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New Shellcast episode visits Manatee Park

LEE COUNTY, Fla. – The latest episode of Shellcast, the podcast that’s a beach break for your ears, visits Manatee Park in Fort Myers.

Episode 9, “When I get older, I want to be a manatee,” includes an interview recorded in February with Laura Carr, Lee County Parks & Recreation specialist. Carr talks about what visitors can experience at the 17-acre county park, which serves as a warm-water refuge to these super-sized vegetarians.

When the water temperature in the Gulf of Mexico drops, manatees make their way to the park’s canal via Pine Island Sound, the Caloosahatchee River and the Orange River. Carr also discusses how the park was established and what people can do to keep manatees safe.

[Manatee Park](#) is located at 10901 Palm Beach Boulevard.

The Shellcast podcast started in June 2020 as a way to give listeners – especially people planning trips – a chance to soak up some virtual sun and hear what makes Southwest Florida so special. Episodes are recorded throughout Lee County and showcase the area’s many attractions and activities. The host and producer of Shellcast is Jackie Parker, VCB communications manager.

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