

# WELCOME TO ESTERO FLORIDA

WHERE COASTAL LIVING MEETS PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE



Nestled along Florida's Gulf Coast, Estero offers a rare blend of coastal beauty, vibrant growth, and small-town warmth. Perfectly positioned between Fort Myers and Naples, this community pairs natural charm with a thriving professional environment. From Gulf beaches and kayaking trails to resort-style neighborhoods and top-rated schools, Estero offers a lifestyle built on balance — where work and wellness coexist effortlessly.

At the center of this flourishing region is Florida Veterinary Referral Center (FVRC), a trusted leader in emergency and specialty veterinary medicine, serving the community of Estero for over 20 years. Known throughout Southwest Florida for clinical excellence, collaboration, and compassion, FVRC provides 24/7 care that spans from life-saving stabilization to complex surgical and diagnostic services.

Here, you'll join a team driven by shared purpose — practicing advanced medicine in a supportive, forward-thinking environment while living in one of Florida's most desirable coastal communities.



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EMERGENCY + SPECIALTY

# MAJOR ACCOLADES & HIGHLIGHTS FOR ESTERO

Estero continues to earn recognition for its livability, innovation, and community excellence. Together, these accolades highlight Estero's strong leadership, quality, and commitment to sustainable growth, making it an ideal place to build both career and community.



**Top 20% of Best Places to Live in America –**  
Estero ranks among the nation's best  
communities for quality of life, safety, and  
amenities. ([Niche 2024](#))



**FGCU Named Among the South's Most Innovative Universities – U.S. News & World Report** ranked Florida Gulf Coast University 7th in innovation among Southern regional universities.



**AAA Bond Rating from S&P Global –**  
The Village of Estero earned Florida's top  
municipal rating for fiscal responsibility and  
governance, one of only a handful in the state.

## COST OF LIVING

Estero offers an enviable mix of coastal luxury and affordability for the Gulf Coast region. It is a community where professionals can grow their careers while enjoying sun, sea, and space to thrive.

- **Median Home Price:** ~\$711,000 (Zillow, 2024)
- **Overall Cost of Living:** Slightly above national average but significantly below Naples and Fort Myers coastal communities
- **Commute:** Average of 25–30 minutes with quick access to I-75 and Southwest Florida International Airport
- **Lifestyle:** 84% homeownership rate, low crime, and abundant recreation contribute to a high quality of life



# ESTERO & GREATER LEE COUNTY AREA LOCAL SCHOOLS

Education is a cornerstone of life in Estero. The Lee County School District anchors the region with strong public programs, complemented by respected private schools and nearby higher education institutions.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- **Pinewoods Elementary School** – Known for excellent foundational learning, family engagement, and strong community ties.
- **Three Oaks Elementary School** – Emphasizes literacy, STEM integration, and inclusive education.
- **Bonita Springs Elementary School** – Offers enrichment programs and small-class support for student success.

## MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- **Three Oaks Middle School** – Focuses on academic rigor and hands-on learning with strong extracurricular offerings.
- **Bonita Springs Middle Center for the Arts** – Combines academics with visual and performing arts education.
- **Cypress Lake Middle School** – Offers magnet programs and high academic achievement standards.

## HIGH SCHOOLS

- **Estero High School** – The primary public high school serving the area, offering Cambridge AICE curriculum, AP programs, dual enrollment, and championship athletics.
- **Bonita Springs High School** – College-prep curriculum and vocational pathways in engineering, business, and design.
- **Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts** – Magnet high school integrating academics with fine arts excellence.

## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

- **The Village School of Naples** – Independent school offering individualized learning from early childhood through high school.
- **First Baptist Academy** – Faith-based K-12 education grounded in academics and character development.
- **Southwest Florida Christian Academy** – College-prep programs emphasizing academics and faith leadership.

## UNIVERSITIES

- **Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU)** – Public research university known for sustainability, health sciences, and innovation.
- **Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW)** – Public college offering associate, bachelor's, and continuing education programs.
- **Ave Maria University** – Liberal arts Catholic university with a strong academic reputation in the region.





# PARKS & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Estero's natural surroundings define its lifestyle — a blend of pristine beaches, tropical preserves, and year-round outdoor recreation. Life in Estero is lived outdoors — whether on a local beach or one in nearby Fort Myers and Naples, along the river, or under the palms at sunset.

- **Koreshan State Park** – Historic riverside park with trails, kayaking, and cultural landmarks.
- **Estero Bay Preserve State Park** – Florida's first aquatic preserve, ideal for hiking, paddling, and wildlife watching.
- **Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary** – National Audubon sanctuary with a famous boardwalk through cypress wetlands.
- **Bonita Beach Park** – A lively Gulf-front destination offering white sand beaches perfect for swimming and shelling.



## DINING & LOCAL FLAVOR

Estero's dining scene captures the spirit of the Gulf Coast — fresh seafood, creative cuisine, and global flavors with local charm.

- **Oak & Stone** – A modern American eatery known for its craft beer wall, artisan pizzas, and laid-back, upscale atmosphere.
- **Divieto Ristorante** – An elegant Italian restaurant offering classic dishes highlighted by its signature tableside "Ruota di Parmigiano" pasta experience.
- **Roy's** – A polished Hawaiian-fusion restaurant known for bold flavors, fresh seafood, and a sleek, modern ambiance.
- **Backyard Social** – A lively social hub combining upscale bowling, dart lanes, and a full food and drink menu for a vibrant night out.
- **De Adriatico Restaurant** – A charming Mediterranean tavern offering traditional Italian and Spanish dishes in a warm, inviting setting.

## DESSERT DESTINATIONS

After a day on the water or an evening out with friends, Estero's dessert scene offers the perfect sweet ending.

- **Sospiri Italian Café & Gelato** – Authentic gelato and Italian pastries.
- **Le Macaron French Pastries (Miromar Outlets)** – Elegant macarons and desserts.
- **The Gelato Truck Dolce & Caffè** – A charming mobile café serving authentic Italian gelato, espresso, and sweet treats.
- **Mean Mugs Milkshake Bar** – A retro-style dessert spot specializing in over-the-top milkshakes, creative ice cream treat.
- **Wolfmoon** – A trendy bakery and café celebrated for its handcrafted, ultra-flaky croissants, specialty coffee, and artfully made pastries.

# TOP LOCAL SUBURBS FOR LIVING

The Estero area features a range of living options — from waterfront estates to golf communities — offering comfort and convenience in every direction.

- **Coconut Point** – Upscale community centered around dining, shopping, and walkable entertainment.
- **The Brooks** – Gated community with golf, club amenities, and landscaped **neighborhoods**.
- **Miromar Lakes** – Award-winning resort community featuring boating, beaches, and spa living.
- **Bonita Springs** – Neighboring city with coastal living and vibrant small-town character.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

While Estero offers tranquility, it's surrounded by thriving arts, music, and performance venues that define Southwest Florida's cultural scene.

- **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** – Broadway tours, concerts, and major touring shows.
- **Hertz Arena** – Major multi-purpose entertainment venue hosting everything from professional hockey to big-name concerts and family shows.
- **Gulf Coast Town Center** – A vibrant open-air lifestyle destination offering shopping, dining and entertainment.
- **Alliance for the Arts (Fort Myers)** – Art exhibitions, classes, and community performances.
- **Miromar Outlets & Coconut Point** – Seasonal festivals, concerts, and local events year-round.



# WHY FLORIDA VETERINARY REFERRAL CENTER IN ESTERO?

At Florida Veterinary Referral Center, medicine meets mission. As a 24/7 emergency and specialty hospital, FVRC provides advanced, compassionate care supported by a collaborative and highly skilled team.

## Specialties include:

- Emergency
- Critical Care
- Surgery (Soft Tissue & Orthopedic)
- Internal Medicine
- Diagnostic Imaging (CT, Ultrasound, Digital Radiography)

At FVRC, veterinary professionals practice at the highest level — supported by a state-of-the-art facility, an engaged leadership team, and a culture built on respect, mentorship, and innovation.

Every day brings meaningful impact — from stabilizing emergencies to celebrating recoveries — in a setting where collaboration and compassion define the standard of care.

FVRC is more than a hospital; it's a community where excellence thrives, people grow, and pets receive the care they deserve.



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