

# Lush, Tropical Surroundings Welcome You to Florida's Weeki Wachee







Weeki Wachee's Sponge Dock. Here you'll find shells and sponges from all over the world.

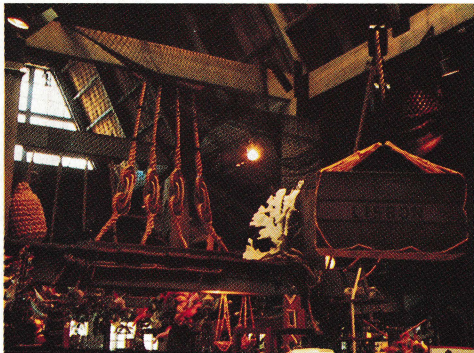
Located in the center of our Arbor you'll be able to pick your very own pearl! Our specially trained staff members open, clean and mount your pearl right before your eyes. Select your mounting from over 1000 different selections.







Is it an island bazaar or have you walked into the cargo hold of a large ship, when entering The Gift Locker? Here you'll see exotic gifts from the world over. Handcrafted wood, rare shells, silk blouses, brass and other items global wide. Our rare shell collection includes specimens from six continents. Of course you will have to taste our delicious cream and butter fudge, made fresh daily on the premises.



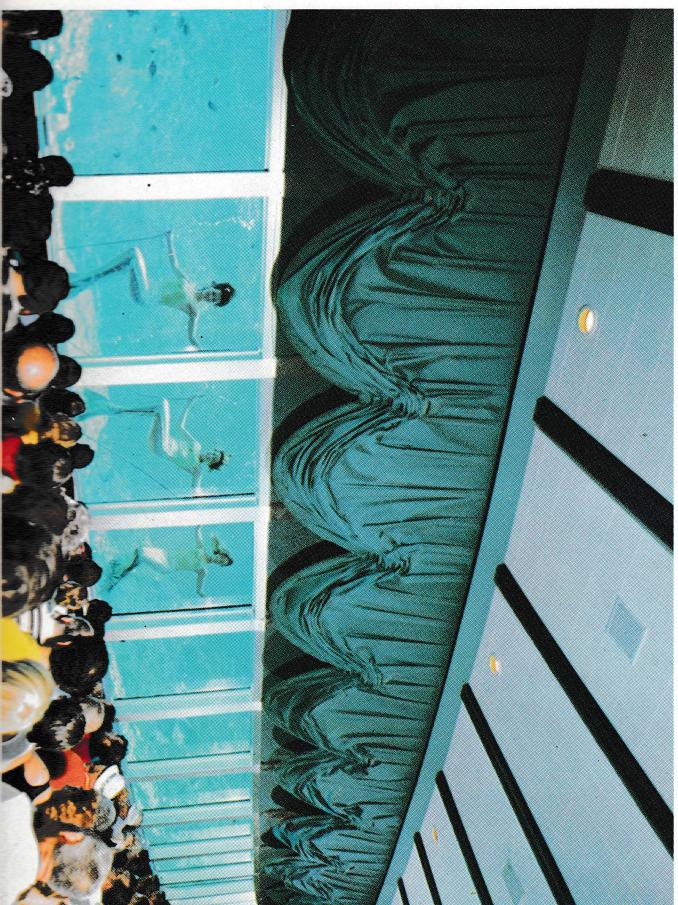
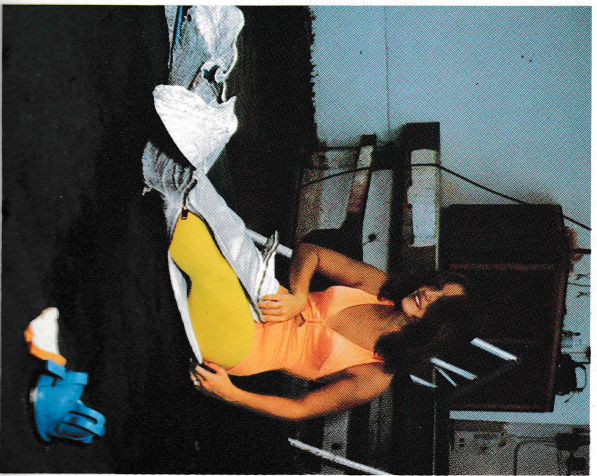
You'll discover treasure after treasure in our Treasure Chest Gift Shop. Toys for the children, decorative gifts, tee shirts, shorts, film, jewelry, candy, wicker and an extensive line of Florida and Weeki Wachee souvenirs.





# Mermaids in Training

The Mermaid Show has been one of Florida's outstanding attractions since October, 1947. Earning the glamorous title of "Weeki Wachee Mermaid" requires two to three months of rigorous training. The day is filled with exercise, correct diet, learning to apply makeup, breathing with an air hose, making the dangerous deep dive and practicing intricate movements. At last the thrill of performing before live audiences beneath 16 feet of crystal clear water. The amazing acrobatic feats of synchronized beauty and grace will thrill and excite you.





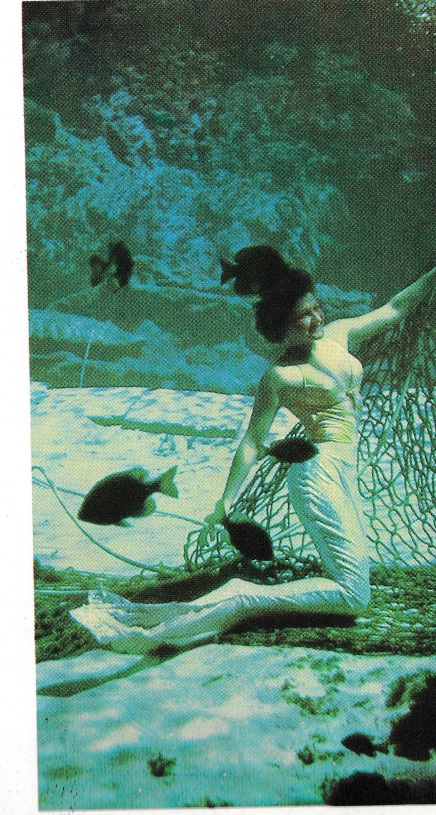
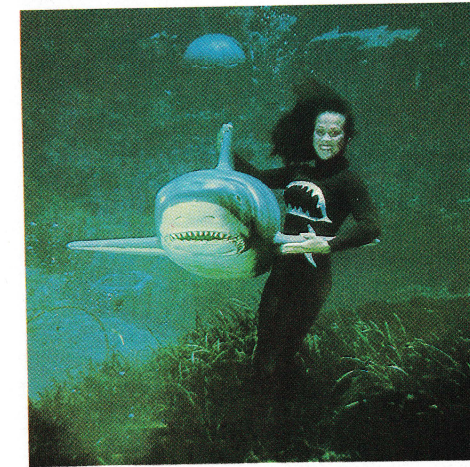
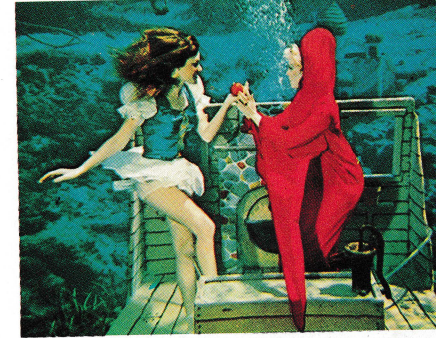
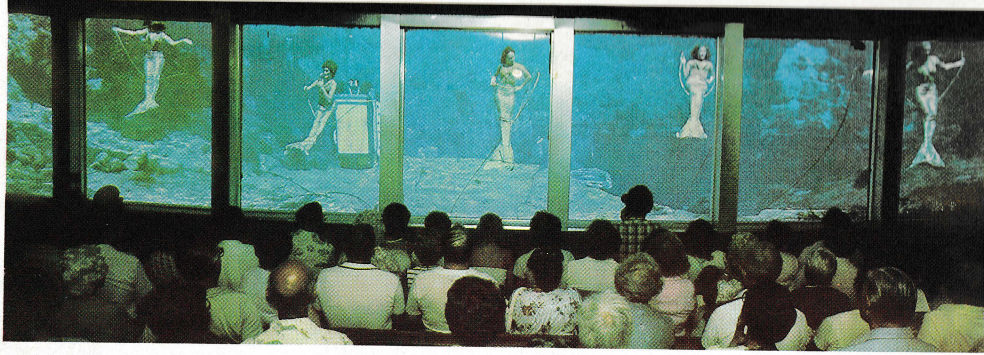


Mermaids like recreation and good food just like you and me.





# Famous Show Scenes





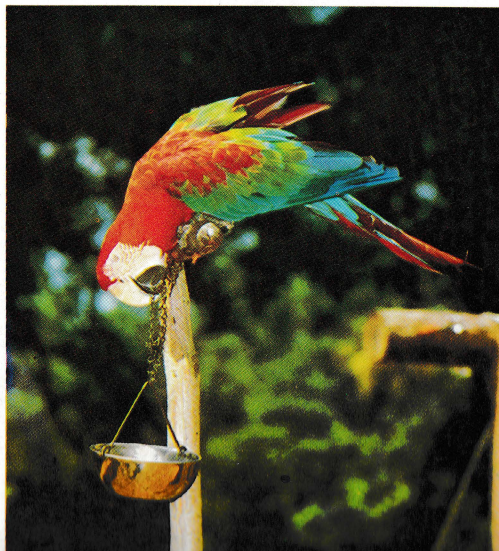
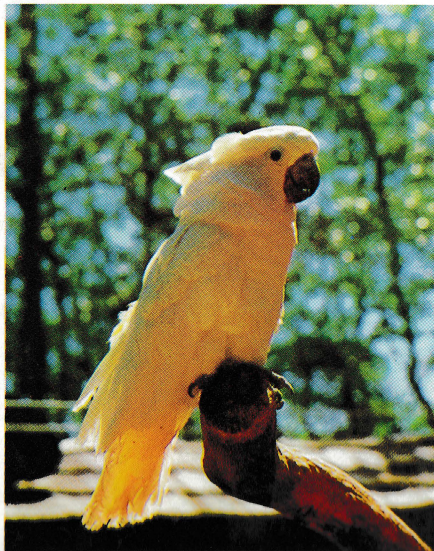
# Weeki Wachee's Famous Mermaids





# Exotic Bird Show

Laugh right out loud as you watch these beautiful birds go through their hilarious routines. Each bird undergoes months of patient training by dedicated handlers. Exotic birds are vegetarians, eating dry, untreated peanuts, sunflower seeds and fresh fruits and vegetables. They cannot tolerate salt and this is kept out of their diet. Each bird and each feeding is weighed daily to insure they receive necessary nutrients and to establish their health records. There's no physical way to tell how old the birds are and some Macaws are estimated to be at least 150 years old. Our Exotic Bird Show includes many Macaws, Cockatoos, Mynahs, Toucans and Festive Amazon Parrots.





# Birds of Prey Show

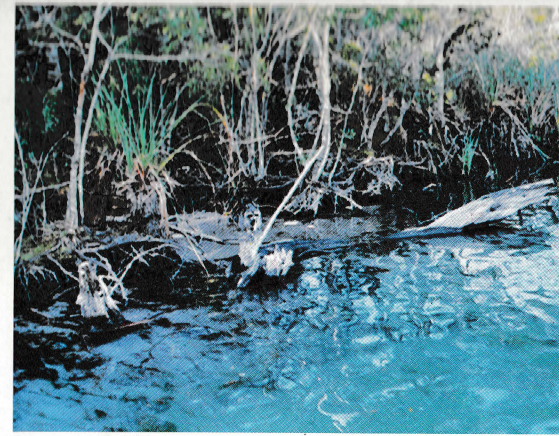
Many performers in Weeki Wachee's flamboyant Bird of Prey Show are handicapped although the audience watching our birds of prey staging spectacular aerial stunts never guess the truth until we tell them. Weeki Wachee conducts a Raptor Rehabilitation Program supervised by both federal and state authorities. Birds of prey are cared for without cost to taxpayers. These birds have been injured in their natural habitat and are brought to Weeki Wachee for care and protection before being returned to the wild. No birds are caged; they fly across the amphitheater and perform stunts upon voice commands of trainers. Birds of prey consume 10% of their body weight in the wild. Here they are kept on a strict diet and weighed daily. Our "Birds of Prey" include many varieties of Hawks, Eagles, Vultures, Owls and Caracaras.





# Wilderness River Cruise

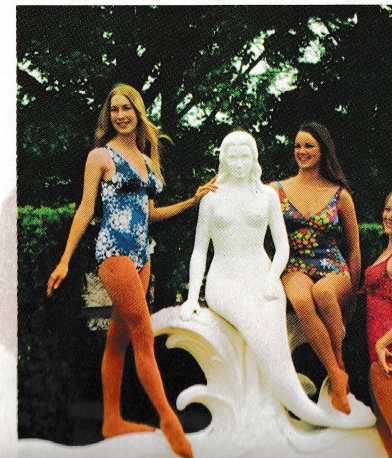
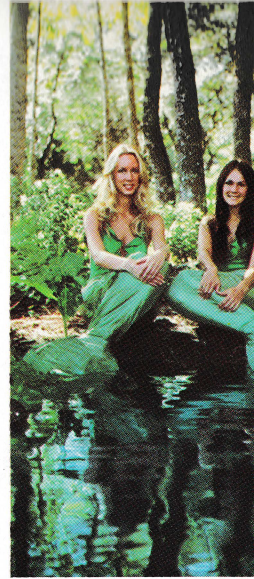
Traveling down the Weeki Wachee River takes one back to pre-historic Florida that hasn't changed since the Spanish discovered the area in the 1500's. You'll see sleepy alligators, graceful white herons, majestic cypress trees, cute raccoons looking for a handout, and native flora. At the turn around point of our river cruise is our Pelican Orphanage where injured pelicans find a home for life or are rehabilitated and again set free in the wild.







You will want to take your camera as you stroll thru Star Garden and the meticulous landscaped paths. Mermaid Galley is located in the center of the park which makes it an ideal place to stop for lunch.



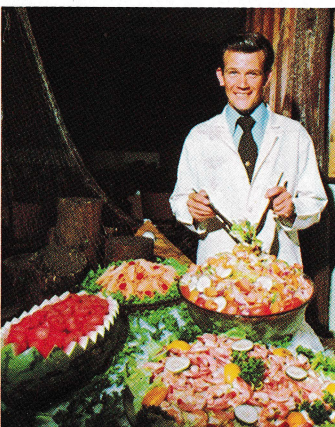


# Enchanted Rain Forest

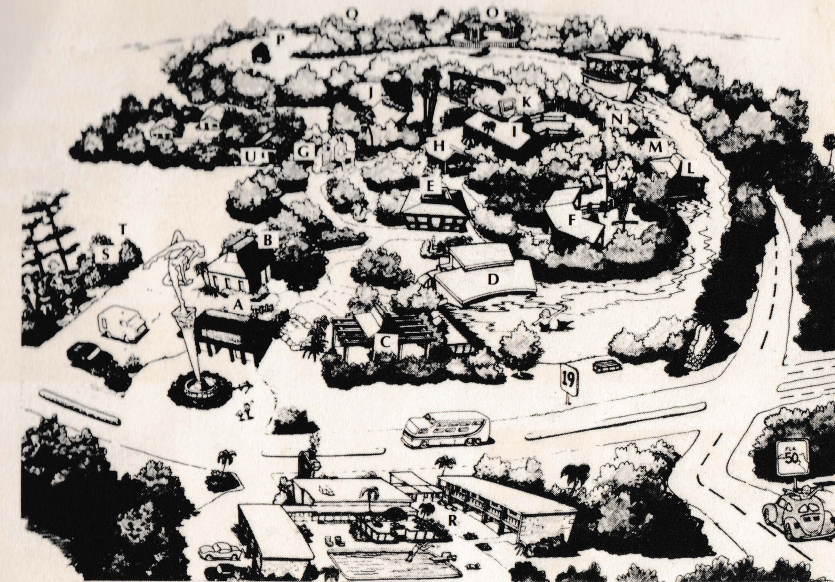
You'll enjoy the soothing, tranquil beauty as you stroll through 1 ½ acres. The canopy of 100-foot palms, oaks and bay trees makes countless thousands of orchids, ferns, bromeliads and dracaena grow in a large "greenhouse without glass". Plants abound here and have been selected from the four corners of the world.



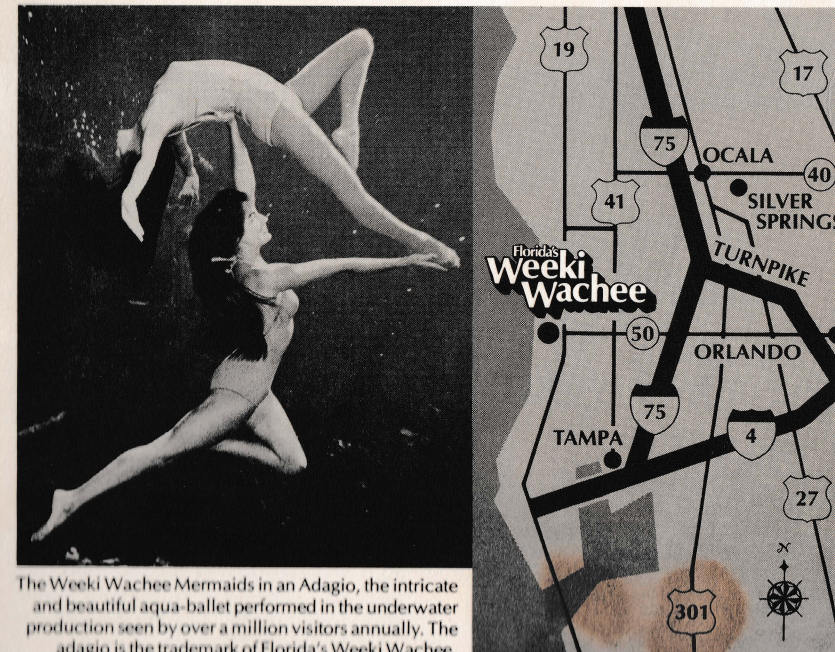




Weeki Wachee has its own Award-winning Holiday Inn right on the premises that offers all the comforts of home in a tropical planted setting. You're free to enjoy our restaurant facilities or have a cocktail and re-enter Weeki Wachee free of charge as many times as you like. What a magical way to spend the day.



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| A Entrance                             | H Rest Rooms                        | N Tropical Rain Forest     |
| B Gift Locker Gift Shop and Rest Rooms | I Mermaid Galley Food               | O Timucuan Indian Village  |
| C Pearl Pavilion                       | J Birds of Prey Amphitheater        | P Monkey Island            |
| D Mermaid Underwater Theater           | K Timucuan Indian Burial Mound      | Q Pelican Orphanage        |
| E Treasure Chest Gift Shop             | L Wilderness River Cruise Boat Dock | R Weeki Wachee Holiday Inn |
| F Exotic Bird Amphitheater             | M Nature Trail                      | S Picnic Area              |
| G Star Garden                          |                                     | T Free Pet Kennel          |
|  |                                     | U Administration Building  |



The Weeki Wachee Mermaids in an Adagio, the intricate and beautiful aqua-ballet performed in the underwater production seen by over a million visitors annually. The adagio is the trademark of Florida's Weeki Wachee.



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