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Sarasota County Siesta Beach ranked No. 2 in country

For the second year in a row, Sarasota County's Siesta Beach has been ranked the second-best beach in the country by Dr. Stephen Leatherman, also known as Dr. Beach.

Dr. Leatherman, the director for Coastal Research at Florida International University, has been ranking the country's top 10 beaches annually for the last 20 years. In his review of Siesta Beach, Leatherman said, "With some of the finest, whitest sand in the world, Siesta Beach has clear, warm waters that serve for ideal swimming. This beach is great for volleyball and other types of recreational fitness."

Attracting more than 1 million visitors each year, Siesta Beach is one of Sarasota County's most popular destination spots. "Siesta Beach has been consistently ranked in the top 10 for many reasons, including a great balance between natural beauty and recreation, it's 99.9 percent pure quartz sand, has great public access, and, most of all, because it's just a great place to be," said John McCarthy, general manager Sarasota County Parks and Recreation.

Siesta Beach is one of 14 beaches spanning more than 35 miles of beachfront owned by Sarasota County.

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