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## **Test borings close Siesta beach Access 12 until noon**

### **Thursday**

Sarasota County Parks and Recreation will close Siesta Key Beach Access 12 from 7 a.m. to noon Thursday. The access path, near the intersection of Old Stickney Point and Midnight Pass roads, will be closed while crews from Erickson Consulting Engineers perform geotechnical core borings.

The borings are needed as part of a plan to improve drainage in the area and to research the feasibility of widening the access for seaweed removal. "When we get a heavy rain, water floods that area and takes a few days to drain," said George Tatge, Manager, Sarasota County Parks and Recreation.

In addition to improving drainage, the county hopes to widen the access so trucks can remove seaweed from the beach. "Right now we have to bring the trucks in on Siesta Beach and drive 4-miles round trip on the beach to remove the seaweed. Improving Beach Access 12 will allow us to avoid that, reduce the impact on Siesta Beach and improve public safety," said Tatge.

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