



Holiday Travel Advisory



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Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Offers Free Coffee at Service Plazas During Peak Holiday Travel Periods

FORT LAUDERDALE — Free Coffee Safety Breaks for travelers are among the expanded motorist services being offered by Florida's Turnpike during the Christmas/New Year holiday to promote driver safety.

Take a Coffee Safety Break on the Turnpike

Florida's Turnpike urges drivers to take a Safety Break and enjoy a complimentary pick-me-up at the Shell convenience stores and in the lobby of the Okahumpka, Turkey Lake, Canoe Creek, Fort Drum, Fort Pierce, West Palm Beach and Pompano Service Plazas during the following times:

- 11 p.m. Monday, December 24 to 6 a.m. Tuesday, December 25
- 11 p.m. Tuesday, December 25 to 6 a.m. Wednesday, December 26
- 11 p.m. Monday, December 31 to 6 a.m. Tuesday, January 1
- 11 p.m. Tuesday, January 1 to 6 a.m. Wednesday, January 2

State Farm Safety Patrol

During the holidays, the State Farm Safety Patrol will provide round-the-clock coverage on the Turnpike in urban areas and extended hours from 6 a.m. to midnight in rural areas.

Be prepared to encounter other tolling methods during your turnpike travel

All-electronic, no-cash tolling is in place on the southern 58 miles of Florida's Turnpike in southern Broward and Miami-Dade counties, along with the Sawgrass Expressway in Broward, and the Veterans Expressway and I-4 Connector in the Tampa Bay area. Tolls will be collected through a SunPass transponder, other interoperable transponder or billed through the mail with TOLL-BY-PLATE. Motorists traveling between Three Lakes in Osceola County and Lantana in Palm Beach County will receive a toll ticket. Toll rates for this portion of the Turnpike are provided on the back side of the ticket. The Sunrise Boulevard interchange (Exit 58) was recently converted to all-electronic, no-cash tolling.

Service plaza construction/renovation project is currently in progress

The Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce Service plaza is under construction and new parking areas have been opened. Please allow additional time for parking during peak times. Remember to slow down when entering the service plaza and follow instructions on any construction signs.

Try to avoid the peak travel periods on Friday and Wednesday if possible

We encourage motorists to schedule their travel to avoid peak commuting times. Congestion in the I-75/Wildwood area is anticipated on the heaviest travel days Friday, December 21 and Wednesday, December 26 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation has linked its 511 real-time traffic and travel source with Waze, a free navigation tool for iOS, Android and Windows smart phones that uses traffic information to help you navigate through congestion. Download these useful apps today!

Check Tires/Tire Pressure

Many traffic accidents can be traced back to improper inflation or condition of tires. Be sure to check your vehicle's tires and tire pressure before you travel.

SunPass Customers

Enjoy the convenience of managing your SunPass account, anytime, by downloading the SunPass app on your smartphone. You can also access the SunPass website on the go using your smartphone. Customers with an active SunPass account enrolled in "Easy Pay" can enjoy the ease and convenience of SunPass Plus Parking at Hard Rock Stadium and airports in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm, Orlando and Tampa.

To find out more about the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise statewide system of limited-access roads, call the Public Information Office at 800-749-PIKE (800-749-7453), or visit www.floridasturnpike.com.