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# A (mostly) Kids' Guide To Naples, Marco Island & The Everglades (Mostly Kids' Guides)





## Synopsis

A (mostly) Kids' Guide to Naples, Marco Island & The Everglades is the region's first guidebook for families with children. The 80-page softcover book, with more than 150 full color photographs, is a fun and humorous kids'-eye view of the beaches, nature preserves, attractions and experiences on land and sea. From awesome museums and attractions in sophisticated Naples to outrageously exciting adventures deep in the Everglades, A (mostly) Kids' Guide to Naples, Marco Island & The Everglades is packed with tidbits of regional history and trivia that even parents, grandparents, educators and armchair travelers will love. They'll laugh out loud right along with the kids at some of the strange stories and guirky creatures that inhabit this exciting land. Airboats and swamp buggies, pirates and Indians, even the legendary Skunk Ape - it's all inside, along with a comprehensive index with websites and phone numbers. A (mostly) Kids' Guide to Naples, Marco Island & The Everglades covers activities for all ages from toddler to teen. It's a must for anyone planning a visit to Florida, as well as newcomers and local kids who want to find even more exiting things to do in their own backyard. Author Karen T. Bartlett is an award-winning travel journalist and photographer who was lucky enough to raise two children in this wild and wonderful land. Her published works include 11 travel destination books and hundreds of travel features in regional and national magazines.

#### **Book Information**

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### **Customer Reviews**

Huffington Post [The book] is packed with tidbits of regional history and trivia that even parents, grandparents and all adults will enjoy. USA Today For a fun and complete guide to Naples for families, look for the new colorful "A (mostly) Kids' Guide to Naples, Marco Island & the Everglades" guidebook. Fort Myers News-Press Whether you have kids or just feel like one, there's a long and growing list of things to see and do in our version of paradise. I was scanning the book, got sucked in and read the entire thing. It's not only fun for kids, but parents and grandparents will enjoy it and learn a lot about the area to boot. Naples Florida Weekly There's nothing square about this 8-by-8-inch high-energy book. It's the hip answer to youngsters who visit Naples and say, "I'm bored. What are we going to do?" It just explodes with delicious information about this corner of Southwest Florida with a focus on children's activities. Feedback from the Naples tourism industry has been exuberant. Everywhere, the text offers a child-friendly voice with good-natured wit. Ms. Bartlett bills herself as the "Adventurer in Chief," and no child, parent or grandparent will deny the powerful appeal of her upbeat, lighthearted guidance. And, if you're not ready to guide those kids around yet, don't worry. The book in itself is a most delightful and surprising trip. No kidding. Marco Eagle Hang onto your kayak paddle and don't miss this great new book by Karen Bartlett. This is such a totally fun and useful book for anyone who has kids or is lucky enough to have them visit. It is chock-full of fun stuff to do and lots of information about Naples, Marco Island and the Everglades. Don't let anyone say, "There's nothing to do down here!" This book is proof that there is so much to do and learn that there just isn't enough time to do it all.

This book is ok interns of lots of photos and bright pictures to entice the children. However if you're looking for some good solid guidebook type advice on where to go, what to do and companies/hotels to contact then go for a traditional guidebook - lonely planet, fodors etc. Given that it is mainly facts about the area rather than specific guide info I would say this is on the expensive side.

We used this often on our trip to Marco Island. It was neat to read beforehand to bring and excitement to my son.

Great for anyone planning to visit SW Florida - especially families with children.

An excellent guide for interesting things to do with visitors.

#### Easy to understand and fun to read!

Want to enjoy Naples, Marco Island and the surrounding areas to the fullest? Buy this book, and you'll know more, and possibly will see more in a few days than many residents who've been here for many years. Why? Karen Bartlett, who's been here for many years, has the curiosity of a travel writer (she has been one for years, too!) and the energy of the Energizer bunny for ferreting out fun, unusual, and unique activities and location in SW Florida. Whether you're an octagonarian or a pre-teen, there's much to choose from. I thought I was pretty savvy after living in Naples for 22 years, however I've never done many of the fun things in this book! Take the Naples Trolley to see the sights by land, and the Water Shuttle to go by sea. Hungry for food or photo ops? Hit one of the Farmers Markets. Did you know which sightseeing boat lets kids go for free? See Naples by Segway or jet boat, if a bicycle or boat rental is not your way to go! Go for an air boat ride, see the rare Ghost Orchid, or take a selfie in front of the smallest Post Office in the US of A.I highly recommend buying this book-it adds an amazing depth of knowledge and variety of experiences for any visitor or "local", of any age. Now that I have my copy, I'm making up for lost time!

Having lived in Naples with kids for the past decade, all I can say is I wish this book had come out back then! It is chock full of information about Naples, Marco Island and the Everglades. It is written in a fun style for kids and adults. We will keep this book for a very long time as a reference for the area. So many great ideas and places we didn't know existed are included! It has become my youngest child's favorite before bedtime reading because it is written in such a fun and witty style. Looking forward to our next trip to SW Florida even more than before!

I just LOVE this book! It is amazing and delightful.. The author got it just right... the perfect combination of fun and information, which kids and grownups will both enjoy. It's beautifully written, colorful, and a pleasure to browse through all of the great places to go and things to see. The combination of photos and artwork are wonderful, and the whimsical nature of Ms. Bartlett's writing makes it enjoyable to read for young and old alike. I would give this book six stars if I could and highly recommend it to anyone who lives in or visits the Naples area.

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