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NEW INTERACTIVE NATURE CENTER OPENS AT HONEYMOON ISLAND STATE PARK

DUNEDIN, FL—The new Rotary Centennial Nature Center at Honeymoon Island State Park will open to the public on Thursday, May 10th. The grand opening ceremony will begin at 10 AM. The Nature Center will include a variety of new ecology exhibits plus guided nature tours.

The Rotary Centennial Nature Center took four years of planning and construction and cost over \$850,000. It was largely funded by the Rotary Club of Dunedin, the Rotary Club of Dunedin North, Friends of the Island Parks and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The exhibits and displays at the Rotary Centennial Nature Center will educate guests on the importance of preserving barrier islands like Honeymoon and Caladesi Islands.

Tours and educational programs offered by the Nature Center will take visitors around the island and allow them to witness firsthand different kinds of plant and animal species, natural communities and weather patterns.

The Nature Center and Honeymoon Island State Park serve as a gateway to Caladesi Island, which was designated in 2006 by Dr. Stephen P. Leatherman as the #2 Best Beach in America. Visitors can access Caladesi Island through the Honeymoon Ferry or with personal watercraft.

Honeymoon Island State Park is open daily from 8 am to sunset. The Nature Center is located near the entrance to Honeymoon Island State Park at the end of the Dunedin Causeway at the west end of SR 586. Daily admission is \$5 per car. Group rates are available.

For more information, call (727) 738-2903 or visit
www.HoneymoonNatureCenter.org.

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