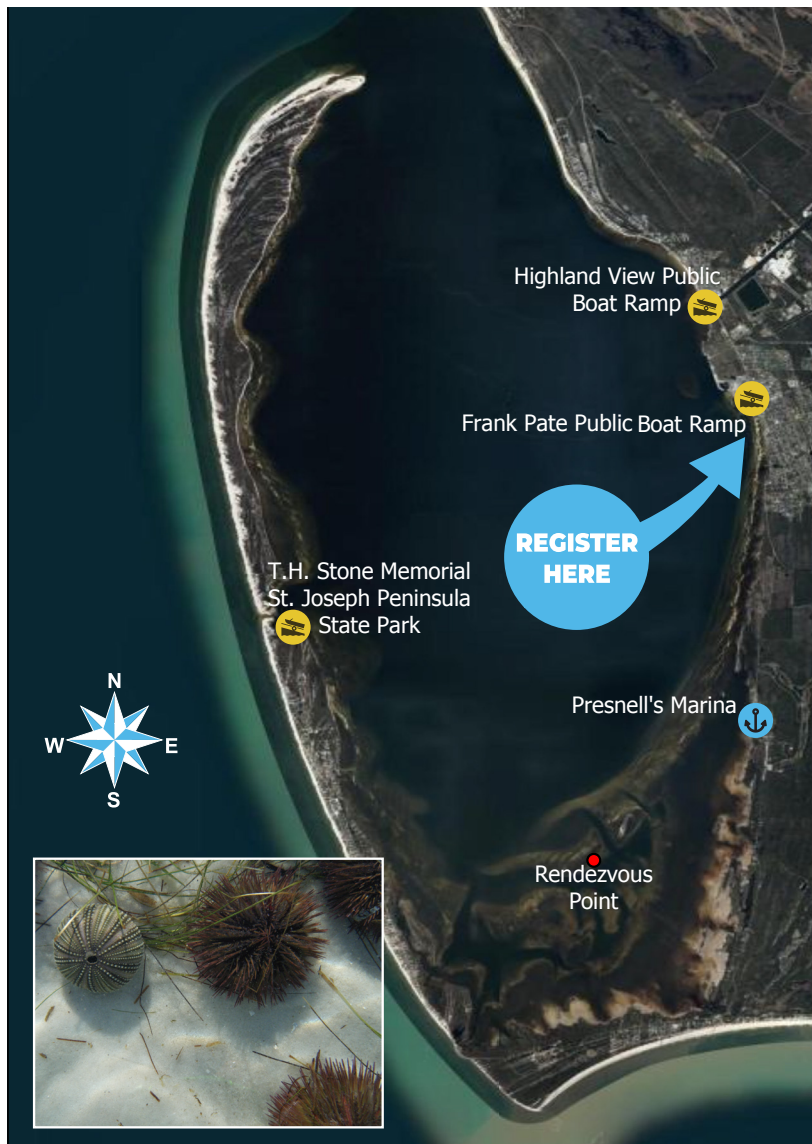


JOIN THE URCHIN ROUNDUP

**HELP COLLECT URCHINS IN
ST. JOSEPH BAY ON SEPT. 24**

Help collect live urchins from St. Joseph Bay in a roundup beginning at **8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022**. The collected urchins - which destroy seagrasses by overgrazing - will be relocated to deeper water by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.



EVENT INFORMATION

Volunteers must register at the Frank Pate City Boat Ramp, located in the heart of Port St. Joe at the intersection of U.S. highways 98 and 71.

- **BRING YOUR OWN BOAT AND SNORKELING GEAR.** Event organizers will provide buckets and gloves.
- Check-in is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Upon registration, volunteers will be directed to the rendezvous point, marked by a large, red balloon.
- Volunteers will be provided with maps and GPS locations that show where to collect urchins.
- **Buckets, filled with urchins and seawater, must be returned to the check-in point by 5 p.m.**



More information: [MyFWC.com/Research/Habitat/Seagrasses/Projects/Active/Urchin](https://myfwc.com/research/habitat/seagrasses/projects/active/urchin) or StJoeBayUrchins@MyFWC.com or contact DEP's St. Joseph Bay Aquatic Preserve Manager Jon Brucker at Jonathan.Brucker@FloridaDEP.gov.

