



Outdoor “Snap-shot” Scavenger Hunt



Welcome to the Florida Maritime Museum! Our museum shares meaningful stories about the history of Florida’s fishing industry and the historic Cortez Commercial Fishing Village.

The Florida Maritime Museum is situated on almost four acres of land known as the Cortez Nature Preserve—which makes it the perfect place to explore! On our Outdoor Scavenger Hunt, you will have to search high and low on the museum grounds to find the answers to our clues below.

Remember, this is a “snap-shot” hunt, so the only real way to prove you’ve found each answer is with a selfie! Don’t forget to tag us in your photos on Facebook or Instagram with #FMMSnapshot.

Happy hunting!

1. *“Begin at the beginning and go on until the end.”* Find the historic building that started as the Cortez Rural Graded Schoolhouse in 1912 and now houses the Florida Maritime Museum.
2. I like to flutter by in the garden named after me. Find me hiding with my fancy friends the pink-lipped fish, the Frog Prince, and the mosaic snake.
3. This hurricane was the first named storm of the 1972 Atlantic hurricane season and brought a storm surge of 7 feet to the Cortez Village.
4. Watch your step in the Secret Garden! The ground you walk on is made of fossilized shell and coral. Have a seat and see how many different fossils you can find.
5. The name for this fruit comes from the old Portuguese word for “head” or “skull”. It can be used to make water and milk. You’ll need to tilt your own head up to find the answer to this clue!
6. While horsing around FMM grounds, you’ll find the next clue prancing on water. Giddy up and you might even catch one of my bird friends playing in the fountain!
7. Originally built in 1890, this was the first commercial building in Cortez and the center of community life. Find the two-story Bratton Store, which housed the Albion Inn, a fish house, and grocery store.
8. You look like you could use some shade! Find and relax in this structure, which is a replica of an authentic Seminole chickee hut.
9. In Cortez’s early days, this historic cistern was used for drinking water. Can you find a large round wooden structure up on stilts? Nowadays, cisterns are usually made of concrete, fiberglass, or steel.
10. I might look a little weathered, but that’s because I’m the first building constructed at the Snead Island Boat Works in 1907. Find the Pillsbury Boatshop, a rough wooden workshop for boat building located closest to Cortez Road.