

# Florida Stories Walking Tours

I believe that the Florida Stories app provides the most widely accessible way for visitors (and sometimes residents) to learn more about the history and culture of Tarpon Springs' Greek community and the Greektown area.

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## What is Florida Stories?

Florida Stories, a walking tour app, supports the creation of cultural, historical, and architectural walking tours for communities across the state of Florida. The Florida Stories app allows users to learn about the history of some of Florida's most unique towns at their own pace and on their own schedule.

Florida Stories is designed to:

- explore the history and heritage of Florida
- increase knowledge about and appreciation of local communities
- connect small communities on a statewide platform
- create an immersive humanities program that is both fun and educational

- create sustainable and walkable cultural tourism products
- build collaboration between community partners

## **Walking tours currently available for download:**

- Bartow
- Lake Wales
- Pensacola
- DeLand
- Ormond Beach
- St. Augustine – Colonial Tour
- St. Augustine – Gilded Age Tour
- St. Augustine – Lincoln Park
- Tampa’s Ybor City

- Key West
- Fort Pierce
- Fort Pierce – Lincoln Park
- Tarpon Springs
- Fernandina Beach
- St. Petersburg
- Tallahassee
- Virginia Key Beach

**Coming soon: The Hill (Apalachicola, Islamorada, Frenchtown (Tallahassee), and Boca Grande**

## **Who is eligible to apply?**

Florida non-profit organizations including museums, historical societies, libraries, preservation groups, and city/county agencies are eligible to apply. Organizations will be selected

for participation based on community need and geographic distribution of sites. All applicants must provide a minimum cost share equal to the funds provided by FHC.

## **Become a Florida Stories Walking Tour Community:**

**Deadline: September 3, 2018**

Each walking tour is created under the guidance of the Florida Humanities Council. All tours must be walkable (up to 1.5 miles), include up to 12 significant locations, with the audio portion not exceeding five minutes per stop. In addition to the audio portion of the tour, each tour is complimented with a 4"x 9" printed full color rack card with tour stop icons and map. Tours should be inclusive of many different viewpoints, community histories, and include a variety of physical stops.

All applicants must first download and thoroughly review the application guidelines below. To access the on-line application form, applicants **MUST** contact [Lisa Lennox](#), Program Coordinator, at [727-873-2018](tel:727-873-2018) to discuss their proposal and receive an application password. No unsolicited or hard-copy proposals will be accepted.

**Want to learn more about Florida Stories?  
Watch the short video below.**