

## Sanibel Island, Florida

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### Saturday, March 16 – Sarasota

Fly from Cincinnati to Sarasota, FL via Atlanta. Rent Enterprise car, hit grocery store in Sarasota, and drive to Sanibel Island. Only traffic is at toll plaza on bridge going to island. Find “resort” and key taped to office door. Move into room and walk to beach. Shell until dinner time. Also watch brown pelicans fish by crashing into surf.

### Sunday, March 17 – Sanibel

Jan goes to church; Randy scouts Ding Darling Nature Reserve and sees Yellow Crown Night Heron. After church, we rent bicycles and ride to light house point, walk beach, and see person catch a small shark. Ride back stopping at small shop to do check out dresses. Ride to beach and shell some more. Check out “Alias” in the evening.

### Monday, March 18

Go to Ding Darling Preserve. See white pelicans, little blue herons, tricolored herons, reddish egrets, snowy egrets, roseated spoonbills, ibises, and osprey. See fiddler crabs in the mud and tree crabs on the trees. See alligator on first stop and gopher tortoise on way out. Try shelling on beach between Sanibel and Captiva. Not much. Return to our beach and shell again.

### Tuesday, March 19

Ride to small shop and look for dresses. Ride to and walk Bailey tract. Go to beach at end of road, and to city beach. Try our hand at shelling there. Ride back to room on the back roads. See alligator along the way.

### Wednesday, March 20

Ride to Periwinkle Place and shop. Ride to Tarpon Bay and check out canoes. See great blue heron first on island and then it flies to patio. Ibises active on patio. Brown pelicans are swimming and diving in water. Ride out to first store where we shopped on Sunday, but it was closed. Ride back to our beach along the back way.

### Thursday, March 21 – Naples

Drive to Naples, FL to see Gail Hillman. Have lunch in Naples at outdoor restaurant. Talk in condo for a bit; then drive back to Sanibel, stopping at Outlet Mall on the way. Return to room for a sandwich dinner.

### Friday, March 22

Go toward east end and look for outfit we saw on Sunday. It is gone. Go to Periwinkle Place and buy outfit. Stop at “Jerry’s” and get salmon for dinner. Go

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to Tarpon Bay and rent kayak. Follow canoe trail through mangroves. See tricolored heron and ibis in mangroves. Notice tht the tree crabs do not like the mangrove trees but are abundant on other trees. Drive to the end of Captiva Island "just to see." Return bikes. Have salmon for dinner even though its not cooked through. Pack.

### Saturday, March 23 – Cincinnati

Check out, drive to Sarasota, return car and check in all without problems. Return to Cincinnati uneventful.