

HAULOVER PARK BEACH SIGNS



1991



July 14, 1991

SFFB designates the naturist area



1992:

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After years of lobbying with no movement toward designation by the county, South Florida Free Beaches finally took matters into its own hands and self-designated the clothing-optional beach at Haulover Park on July 14, 1991.

As the Park Dept. first forbade the installation of permanent signs, SFFB volunteers initially placed temporary signs & orange boundary cones on the beach only on weekends. A few months later, SFFB extended this to Wednesday, and within a year to seven days a week, due to increasing use and demand. Shortly, the Park Dept. provided trash cans and lifeguards, and opened the A1A pedestrian underpass, which had been boarded up, and the north parking lot.

SFFB set the northern naturist area boundary in consultation with the condo association of the Tropicana, the eight-story building where the county park ends. SFFB volunteers also planted additional vegetation in the dunes and took out much trash that had accumulated there over the years.

In December 1993, the Park Department finally allowed the first permanent designation signs, paid for and installed by SFFB. These signs were vandalized a few times, and were replaced by SFFB as needed. A few years later, the Park Department installed its own wooden-framed signs at the beach designating the naturist area – and also similar signs marking the area where swimsuits are required. Low fences were also installed at the naturist beach boundaries.

The wooden-framed signs were destroyed in Hurricane Wilma in 2005 and replaced by smaller metal signs. A sign in the south parking lot also now directs naturists to the north end of the park.



1993

SFFB installs permanent signs



The Park Dept. sign at the south parking lot (left)

SFFB sign, circa 1998 (right)



2001 – wooden-framed county sign