and unique shops, Miami's Hard Rock Cafe, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., and an international food court. Free nightly entertainment at the waterfront Marina stage. Tour boats offer sightseeing or dance cruises throughout the day.
  - 401 Biscayne Blvd., R-106, Miami, FL 33132

#### Restaurants

- La Sandwicherie
  - 34 SW 8th St, Miami, FL 33130
  - 305) 374-9852
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$
  - **Transit:** Brickell Station Rail Northbound
- Burger & Beer Joint
  - Address: 900 S Miami Ave #130, Miami, FL 33130
  - Phone:(305) 523-2244
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$
  - **Transit:** Brickell Station Rail Northbound
- The Oceanaire Seafood Room
  - Address: 900 S Miami Ave, Miami, FL 33130
  - Phone:(305) 372-8862
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$
  - **Transit:** Brickell Station Rail Northbound
- Grimpa Steakhouse
  - Address: 901 Brickell Plaza, Miami, FL 33130
  - Phone:(305) 455-4757
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$
  - **Transit:** Tenth Street Promenade Metromover Station
- Rosa Mexicano
  - Address: 900 S Miami Ave, Miami, FL 33130
  - Phone:(786) 425-1001
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$
  - **Transit:** S Miami Av@SE 9 St

#### Night life

- Blue Martini
  - Address: 900 S Miami Ave #250, Miami, FL 33130
  - Phone:(305) 981-2583
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$

- **Transit:** Brickell Station Rail Northbound
- Fado Irish Pub
  - Address: 900 South Miami Avenue, 2nd Floor, Miami, FL 33130
  - Phone:(786) 924-0972
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$
  - **Transit:** Brickell Station Rail Northbound
- Blackbird Ordinary
  - Address: 729 SW 1st Ave, Miami, FL 33130
  - Phone:(305) 671-3307
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$
  - **Transit:** SW 1 Av@SW 7 St
- Tobacco Road
  - Phone: (305) 374-1198
  - Address: 626 S Miami Ave, Miami, FL 33130
  - Prices: \$\$\$\$
  - **Transit:** Brickell Station Rail Northbound

#### Transportation

- Metrorail and Metromover: Brickell Station

#### Museums

- Miami Art Museum
  - Address: 101 W Flagler St, Miami, FL 33130
  - Phone:(305) 375-3000
  - **Transit:** Government Ctr.Stat.Rail Southbound
- Vizcaya Garden & Museum
  - Address: 3280 S Miami Ave, Miami, FL 33129
  - Phone:(305) 646-4269
  - **Transit:** Vizcaya Station Rail Northbound
- Miami Science Museum: Planetarium
  - Address: 3280 S Miami Ave, Miami, FL 33129
  - Phone:(305) 646-4269
  - **Transit:** Vizcaya Station Rail Northbound

#### **\*\*Beaches\*\***

- Key Biscayne
  - If you're visiting with family there are two beaches that cater to a family friendly ambiance above others: Crandon Park on Key Biscayne and Matheson Hammock a bit south on the mainland. Matheson Hammock is more a lagoon with a killer view of the bay than a beach, but that makes it rip-current free and the

entrance fee to the park gives you access to walking paths and a day of watching all kinds of boats and yachts come in and out of their marina.

- Crandon Park is three miles long and has 13 lifeguard towers keeping an eye out on your little ones. There's a playground area, picnic tables, shower facilities, beach volleyball court, restrooms and shelters, but come with a few bucks in your pocket for a parking fee.
- Another beautiful beach on Key Biscayne is the quiet Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park, marked by a historic white lighthouse at the tip of the island. Bill Baggs is an ideal spot to watch the sunset. There are two restaurants here open for breakfast and lunch, but you can always pack your own picnic. On a day you expect the beaches to be jam packed, this isolated beach, where you can rent a four-person bike, is a great option.
- South Beach / North Beach
  - The best beach for people watching is world-famous South Beach, the historic Miami Beach of postcards and television fame. This is also a popular beach for surfers, who head out on their boards between 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets. Grab something to eat at the sidewalk cafes that line the area and head over to the open water for a visit to Miami's wildest beach.
  - A short walk north up Miami Beach at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Ocean Drive you'll find the gay beach. If that's what you're looking for, you may want to check out the clothing-optional beach at Haulover, another popular LGBT spot.
  - Further north at 79<sup>th</sup> Street and Collins Avenue, you'll find the largest state park beach, North Shore Open Space Park, a free resource that's just a short walk from restaurants and cafes. There are free concerts held at the historic North Beach Bandshell, and this beach has long been voted the best beach in Miami for its greenery and open spaces.