



# Gulf County

FLORIDA

PORT ST. JOE  
CAPE SAN BLAS  
ST. JOE BEACH  
WEWAHITCHKA  
INDIAN PASS

# How do you describe Gulf County, Florida?

Our friend Sean Dietrich, also known to many as *Sean of the South*, answers in his own unique writing style:

Gulf County is a place where the sun sets over the serene water in such a way that it gives you the same feeling adolescent boys often feel when they see a pretty girl. It's a feeling that makes a young man think to himself, "Hey, I wouldn't mind falling in love with this girl." But this serene feeling doesn't last. At least not in boys. Because after only three milliseconds, the boy gets nervous—which only makes the girl's beauty more intimidating—then he forgets his first name. Pretty soon, the boy can't speak for fear that he will suddenly lose control of his bladder in a public place. So instead, when he sees this girl face to face, he stutters, then mumbles something about the importance of tax reform, and walks away. **That's Gulf County.**

It's not a landscape, nor climate, nor a group of restaurants with killer smoked tuna dip. It is a place where many of us find the greatest parts of our youth and the best parts of our present. A place where we adults become children again, simply by holding a fishing rod. It's nature, and boats, and music, and oysters. A place where you once sipped a Corona as a newlywed, staring at your brand new wife, stealing glances at your wedding rings, trying not to cry when you slow-danced to "You Are So Beautiful." It's a place where you realize what kind of dedication, and moderate insanity it takes to be a true bay-scalloper. But most importantly, it is where the sun meets the water. Where light bounces off marshlands in a special way. A place where everything becomes clear, all at once. Where you realize that whoever came up with the idea of Heaven, has definitely been to one of our raw bars before.

This is where you look at the beautiful world surrounding you and think to yourself, "Hey, I wouldn't mind falling in love with this."

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Overstreet Boat Ramp

Overstreet

Land's Landing Park & Boat Ramp

Honeyville

Honeyville Park

4 miles to Wewahitchka



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CENTRAL TIME ZONE

EASTERN TIME ZONE

Mexico Beach



Beacon Hill

Veterans Memorial Park at Beacon Hill

St. Joe Beach

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White City

White City Park & Boat Ramp

Howard Creek Boat Ramp



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Gulf of Mexico

Windmark Beach

Cape San Blas Lighthouse

T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park

GULF COUNTY WELCOME CENTER

Frank Pate Park Boat Ramp

Highland View

Captain's Cove Marina and Highland View Boat Ramp

Port St. Joe Marina and Jetty Park

Port St. Joe

Reid Ave. Shopping

Constitution Museum

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Costin Airport

St. Joseph Bay Golf Club

Depot Creek Trail

Lake Wimico



Apalachicola River

Apalachicola

Apalachicola Bay

Cape Palms Park

Loggerhead Run Bike Trail

Cape San Blas

Black's Island

Simmons Bayou

St. Joseph Bay Aquatic Preserve

St. Joseph Bay Buffer Preserve

Indian Pass Boat Ramp

Indian Pass

Indian Pass Lagoon

St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge

Salinas Park

10 mi  
10 km

Distances are approximate

## A SPECIAL PLACE

“A stunning part of Old Florida with a beautiful beach and just a handful of stores to keep holidaymakers supplied but not to appear over-commercialized. A fantastic place to recharge your batteries.”

Wahaay, August 2018, [tripadvisor.com](https://www.tripadvisor.com)



PORT ST. JOE

## Port St. Joe

Steeped in rich history, natural beauty and outdoor adventure, most will tell you it's the people who make this place really special.

Stretch your legs and enjoy the outdoors in one of the many parks, playgrounds and walking trails in Port St. Joe or stroll along Historic Downtown which is just one block off Highway 98. Historic Downtown is lined with locally owned shops, art galleries and restaurants serving fresh seafood, wood fired pizza and authentic Mexican cuisine. The shopping district is easily walkable and connects with quaint inns, the lighthouse park and outfitter stores.

Port St. Joe Marina has been a hub for boating activity in Port St. Joe. The marina was damaged during Hurricane Michael, but is currently being repaired and upgraded. During this time, you can still access the waterways from a variety of boat ramps throughout Port St. Joe.

Gather every year to celebrate one of our local celebrities at the Forgotten Coast Sea Turtle Festival or enjoy listening to Nashville's sounds at the Blast on the Bay Songwriter's Festival.

Go to [visitgulf.com/events](https://www.visitgulf.com/events) for a complete calendar of events.



### Small town with a big heart.

On the shore of St. Joseph Bay lies Port St. Joe, a place where visitors instantly feel like locals.

### FEATURED PARTNERS

**America's Mini Storage** .....850-229-8014

**Black's Island Resort** .....888-908-6001

**Mainstay Suites** ....850-229-6246

**The Port Inn** .....850-229-7678

**The Port Cottages** ..850-229-7678

**St. Joe Rent All** ....850-227-2112

**Vacasa** .....503-345-9399

# AMAZING RESILIENCE!

“Just spent a week in the Indian Pass area. Enjoyed the food, accommodations and the people.”

Colleen G., May 25, 2019, facebook.com



INDIAN PASS

## Indian Pass

The perfect place to get back to nature.



Just eight miles from Port St. Joe, Indian Pass feels like a world away. To vacation here is to experience Old Florida. An eclectic array of beach homes line miles of wide, pet-friendly beaches. Beach driving is allowed with a permit, and it's not unusual to see families fishing, crabbing, grilling or sitting around an evening bonfire.

At land's end you've reached Indian Pass Campground, located directly on Indian Pass and Apalachicola Bay. Across the water you'll see St. Vincent Island, a national wildlife refuge, accessible only by boat. A daily ferry trip will take you and your bike across the short passage, or private charters will be glad to plan an excursion into Big Bayou.

Apalachicola oysters may be world famous but Indian Pass Lagoon Oysters are some of the best you'll ever taste. The Gulf around Indian Pass is from a different time — flavorful, rustic and raw in its beauty. Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder and Pompano are an easy catch for the beach fisherman.



### FEATURED PARTNERS

**Coastal Joe  
Vacation Rentals** ... 850-227-7775

**Forgotten Coast Property  
Management** ..... 850-648-1012

**Pristine Properties** .. 877-790-5179

**Natural Retreats** ... 877-805-7794

**Turtle Beach Inn** ... 850-229-9366

# Cape San Blas

A string of soft white sand beaches, protecting an aquatic preserve with locally-owned stores and shops. ‘Irresistible’ pretty much sums it up.

Located on St. Joseph Peninsula, Cape San Blas is a narrow stretch of land extending out from Port St. Joe and curving around St. Joseph Bay. The “Cape,” as most call it, was named the best beach in America in 2002 by Dr. Stephen P. Leatherman (a.k.a. Dr. Beach). Better still, the St. Joseph Bay Aquatic Preserve remains one of the least populated coastal areas in the state where residents and visitors have an excellent opportunity to experience nature.

Nearly equal parts pristine beaches, a bay with abundant sea life and a laid-back lifestyle, Cape San Blas is truly a vacation paradise. The Cape is easily accessible from Port St. Joe, about a 20-minute drive. Families who vacation on the Cape choose this spot for its beauty and seclusion. St. Joseph Bay is the only body of water in the eastern Gulf of Mexico not influenced by the inflow of fresh water and hosts one of the richest ecosystems along the Florida coast.

The 8.7-mile Loggerhead Trail is a paved pathway that runs the length of the Cape. Along the way, you’ll find local stores stocked with beach supplies and groceries, and unique restaurants with ice-cold oysters or hot pizza.

The gem of Cape San Blas is T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park. The park is open for day passes only at this time.

## FEATURED PARTNERS

**Aqua Shores**  
Vacation Rentals...850-387-0658

**Bay Time**  
Vacation Rental....205-835-4278

**Be Our Guest**  
Vacation Rentals...850-677-1332

**Cape Escape**  
Vacation Rentals...678-523-1161

**Cape San Blas**  
Get Away .....404-668-0122

**Cape San Blas**  
Vacation Rentals...850-229-6916

**Coastal Cabin**  
Vacation Home.....770-856-6231

**Cottage Rents** .....205-253-5336

**Knot Forgotten**  
Vacation Rentals...850-229-2512

**Sanctuary**  
at Seacliffs .....651-385-9552

**Sandy Shoes**  
Vacation Rentals...850-229-6097

**Serenity**  
Beach Rentals.....850-229-4200



### Take in the sights.

Explore the Cape while horseback riding, fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding, biking and hiking.

## ISLAND-LIKE VIBE

“Gorgeous place and very low key. With access to both the gulf beach and the bay, you feel like you’re on an island.”

Laura D., July 2019 [Tripadvisor.com](https://www.tripadvisor.com)

CAPE SAN BLAS

# UNCROWDED BEACH

“Without having all the crowds on the beach, it allows me to relax and still be able to watch the kids enjoying a day in the water.”

Shanna W., September 2019, Instagram



ST. JOE BEACH

## St. Joe Beach

Turn back time along the western edge of Gulf County, literally. It's here that the Eastern Time Zone meets the Central Time Zone.

The area including St. Joe Beach and WindMark Beach is often called “The Beaches”. Just 10 minutes away from Port St. Joe, it's the perfect place for a quick trip out to explore our white sand beaches. This laid back beach borders Bay County at the time zone line.

The shoreline faces west for spectacular sunsets and is home to many vacation homes and pet-friendly beaches. With seafood restaurants located nearby, it's a great place for old fashion relaxation.



### What's that island?

Looking across the Bay from St. Joe Beach, many have wondered about the island in the distance. It's the tip of T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park. The way to reach the tip is by boat or a long walk along the water's edge where you'll find clear water and white sandy beaches known for shelling.

### FEATURED PARTNERS

**Ava's Beach House** . . 850-718-8790

**Baytowne Vacation Rentals** . . . 850-227-3300

**Coastline Vacation Rentals** . . . 850-227-3330

**Gulf Coast Vacation Rentals** . . . 850-229-1200

**No Worries Vacation Rentals** . . . 850-750-2200

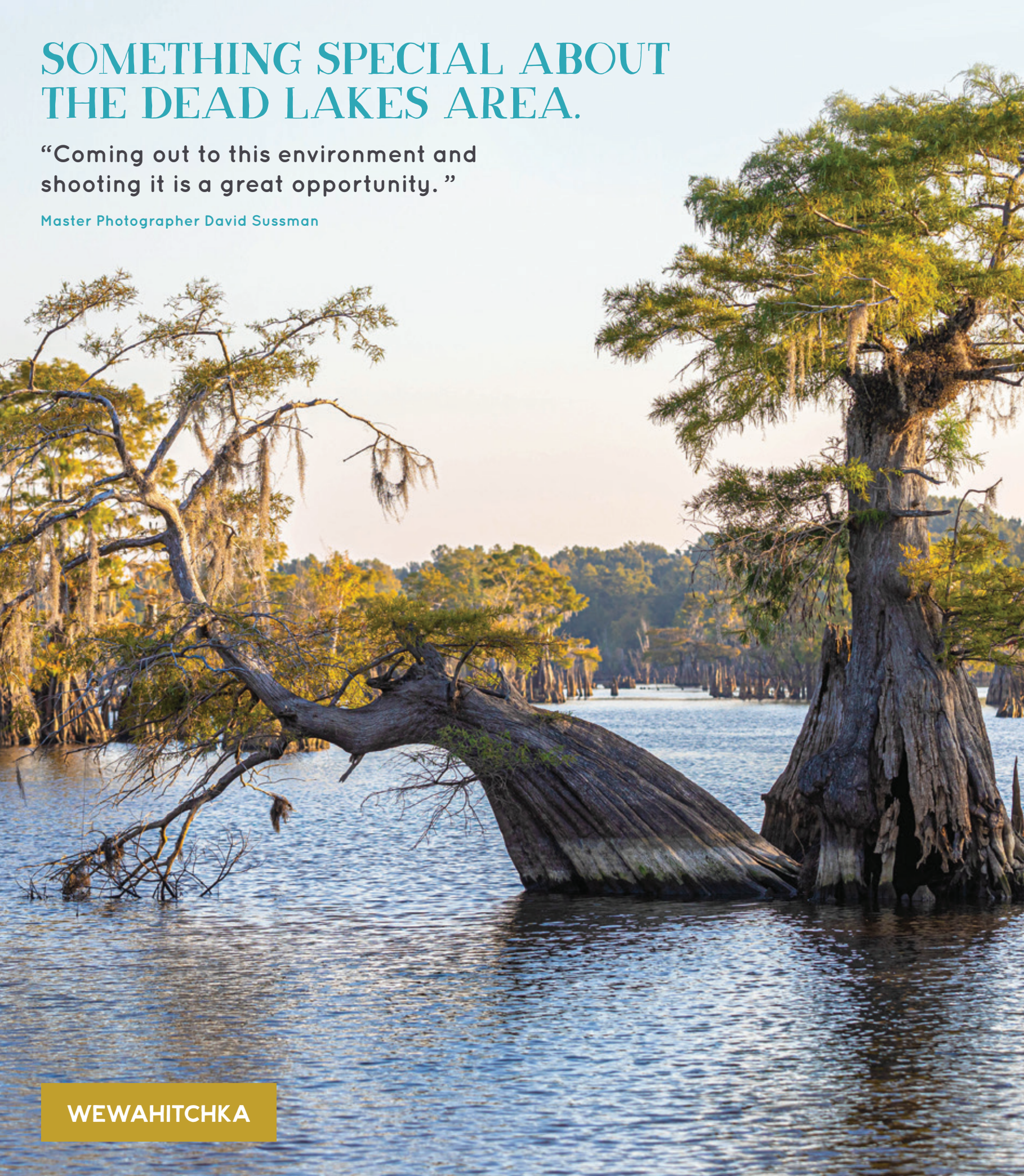
**Seas the Day Vacation Home** . . . . 850-340-0432

**Teresa's Beach Home** . . . . . 850-229-1522

# SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT THE DEAD LAKES AREA.

“Coming out to this environment and shooting it is a great opportunity.”

Master Photographer David Sussman



WEWAHITCHKA

## Wewahitchka

At the northern end of the county, Wewahitchka takes its unique name from the American Indian expression meaning “water eyes”.

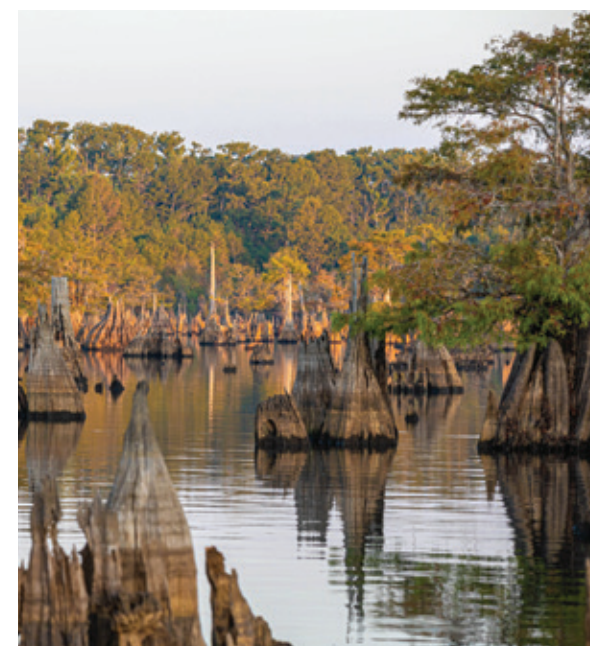
Like much of Gulf County, Wewahitchka is defined by its waterways, located along the Chipola River and the legendary Dead Lakes, home to one of the richest eco-systems in Florida and a true local wonder... Tupelo Honey.

The Dead Lakes offer some of the best freshwater fishing in the nation, and a unique opportunity for nature photographers. Bass anglers regularly travel to this area to lure, then wrestle one of the “big boys” out of the cypress tree stumps that give the lake its name, and nature photographers join other outdoor lovers to capture a glimpse of this hauntingly beautiful body of water.

Reportedly formed when sand bars created by the Apalachicola River’s current blocked the Chipola River, the ensuing high water killed thousands of trees in the floodplain, leaving a graveyard of bottom heavy cypress skeletons, stumps and knees.



The rugged beauty of this area was featured in Peter Fonda’s 1997 movie “Ulee’s Gold,” a story about the beekeepers who for more than 100 years have harvested world-famous Tupelo Honey from the swamps of the Apalachicola River Basin. Wewahitchka hosts the Tupelo Honey festival each May.



### FEATURED PARTNERS

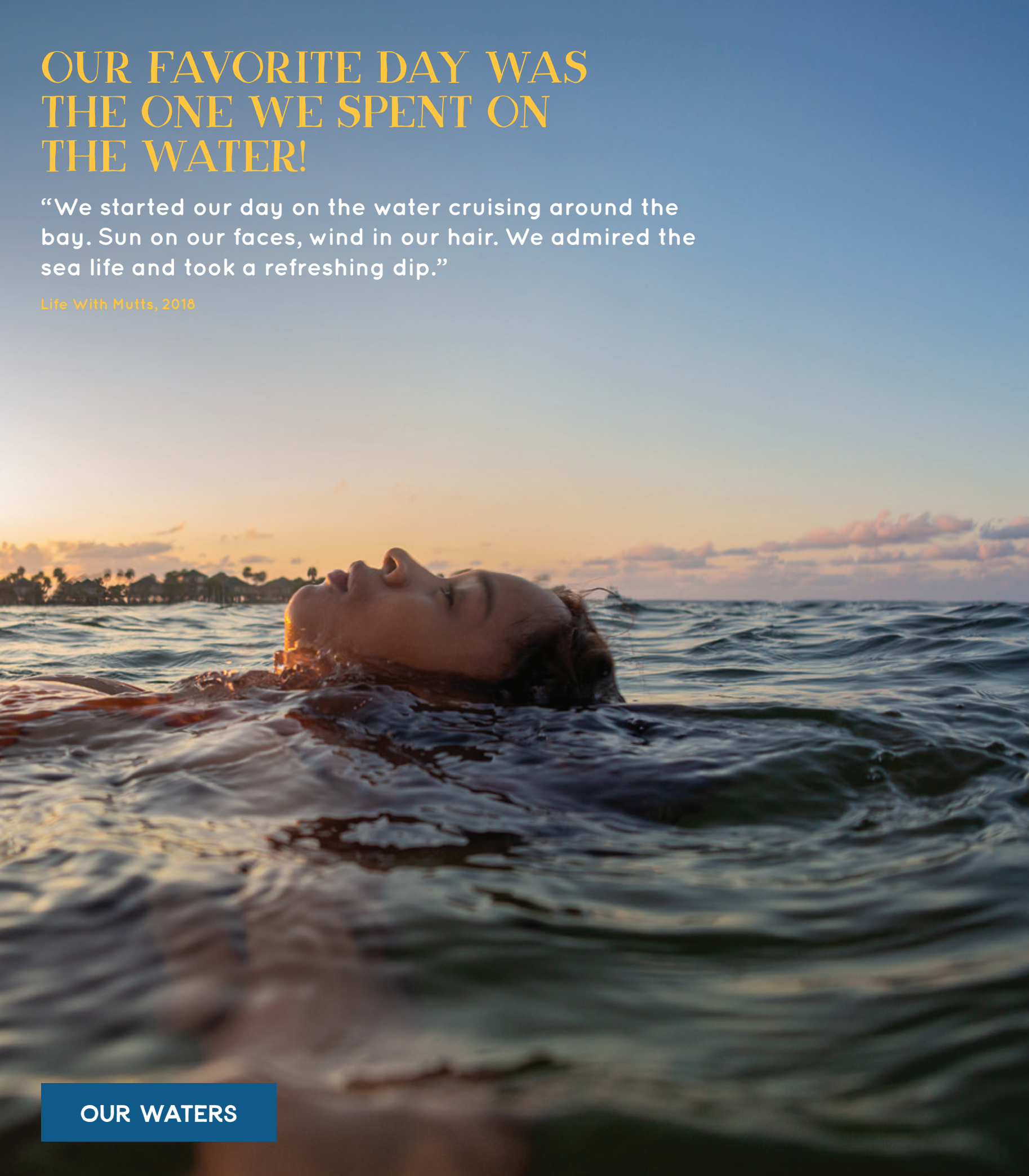
**Off The Map Expeditions** .....850-819-3053

**Smiley Honey** .....850-639-5672

# OUR FAVORITE DAY WAS THE ONE WE SPENT ON THE WATER!

“We started our day on the water cruising around the bay. Sun on our faces, wind in our hair. We admired the sea life and took a refreshing dip.”

Life With Muffs, 2018



OUR WATERS

# Water is life.

Born from a heritage of seafarers and fishermen, Gulf County has developed a unique on-the-water culture where families create their own traditions.

Off the beaten path, in the heart of the Gulf Coast, lies one of Florida’s best kept secrets. Open waters and endless possibilities abound here. Authentic, uncrowded and inviting.

Over 244 miles of shoreline wind through Gulf County ranging from clear waters and white sand beaches to tranquil inland passages. Pristine **St. Joseph Bay** is a coastal sanctuary protected by the peninsula and teeming with marine life. The **Gulf of Mexico** is easily accessible with outstanding deep-sea fishing and boating. The legendary **Dead Lakes** are home to one of the richest eco-systems in Florida. The **Intracoastal Waterway** flows east and west through **Lake Wimico**. And, **Indian Pass Lagoon** offers natural beauty and its celebrated oysters.

Water is life in Gulf County with an active-as-you-want-to-be, family-oriented lifestyle. We watch the journey to the water as boats, kayaks and paddleboards are magnetically pulled to the water. The call to the water isn’t for everyone, but those who feel it are part of a tribe, a culture where water is the single most important thing for fueling their soul.



WATER ADVENTURES

★ Bali Hai Charters.. 850-227-5802

About Fun Charters .....850-340-1035

Sand N Spur ..... 850-227-5009

★ Off The Map Expeditions ..... 850-819-3053

★ FEATURED PARTNER

# Reel Adventure

It's easy to get hooked on fishing in Gulf County.

Fishing in Gulf County is a year-round activity and the thrill of fishing can be dialed down or up a notch depending on your mood.

Looking to just wet a line or seeking bragging rights on a big one? Inshore, offshore, freshwater; the biggest catches are here.

Perhaps fishing wasn't a part of your childhood, or you can count on your fingers how many times you've been in your whole life. Not to worry, friendly guides will help you bait your hook, remove your catch from your line and put them on ice, or even clean your fish. Contact one of our Concierges at **visitgulf.com** to find the right charter captain for you and your family.

You don't have to leave the beach to make a great catch. We have outfitters that can get you surf fishing for under \$50 even including your fishing license. Be sure to check all fishing regulations at **myfwc.com**.

Regardless of what's biting, you'll take home a ton of memories.



## FISHING CHARTERS

- 10G Fishing Charters .....229-869-7024
- ★ Bali-Hai Charters .....850-227-5802
- Bar Hop'n Charters.....850-227-8659
- Break-A-Way Charters .....850-227-4159
- Captain Alan's Sea Escapes...850-340-0643
- Cat Daddy Adventures .....850-227-6697
- Congo Charters.....850-229-8034
- Dog House Charters.....850-527-9350
- ★ Fishin' Xpress.....850-227-8200
- Flat Bottom Fishing .....850-227-6108
- Forgotten Coast Adventures ..850-258-4067
- ★ Lady J Charters .....850-227-1200
- Liquid Addiction Charters ...850-899-0366
- ★ Perfect Cast Charters .....850-227-5149
- Phil's Charter Service .....850-247-9933
- Saltwater Obsessions .....850-227-6550
- ★ Shallow Seas Charter .....850-247-0799
- Shore Thang Charters.....850-227-6272
- Southern Lady Charters.....850-227-1200
- Southern Tide Charters .....850-227-4542
- Wickerbills .....850-229-2710

## BOAT RENTALS

- Presnell's Bayside Marina ...850-229-9229
- ★ Scallop Cove .....850-227-1573
- Seahorse Water Safaris.....850-340-3777

★ **FEATURED PARTNER**



Red Snapper



Mullet



Florida Pompano



Salt Water



Flounder



Speckled Trout



Grouper



Whiting



Spanish Mackerel



Sheepshead



Triple Tail




King Mackerel




Red Fish

## FIND YOUR FISH!


Make your fishing adventure more fun...get to know all kinds of Gulf County fish and test your knowledge with your fellow anglers. See who can identify the most species and have fun!




Largemouth Bass




Spotted Bass




Bluegill




Flathead Catfish




White Bass




Redbreast Sunfish




Black Crappie




Channel Catfish




Spotted Sunfish




Striped Bass



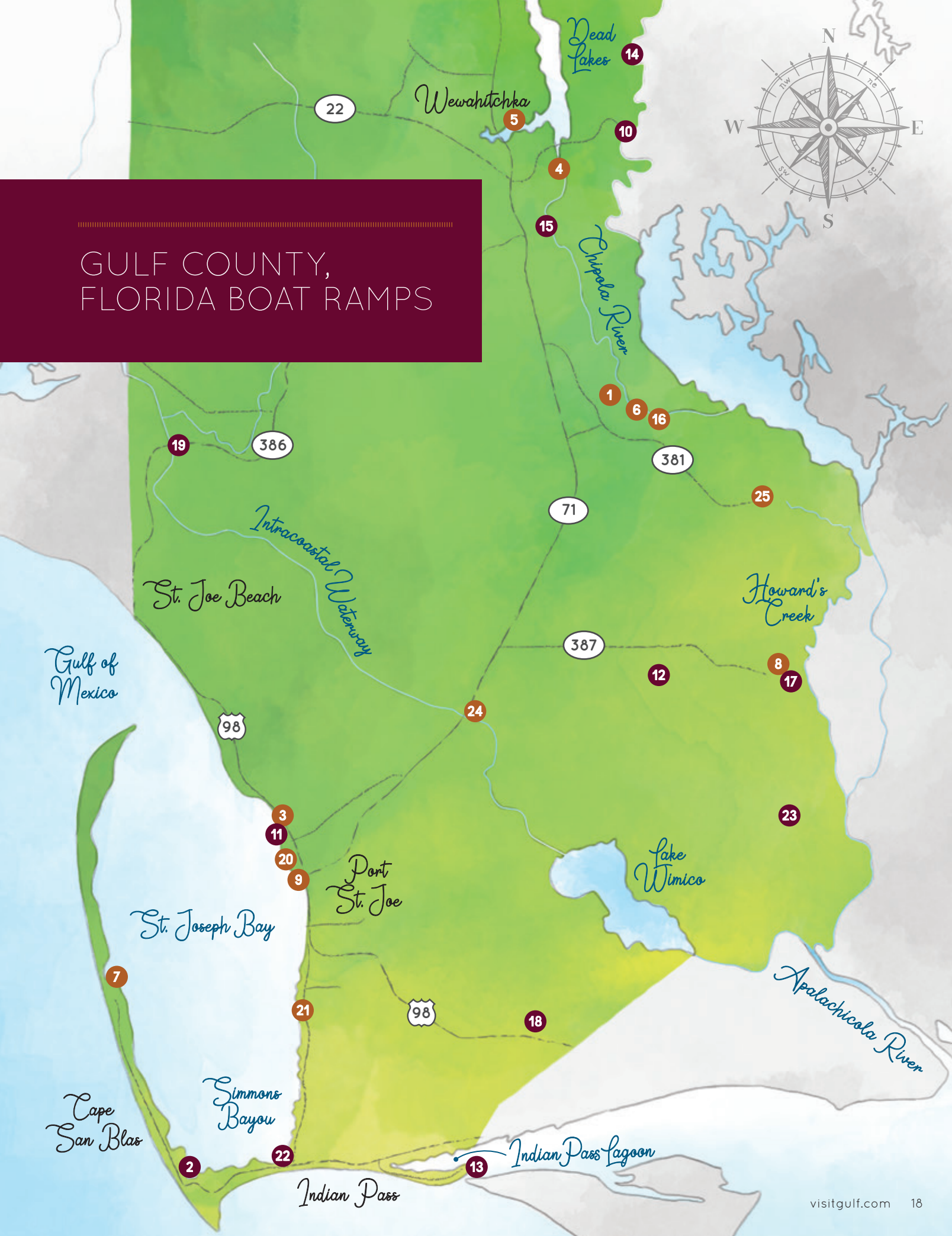
Warmouth



Redear Sunfish



Fresh Water



# GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BOAT RAMPS

## Area Boat Ramps & Launches

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 Bryant's Landing . . . . .899 Bryant's Landing Road | 20 Port St. Joe Marina. . . . .344 Marina Drive        |
| 2 Buffer Preserve . . . . .3320 Cape San Blas Road    | 21 Presnell's . . . . .2115 SR 30-A                    |
| 3 Captain's Cove Marina . . . . .1617 Grouper Avenue  | 22 Salinas Park Bayside . . . . 225 Cape San Blas Road |
| 4 Cox Landing . . . . .672 Cox Landing Road           | 23 Saul's Creek . . . . .196 Missfit Landing Road      |
| 5 Dead Lakes Park . . . . .482 Gary Rowell Road       | 24 White City . . . . .288 Pridgeon Road               |
| 6 Douglas Landing . . . . .127 Lazy Day Drive         | 25 Willis Landing. . . . .7994 CR 381                  |
| 7 Eagle Harbor . . . . .9578 Cape San Blas Road       |  |
| 8 Fisherman's Landing . . . . 7711 Doc Whitfield Road |  |
| 9 Frank Pate Park . . . . .298 Fifth Street           |  |
| 10 Gaskin Park. . . . .3980 Lake Grove Road           |  |
| 11 Highland View . . . . .110 Angel Fish Street       |  |
| 12 Indian Bayou. . . . .699 Indian Bayou Road         |  |
| 13 Indian Pass . . . . .2850 Indian Pass Road         |  |
| 14 Iola Landing . . . . .190 Iola Landing Road        |  |
| 15 Land's Landing. . . . .790 Land Drive              |  |
| 16 Lister Landing . . . . .618 Lister Landing Road    |  |
| 17 Lower Landing. . . . .8090 Doc Whitfield Road      |  |
| 18 Odena Landing . . . . .256 Odena Road              |  |
| 19 Overstreet. . . . .440 Mallard Street              |  |

● = **USAGE FEE**  
● = **FREE USE**

### INTERACTIVE BOAT RAMP GUIDE

Find boat ramp photos and access information (such as GPS coordinates and latitude/longitude) for each boat ramp at [visitgulf.com/boatramps](http://visitgulf.com/boatramps)

# Go below the surface.

Explore our underwater wildlife refuge.

Upon your arrival into Port St. Joe, you're likely to hit land's end at a body of water known as St. Joseph Bay. Stretching 15 miles north to south and 6 miles wide at its widest point, the area has one of the richest and most abundant concentrations of marine life in Florida.

Along with clear, shallow waters, the plentiful seagrass beds make it a prime snorkeling area. Grab a mask, snorkel and dip net from one of our local outfitters and get started on your adventure. Looking for a way to get on the water? Rent your own pontoon boat or hire a private guide who can tailor an eco-tour to your liking where you might find a seahorse, starfish or sea urchin.

## SCALLOP SEASON

Scalloping is a popular activity the whole family can participate in while snorkeling in St. Joseph Bay. For more information about the season, bag limits and more, visit [myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/bay-scallops](http://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/bay-scallops)

## Underwater Guide

Identify some common underwater life in St. Joseph Bay.



## STUNNING LOCATION

"We paddled around the gorgeous grass 'island'. We saw herons, horseshoe crabs, starfish and conch."

Life With Mutts 2019

UNDERWATER

# Marvel through your mask.

Shallow sights and deep discoveries.

With dozens of dive sites close to shore, divers can easily get in some bottom time even if you only have half a day. Thanks to the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association ([mbara.org](http://mbara.org)) you can experience over 300 reefs ranging in depths from 20 to 110 feet. Natural reefs and historic shipwrecks such as The Vamar, awarded status in 2004 as the 9th of Florida’s Underwater Archaeological Preserves, provide plenty of diving options.

Be sure to grab an underwater camera because our waters are like an aquarium where many colorful fish live or you may get lucky and be able to snap a turtle or dolphin.



## Ever wondered what it’s like to breath underwater?

If you are at least 10 years of age, the *Discover Scuba Diving* program at Daly’s Dock & Dive Center is a half-day introduction into our underwater world led by a certified instructor where you’ll explore a shallow shipwreck.

Daly’s Dock & Dive Center . . . . 850-229-6330



# Glide for miles.

Either oar – the choice is yours.

Grab your kayak or paddleboard and catch the drift on one of our diverse waterways.

Launch your kayak and glide for miles above the pristine, shallow bottom of St. Joseph Bay. With clear water, you can easily spot dolphins, sea turtles and an array of fish; so be sure to pack your binoculars and fishing rod. For the seasoned paddler, the 2.5-mile paddle from St. Joe Beach to the remote tip of Cape San Blas is an exhilarating trip.

Want a change of scenery where you’re likely to find eagles, alligators and an experience with nature you’ll never forget? Head to North Gulf County to kayak the mysterious Dead Lakes in Wewahitchka.

What’s SUP? Enjoy a bird’s eye view above one of our calm waters and soak in the beauty of Gulf County. Local outfitters can get you on the water with a kayak or paddleboard for the day or the week. If you’re looking for expert knowledge, hook up with a local guide. No matter what you choose, there is plenty of space (and water) for everyone!

## WATER RENTALS

Daly’s Watersports . . . . . 850-229-6330

Happy Ours Kayak & Bike Outpost . . . . . 850-229-1991

Kayak Dog Adventures . . . . . 850-630-4252

PSJClearKayaks . . . . . 850-777-3326

★ Scallop Cove Rentals . . . . . 850-227-1573

### ★ FEATURED PARTNER



# WE ARE SO HAPPY TO BE VACATIONING HERE!

“My sweet boy is mesmerized by your beautiful beaches. Thanks St. Joe for being dog friendly.”

Jessica G., August 2019, facebook.com



PET FRIENDLY

OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND

## Hit the sand, leash in hand.

Let your four-legged friend run through the sand, splash in the water, shake it off, and then do it all again.

Gulf County is dog heaven and more families are taking their pets along on vacation. In fact, two of the Top 20 Dog Beaches in Florida are located in Gulf County. Both Cape San Blas and Salinas Park received the coveted “5-Bone Rating” from **BringFido.com** for its long stretches of uncrowded beaches and gentle waves.

Pets are welcome on all Gulf County beaches, with the exception of T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park. Animals must remain on a leash at all times, it’s the law. Bring a long lead leash so you and your pet can be active.

There are over 20 pet waste disposal stations with bags and receptacles along the public beach access points. However, it’s a good idea to pack your waste baggies for all of your adventures with your four legged friend.

Many areas on and off the beach are perfect for pets; even the Gulf County Welcome Center is pet-friendly so stop in and say hello! Located in Port St. Joe, it’s a great starting point for the Port City Trail that meanders nearly four miles throughout the town. Many of the local shops and restaurants also welcome pets on leashes.

### PET ETIQUETTE

- 🐾 Always keep your dog on a leash. It’s the law.
- 🐾 Respect children and adults around you who may not be familiar with your pet.
- 🐾 Always keep waste bags with you. We want our beaches to be people friendly, too.
- 🐾 Don’t bury pet waste. Children enjoy digging in the sand as much as pets.
- 🐾 When walking past others, keep your dog close and give others the right of way.



#### Need help deciding where to stay with your dog?

Just look for the paw prints on the vacation rentals starting on page 61.

# Go barefoot!

Most visitors make a beeline for the beach. And who can blame them?

Once you arrive, you'll probably be ready to drop your bags and head for the sand. With 43 miles of shoreline you have come to the right place because there's a beach for everybody. But if you want to experience Gulf County like a local, here are a few tips to help you go native on our sandy shores.

You've probably heard of **Cape San Blas**. It was ranked "America's #1 Beach", in 2002, for its natural beauty. If you're looking to be inspired, this is a place where you can scan the sparkling emerald waters, sink your toes into powdery white sand or set your umbrella beneath towering dunes.

**Indian Pass** provides unpeopled solace where you can be all by yourself or close to nature. The 8-mile strand of shoreline has wide, flat beaches offering seclusion for those wanting to get away. Both Cape San Blas and Indian Pass are a short ride out from Port St. Joe. When you come to the fork in the road, just take your pick.

For the nearest access to beach fun from town, **St. Joe Beach** is barely a 10-minute trip. Many like St. Joe Beach, and neighboring Beacon Hill, for its miles of beautiful shoreline plus laid-back beach restaurants and bars where you can dine and unwind close by.



# Keep it wild.

Gulf County is the largest nesting place for Loggerhead Sea Turtles in Northwest Florida.

Home to more than 28 percent of the Loggerhead Sea Turtle nests, we covet and protect these massive, beautiful creatures and we ask that our visitors do as well. Play your part in turtle conservancy by keeping our beaches clean, flat and dark and follow our Leave No Trace Ordinance. At the end of your beach day, please do your part by leaving only your footprints, and remove all trash and beach equipment.

## LEAVE NO TRACE TIPS:

- All unattended personal items must be removed daily from the beach no later than 1 hour after sunset.
- All holes must be filled in prior to leaving the beach each day.
- Bonfires are permissible, but must not be within 100 feet of any structure, and all remnants must be extinguished and removed. All items other than natural wood are prohibited from burning.

For the full ordinance:  
[visitgulf.com/leave-no-trace](http://visitgulf.com/leave-no-trace)

## BEACH ACCESS POINTS

Cape Palms Park.....	Cape San Blas
Dunes Drive .....	Cape San Blas
Salinas Park, Gulf Side .....	Cape San Blas
T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph	
Peninsula State Park .....	Cape San Blas
Higgins Street .....	Indian Pass
Indian Pass Boat Ramp.....	Indian Pass
Lee Street.....	Indian Pass
Ski Breeze.....	Indian Pass
Veterans Memorial Park.....	St. Joe Beach
386 Access .....	St. Joe Beach

## DID YOU KNOW?

When a female is ready to lay eggs, she returns to the nesting beach where she was born, even if she has not been there for 30 years!

[oceanservice.noaa.gov](http://oceanservice.noaa.gov)

Visit the new Forgotten Coast Sea Turtle Center or contact a member of our concierge team to find out how you can accompany our turtle patrol on their dawn walks in search of new nests or hatchlings.





## SHELLING GUIDE

A few local shells you'll love to gather.

OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND

## Nature's Fortune

Stellar shelling is in season in Gulf County 365 days a year.

Finding the perfect shell on the beach is a little like buried treasure. That indescribable feeling when you find the perfect one to add to your collection — a gem that will help you enjoy your memories long after you head back home.

Gulf Coast beaches are considered some of the finest shelling beaches in North America and Gulf County has long been popular with those who enjoy nature at its best. The beaches from Indian Pass to T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park are especially great for finding these exotic ocean treasures.

The best time to find shells are the hours just before and after the low tides. Don't let a storm stop you; some of the best shells are found right after a storm. And, winter is a great time to shell.

Remember not to take live shells (shells with a living organism still inside). That includes living sand dollars you find in the water.

## EXCELLENT SHELLING

**“One morning we woke up and there were so many shells on our beach walk! I have never seen anything like it. We had so much fun collecting a few of the big, unbroken ones as souvenirs.”**

[Kevinandamanda.com](http://Kevinandamanda.com)



Atlantic Slipper Shell



Spiny Jewel Box



Florida Crown Conch



Keyhole Sand Dollar



Atlantic Coquina



Lightning Whelk



Knobbed Whelk



Mermaid's Purse  
Skate Egg Case



Junonia  
Rare



Olive Shell



Sunray Venus



Auger Shell



Kitten's Paw



Giant Heart Cockle



Tulip Shell



Calico Scallop



Baby Ear Moon Shell



Stiff Pen Shell  
Outside/ Inside



Sundial  
Rare



Scotch Bonnet



Sharkeye Moon



Urchin Shell

Download this  
Shelling Guide at:  
[visitgulf.com/shelling](http://visitgulf.com/shelling)

# THIS PLACE NEEDS TO BE KEPT A SECRET!

“It’s hard to find little hideaways like this. Just nature at its finest. Come as you are, and be prepared to relax.”

Steve S., May 2018, yelp.com

## Stay closer to nature.

Get more outside in – from tent sites at water’s edge to full-service RV marina resorts, and everything in between.

Camping in Gulf County is an experience within itself and is an outdoor enthusiast’s dream location. From views of sugar white beaches to the tranquility of one of the many waterways, our campgrounds offer true relaxation. No matter which area you choose, your evenings can be spent star gazing, telling stories around the campfire or fishing by the moonlight. When mother nature awakens you, your adventure begins all over again and will not be the same as the day before. Gulf County is one big outdoor playground, so embrace it and explore.

### Is home for you where you park it?

Gulf County accommodates the RV lifestyle and makes it easy for you to call Gulf County your home away from home.

## CAMPGROUNDS

**Dead Lakes Park  
& Campground** ....850-639-2238

**Douglas Landing** ...850-814-7139

**Indian Pass  
Campground** .....850-227-7203

**Old Salt RV Park** ...850-227-4246

**Presnell’s Bayside Marina  
& RV Resort** .....850-229-9229

**T.H. Stone Memorial  
St. Joseph Peninsula  
State Park** .....850-227-1327

★ **Water’s Edge  
RV Park** .....850-229-8600

★ **FEATURED PARTNER**

# Saddle up surfside.

Cruise the mane drag  
for a vacation memory.

Whether it’s riding off into a sunset, or a private excursion for family photos, a horseback ride on Cape San Blas is a great way to make memories. Someone once said, “you can’t take a bad picture out here” and with local owners who love to customize packages for special occasions such as proposals or just a romantic campfire on the beach, a picture is worth a thousand words. All trips are at a comfortable walking pace and last about one hour; riding experience is not necessary. Gulf County has had guides in business, since 1995, with professionally-trained horses that love their jobs!

## HORSEBACK RIDING

- ★ **Broke-A-Toe Coastal Tours**  
850-899-7433
- The Rockin M Ranch**  
850-227-6117
- Two Bit Stable**  
850-227-4744

★ **FEATURED PARTNER**

## DREAM COME TRUE.

“Our guide was wonderful.  
Happy to check horseback  
riding on the beach off my  
bucket list.”

Jill N., June 2019, facebook.com



# Health & Wellness

In Gulf County, you can be on vacation without sacrificing your physical or mental health. With so many outdoor trails and spaces, wellness is a breeze in our Outdoor Playground.

Gulf County offers an array of outdoor activities and conventional classes to stay fit. It also sprawls with green spaces and views to keep your mind clear and your spirit free. Here you can experiment with the natural elements. Ever tried yoga on a paddleboard at sunrise or how about on the beach as the sun goes down? In Gulf County, there are no limits with your health. Plus, you won’t need a vacation from this vacation. It’s all about your own pace and speed. No rushing necessary. Pick your own spot and activity and have ‘self-care’ every day, your way.

## WELLNESS SERVICES

- A Day Away Spa ..... 850-227-6642
- Coastal Bay Remedies  
Wellness Center ..... 850-733-7017
- ★ Coastal Lotus Yoga..... 901-355-3593
- Fit As A Fiddle..... 850-229-1920
- ★ One Way Fitness Center ..... 850-227-1929

★ **FEATURED PARTNER**



Have certain dietary needs? Let a concierge service stock your pantry with specialty items. The Piggly Wiggly also carries several Gluten Free, Organic, and wholesome ingredients so that you can have a healthy meal at your vacation home.



## FUN ROUND OF GOLF!

“Took a beach break and enjoyed a day on the course. The scenery was amazing!”

Grant R., August 2019, facebook.com

OUR WATERS

# Golf amongst nature.

A course as beautiful as it is challenging.

It’s always tee time in Gulf County with mild winters, year-round sunshine and 18-hole golf conveniently located in between Port St. Joe and Cape San Blas.

Wide open fairways favor players of all handicaps but water on 14 of the 18 holes (where it’s not uncommon to see a gator!) will provide a challenge to golfers of all skill levels. The club offers a driving range, putting green, pool, carts and a restaurant with fully-stocked bar.

The facility offers an aquatic area that is open to the public and offers a large pool along with a kiddie pool and a deck area that is perfect for a day in the sun or even for a pool party.



Enjoy Lunch or Dinner at Grill 19. The full service restaurant offers lunch & dinner in the Clubhouse plus a side pick-up window for those that are enjoying a day at the pool.



## NEED A TEE TIME?

Rental clubs are available for both right and left-handed players. To request a tee time, call 850-227-1751 or book online at [StJoeBayGolf.com](http://StJoeBayGolf.com)

# Parks & Playgrounds

PARK NAME	EXTRA AMENITIES	Sports Complex	Water Access	Boat Ramps	Picnic Tables	Bathrooms	Playground	Trails	Lighting	Grills	Shower/Laundry
Cape Palms Park		●			●	●	●	●	●	●	
Rish Park	For Special Needs Children & Family	●			●	●	●		●	●	●
Salinas Park-Bayside	Volleyball, Fire Pit, Screened-In Tables, Pickleball Court	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Salinas Park-Gulfside		●			●	●	●	●	●	●	
T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Overstreet Boat Ramp		●	●	●	●				●		●
Overstreet Park					●		●		●	●	
Veterans Memorial Park at Beacon Hill	Dog Park, Pickleball Court	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	
WindMark Beaches-North & South		●			●						
Constitution Convention State Museum					●	●			●	●	
Frank Pate Park	Tennis Court, Pickleball Court	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
George Core Park	Staging Area	●	●		●			●	●	●	
Forrest Park (10th Street Park)		●			●	●	●		●	●	
Forrest Park (16th Street Park)	Disc Golf Course	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	
Jetty Park	Fishing Pier, Fish Station, Pavilion	●	●		●	●		●	●		
Maddox Park/Shipyard Cove	Lighthouse Gift Shop & Museum	●	●		●	●		●			
Nathan Peters Jr. Park		●			●	●	●	●	●	●	
Buck Griffin Lake Park	Public Freshwater Fishing	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	
Lamar Faison Park		●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Dalkeith Park					●	●	●				
Dead Lakes Park	Fishing Pier, Bike Trail, Multiple Ponds, Pavilion	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Donnie Brake Park		●			●	●	●	●	●	●	
Dunes Drive Public Beach Access		●									
Gaskin Park	Staging Area, Fish Station	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Highland View Boat Ramp		●	●	●	●				●		
Honeyville Park	Fish Ponds	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	
Howard Creek Community Park					●	●	●		●	●	
Indian Pass Boat Ramp	Beach Driving Access Point	●	●	●	●				●		
Lake Alice Park	Performance Pavilion	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Land's Landing	Fish Station	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
T. L. James Park		●			●	●	●	●	●	●	
Troy Deal Public Beach Access		●	●		●	●		●			
White City Park/Boat Ramp	Fish Station	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	

Find more information at [visitgulf.com/parks](https://visitgulf.com/parks)



LOCAL OUTFITTERS

★ Scallop Cove.....850-227-1573

Happy Ours Kayak & Bike Outpost .....850-229-1991

No Worries Beach Service ...850-750-2200

★ FEATURED PARTNER



## Ride or stride

Leg it out along St. Joseph Bay with biking and walking trails for people and pets.

Who can resist a little exercise when the backdrop is St. Joseph Bay? **Loggerhead Run Bike Path** is an 8.7-mile paved pathway that runs the length of Cape San Blas from T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park to Salinas Park along Hwy 30E/Cape San Blas Road, and is great for walking, jogging or biking.

The **Port City Trail** is a 4-mile pathway located in Port St. Joe and offers a 10-foot wide paved surface excellent for walking, running, hiking and biking. Public restrooms, informational kiosks and water fountains are available at various points on the trail.

**BayWalk Trail** is an easy, crushed gravel pathway running along the bay from the Port St. Joe Marina to Frank Pate Park. The short route passes by the lighthouse, a playground, public tennis court, and picnic pavilions. BayWalk connects with Port City Trail and a great access point for both is to park at the Gulf County Welcome Center.

**BeachWalk** is a 3.5 mile paved trail that runs along the water at WindMark Beach. Bikers and walkers (many with their pets) enjoy this wide pathway offering views of the Bay and the Cape. The trail is open to the public with restrooms and public parking at either end.

# Port City Trail

-  Cape Sans Blas Lighthouse
-  Historic Cemetery
-  Museum
-  Bathrooms
-  Picnic Tables
-  Playground
-  Public Fishing
-  Pet Stations



Historic Downtown  
Port St. Joe

## Pelican Way 0.25 mi

A short, 0.25 mile sidewalk connector running down Hwy 71. It connects Sandpiper Run over to BayWalk.

## Sandpiper Run 0.75 mi

Sandpiper Run is a 0.75 mile straightaway between 16th Street Park and Hwy 71. From this point down to Hwy 71, making a left on the Hwy 71 sidewalk, to the end of BayWalk at Port St. Joe Marina, and back, is 2.5 miles.

## Osprey Loop 0.85 mi

At nearly one mile in length this loop runs along Garrison Avenue and 22nd Street then moves through a scenic, wooded area crossing two timber bridges.

## Cormorant Loop 0.3 mi

This scenic 0.3 mile loop crosses the lake with timber bridges.

## Heron Run 0.83 mi

The longest single section of the Port City Trail measuring 0.83 miles from its starting point at Madison Avenue and running along Garrison Avenue out to Gulf Coast State College.

## Eagle Loop 1.5 mi

This section totals 1.5 miles. Twice around Eagle Loop is roughly the distance of a 5K road race. The park near the soccer fields includes tennis courts and picnic pavilions.

## Egret Lane 0.3 mi

A 0.3 mile run starting at the Lamar Faison Soccer Fields and ending at the Constitution Memorial Museum.

## BayWalk 0.7 mi

BayWalk is a 0.7 mile gravel trail running beside the bay and is marked by signage at its entrance near the Pate Park boat ramp.

St. Joseph Bay

The Port City Trail totals nearly four (4) miles of paved and lighted pedestrian surface, approximately 10 feet wide in most places. Restrooms, informational signage and water fountains are available at various points along the trail. The Port City Trail connects over to BayWalk Trail via a 0.25-mile section of sidewalk running along Hwy 71.

See our wild side.

Endless possibilities to experience nature on open waters or secret shores.



Blue Heron

With a wingspan up to six feet, the Great Blue Heron is the largest heron in North America, and often spotted in our rivers and marshes stalking fish.

Brown Pelican

St. Joseph Bay is regionally important for breeding Brown Pelicans. On Black’s Island, a private island in the bay, Brown Pelicans nest in the tops of palms.



BALD EAGLE

The St. Joseph Bay Buffer Preserve has set aside over 5,000 acres of protected coastal landscape where Southern Bald Eagles often perch atop tall pines.

St. Vincent Island



Sea Turtle

St. Joseph Peninsula has the highest density of nesting loggerhead sea turtles in the panhandle and provides critical nesting habitat for the endangered green sea turtle which nests here every other year.

WOOD STORK

The Dead Lakes, near Wewahitchka are alive with wildlife. The wood stork is a federally-designated threatened species that can be found in Gulf County. The wood stork is the only species of stork that breeds in the U.S.. Wood storks are very social in nesting habitats, as they are often seen nesting in large colonies of 100-500 nests.



St. Vincent Island

St. Vincent Island is home to numerous shore birds, nesting ospreys, and bald eagles, as well as, an abundance of alligators, Sambar deer (native to Southeast Asia, pictured left) and the native white-tailed deer. The island is also a haven for endangered species such as loggerhead sea turtles, indigo snakes, gopher tortoises and a pair of red wolves that are part of the Red Wolf Recovery Program.

St. Vincent Island is open for daylight use and accessible by a short boat ride.



## GREAT PLACE TO FIND LOCALLY-MADE ART, JEWELRY, FURNITURE AND MUCH MORE.

“A fun shopping experience, eclectic collection of seaside and forest home decor, jewelry, antiques and vintage. Super nice folks.”

Caretakers2, September 2016, tripadvisor.com

SHOPPING

## Retail Therapy

Consider it walking with benefits, a great way to bag a wonderful day!

Take a break from the beach and enjoy a shop-hop. Historic downtown Port St. Joe is a great place to browse a day away with a half-mile stroll back in time through an area rich in history and brimming with new energy. The Reid Avenue shopping district continues to evolve into a more vibrant destination each year with locally-owned boutiques, sidewalk bistros and day spas. Downtown Port St. Joe also hosts The SaltAir Farmers' Market (every 1st & 3rd Saturday except January) with farm fresh produce, clothing, gifts, antiques and special treasures.

Within easy walking distance, you'll also find local outfitters that can get you out on the water with a new kayak or hook you up with fishing gear. With additional shops located throughout the county along the beaches, on the Cape and in Wewahitchka, visitors are pleasantly surprised with all Gulf County has to offer.



Unique gifts and apparel await you at locally owned boutiques and shops.

About Beach.....	850-229-2500
Anchored South .....	850-229-6600
The Artery Studio.....	850-227-5741
ATL Vape.....	850-227-3099
★ Bay Breeze Antiques .....	850-229-7774
Bayou Storage & RV Supplies .....	850-229-8397
★ Bayside Florist & Boutique ..	850-229-1111
Beach Planet .....	850-229-1515
★ Bluewater Outriggers.....	850-229-1100
Boutique By the Bay .....	850-229-4141
★ Bow Wow Meow Beach Shop .....	850-229-6161
Buy-Rite Drugs.....	850-227-7099
Cabana 15 Furniture Co. ....	850-270-8209
★ Cape Trading Post.....	850-229-8775
Celia's Second Hand Furniture .....	850-653-6382
Coastal Cabin .....	850-229-2999
The Cove on Reid.....	850-270-8209
CVS Pharmacy .....	850-229-8771
Daly's Watersports .....	850-229-6330
★ Debbie Hooper Photography .....	850-229-1251
★ Estate Jewelry & Loan .....	850-705-1434
★ The Fuss Boutique .....	850-227-7555
Good Spirits.....	850-639-5773
Howard Creek Country Mart .	850-827-8055
★ Indian Pass General Store...	850-229-8600
★ Joseph's Cottage.....	850-227-7877
Lighthouse Gift Shop .....	850-229-1151
Magnolia's Boutique .....	850-653-5426
No Name Books & Gifts .....	850-229-9277
★ The Port Fine Wine & Spirits.....	850-229-2977
Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf Gift Shop .....	850-229-5727
★ SaltAir Farmer's Market.....	404-906-2637
★ Scallop Cove .....	850-227-1573
★ St. Joe Rent All.....	850-227-2112
St. Joe Shrimp Company ...	850-229-6774
★ St. Joseph Bay Golf Club Pro Shop .....	850-227-1751
St. Patrick's Seafood .....	850-229-8070
★ Walter Green Boutique .....	850-227-7946
Wendy Patrick Designs .....	850-229-1900

★ **FEATURED PARTNER**

# Bring your appetite.

From the freshest local seafood to wood-fired pizza, sizzling steaks and roadside barbeque, there's always something cooking!

With fresh-caught seafood every morning and creative menus on the minds of our local chefs every day, it's no wonder a visitor's first question is, "where are we going to eat?".

Gulf County has dozens of restaurants just waiting for you, from fine dining and world-famous oyster bars to sidewalk cafes in our shopping district and seafood shacks tucked away. For those in search of the perfect view with your meal, you'll find waterfront eateries serving fresh Shrimp, Grilled Grouper, Fried Flounder and more.

Discovering new restaurants is at the top of many vacationer's lists so take the time to explore off the beaten path and discover tasty options. Visit our website at [visitgulf.com/dining](http://visitgulf.com/dining) for the most up-to-date listings.

Looking for a meal within walking distance? Check out restaurants listed by neighborhood.



## ST. JOE BEACH

- ★ Shipwreck Raw Bar .....850-647-5050

## CAPE SAN BLAS & INDIAN PASS

- ★ Cape Trading Post .....850-229-8775  
Coneheads 8020 .....850-229-5252
- ★ Grill 19 .....850-227-3427  
Loggerhead Stop Eatery ...850-899-3000  
LongBill's .....850-250-4310
- ★ Indian Pass Raw Bar.....850-227-1670  
The Sand Bucket  
Smokehouse & Grill .....850-229-4227
- ★ Scallop Cove .....850-227-1573  
Skully's Low Country Boil ...850-227-7011  
Weber's Little Donut Shop ..850-340-3552

## PORT ST. JOE

- The Brick Wall ..... 850-899-9454  
Cool Breeze Chicken & More. 309-251-1522
- ★ Cozy Café ..... 850-899-9046
- ★ Dagwood's Delicatessen  
& Catering ..... 850-899-9060  
Do Daddy's Seafood ..... 850-899-9058  
Great Wall  
Chinese Restaurant ..... 850-227-9999
- ★ Indian Pass Raw Bar Uptown.. 850-899-9001  
Joe Mama's  
Wood Fired Pizza ..... 850-229-6262  
Krazyfish Grille..... 850-229-7878  
No Name Books & Gifts..... 850-229-9277  
Paul Gants Bar-B-Que ..... 850-227-9311  
Pepper's Mexican Grill..... 850-229-8540  
Peter's Pizzeria..... 850-227-7000

- ★ Provision's ..... 850-229-9200  
Ronnie B's .....850-227-1386
- ★ Sand Dollar Café..... 850-227-4865  
Sisters' Restaurant ..... 850-229-7121  
Sweet Bunz Donuts..... 850-340-1128

## WEWAHITCHKA

- Corner Café .....850-639-2636  
The Creek Stop & Deli .....850-639-2400  
The Golden Dragon .....850-639-3999  
Howard Creek Café .....850-827-2885
- ★ Smiley Honey.....850-639-5672  
The Tiki Grill.....850-639-6888

★ **FEATURED PARTNER**

# ENJOY VIEWS FROM HOME WITH HOME COOKED MEALS.

“We got recommendations from locals about places to eat, but never made it out. We just could not get away from our sensational views at home.”

travelwithbender.com



## Our ingredients. Your masterpiece.

From the dock to your dinner table, it doesn't get any fresher than locally-caught seafood.

Our low-rise lifestyle features mostly beach homes, and many have large, fully-stocked kitchens that allow you to take advantage of cooking up dinner at home. Whether you purchase fresh seafood from one of the local markets or you had a great day of fishing and catch your own, nothing's fresher than the dock to your dinner table!



Find more recipes online:  
[pinterest.com/gulfcountyfl](https://pinterest.com/gulfcountyfl)

### LOCAL FLAVOR

- ★ Coastal Concierge LLC .....850-227-5148
- ★ Duren's Piggly Wiggly..... 850-229-8398
- Forgotten Coast Concierge .....850-227-5298
- Rich's IGA.....850-639-5343
- St. Joe Shrimp Company .....850-229-6774
- ★ Salt Air Farmer's Market..... 404-906-2637
- St. Patrick's Seafood .....850-229-8070
- Your Table, Your Chef.....850-329-0544

★ FEATURED PARTNER

## LEMON GARLIC SHRIMP KABOBS

### INGREDIENTS:

- ▣ 1 1/2 pounds medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- ▣ 4 lemons, thinly sliced and halved
- ▣ Salt and pepper to taste
- ▣ 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- ▣ 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- ▣ 4 cloves garlic, minced
- ▣ 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- ▣ 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- ▣ 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- ▣ 2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Lightly oil a baking sheet or coat with nonstick spray.

Thread shrimp and lemon halves onto skewers. Place skewers onto the prepared baking sheet. Place into oven and roast just until pink, firm and cooked through, about 5-7 minutes.

Melt butter in a medium skillet over medium high heat. Stir in lemon juice, garlic, oregano, thyme and basil until fragrant, about 2 minutes; season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Serve shrimp skewers immediately, brushed with butter mixture and garnished with parsley, if desired.

COOK YOUR CATCH



## THIS PLACE IS TRULY MAGICAL

“I’ve been a lot of places, but never have I felt more at home than at the forgotten coast. From the people, to the great food, to the live music, and the most beautiful sunsets to boot — this place truly is magical.”

Kendell Marvel

NIGHT LIFE

## Small town. Big sound.

We’re pretty proud of the people that come to play here. Pull up a stool and join in, or kick back with a locally-brewed craft beer and just enjoy the scene.

Music happens in unexpected places. In fact, Brothers Osborne camped out in our little Florida hamlet to record their 2018 album titled *Port St. Joe* where the band could be inspired and take breaks by the water’s edge. We think they just discovered a way of life locals have known for a long time. Many Nashville artist flock to the area for festivals but end up falling in love with Gulf County and return again and again. So be on the lookout cause you never know who you may see around town.



### Scenery that inspires.

Rising star Kendell Marvel has performed in Gulf County for over 10 years and also performed locally with Brothers Osborne in 2018.

Gulf County also has plenty of homegrown talent so it’s not uncommon to find yourself tapping your toes to local live music in many places as you enjoy signature cocktails and craft brews. The Blast on the Bay Songwriter’s Festival, now in its 11th year, is held annually in October and plays host to a group of talented musicians and songwriters direct from the streets of Nashville.

### LIVE MUSIC

- ★ **Haughty Heron.** . . . .850-229-3463
- Gracie’s Lounge** . . .850-227-2055
- ★ **Lookout Lounge.** . . .850-647-8310
- Saltshaker Package  
& Lounge, Inc** . . . . .850-639-9985
- ★ **Scallop RePUBlic** . .850-227-9009
- ★ **St. Joe Bar  
& Package** . . . . .850-229-9912
- ★ **FEATURED PARTNER**

# RARE, PRECIOUS HONEY

“Tupelo is a premier honey crop in this country, and the epicenter of tupelo honey is Gulf County, Florida.”

Brian Bertonneau, December 2017, [visitgulf.com](http://visitgulf.com)



TUPELO HONEY

## Gulf County Gold

Tupelo Honey from Wewahitchka area apiaries is almost too good to “bee” true.

Tupelo Honey is a true local wonder. In fact, it was brought into the spotlight in the 1997 Peter Fonda movie “Ulee’s Gold,” a story about a Wewahitchka beekeeper and his family.

It is here that beekeepers gather the only pure Tupelo Honey harvested from the White Tupelo Gum tree reaching 50 to 75 feet in height and often standing in several feet of water in Apalachicola River basin. The Tupelo tree blossom starts out as a round bud, about the size of a small pea. It then swells into what looks like a miniature cauliflower. Finally, it explodes with dozens of little spikes. The nectar is at the base of each spike.

What makes Tupelo Honey unique is the floral scent – a hint of rose, some herby, earthy taste, pure sweetness and not a hint of bitterness. Doesn’t that sound good with a morning cup of coffee overlooking the beach?

Wewahitchka, located about 20 minutes north of Port St. Joe, is home to many apiaries where you are allowed to taste samples and purchase from over a dozen varieties of raw honey. Stop in and take a tour of one of the apiaries, Smiley Honey. In Gulf County, local honey is also available in area stores and it can be sampled at the Gulf County Welcome Center.

### WEWAHITCHKA TUPELO HONEY FESTIVAL

This annual festival takes place on the 3rd Saturday in May and celebrates the honey harvesting season with plenty for everyone, including jars as small as 2 ounces to gallon jugs and everything in between — even ice-cold honey lemonade!



#### Get while the gettin’s good.

Tupelo Honey harvest season lasts only 2-3 weeks each year!



## Easy-breezy side trips.

Same-day excursions offer nearby options.

Once you get to Gulf County you may never want to leave, but a variety of interesting day trips are within easy reach.

Due East, you will find the historic, quaint town of Apalachicola. An interesting way to make the trip to Apalachicola is by water. Head up the Gulf County Canal and through the Intracoastal Waterway passing through Lake Wimico and past old bridges and vintage houseboats along your 20-mile route.

Take time to support our neighboring town, Mexico Beach, as they rebuild after Hurricane Michael. They have a number of shops and restaurants open that welcome visitors.



## Wedded bliss starts here.

The perfect union of people and place.

If you dream of saying “I do” on the beach, our 43 miles of shoreline offers plenty of gorgeous wedding venue options to inspire marital bliss. Exchange vows with your toes in the sand, or around a lush pool lawn with a beautiful beachfront backdrop. Our sunsets are spectacular since most beaches here face west.

Our laid-back pace and low-rise lifestyle allow newlyweds the opportunity of truly relaxing and enjoying their special day with family and friends. And, four-legged family members can be a part of the event since our beaches are pet friendly.

Full-service local businesses can take care of everything from planning services to catering, flowers, photography, music and set up on the beach. Hair, makeup and spa services are available in Port St. Joe, or many services will come right to your beach home.



## WEDDING SERVICES

- A Design by Dorann ..... 850-227-5869
- Bayside Florist & Gifts ..... 850-229-1111
- ★ Catering Connections ..... 850-705-1218
- Events by Chellsey ..... 850-340-1030
- Gourmet Chef Now ..... 850-227-8030
- Gulf Coast DJ ..... 850-227-5928
- High Cotton Affairs ..... 850-227-8282
- Panache Tent & Event ..... 800-461-6955
- ★ Provisions Catering ..... 850-229-9200
- ★ Sand Dollar Cafe ..... 850-227-4865
- Silver Quest Studios ..... 850-229-9353
- Sisters' Restaurant ..... 850-229-7121
- Stock the Bar ..... 850-340-1053

### ★ FEATURED PARTNER

# A BEACON OF HOPE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

“The additional lights put a lot of smiles on people’s faces during a tough time and gave a sign of hope for the future of our community.”

Roni C., December 2018



HISTORY

## Our past tells a story.

Once a bustling seaport, it was here that delegates from all counties in Territorial Florida assembled, in 1838, to draft Florida’s first State Constitution.

Coastal American Indians occupied our area when Spanish explorers dropped anchor inside Cape San Blas in the early 1500’s. In 1822, settlers, realizing the potential of the Apalachicola River as a commercial outlet for the rich cotton producing states, founded the town of Apalachicola. St. Joseph’s (the original name of Port St. Joe) was established shortly thereafter, in 1835, because its harbor was deeper at 17 feet. A railway from Depot Creek to St. Joseph’s Bay was opened in 1836 the first utilizing steam locomotion in Florida and one of the first three steam railroads in the United States.

By 1837, St. Joseph was flourishing as the largest city in the Territory of Florida, with a population estimated near 11,000. And, it was here that 56 delegates gathered to draw up the constitution for Florida to become a state. Port St. Joe is still called the “Constitution City.”



*Constitution Memorial Unveiling, 1923*



*Apalachicola Northern Depot, Port St. Joe, 1910*

Soon after, yellow fever followed by a hurricane reduced the town to only a few hunters, trappers and fishermen, and Port St. Joe sat largely unoccupied until a paper mill was built in the 1930’s. The mill closed in 1996 and the area, once again, transformed itself this time into a tourist-friendly destination.

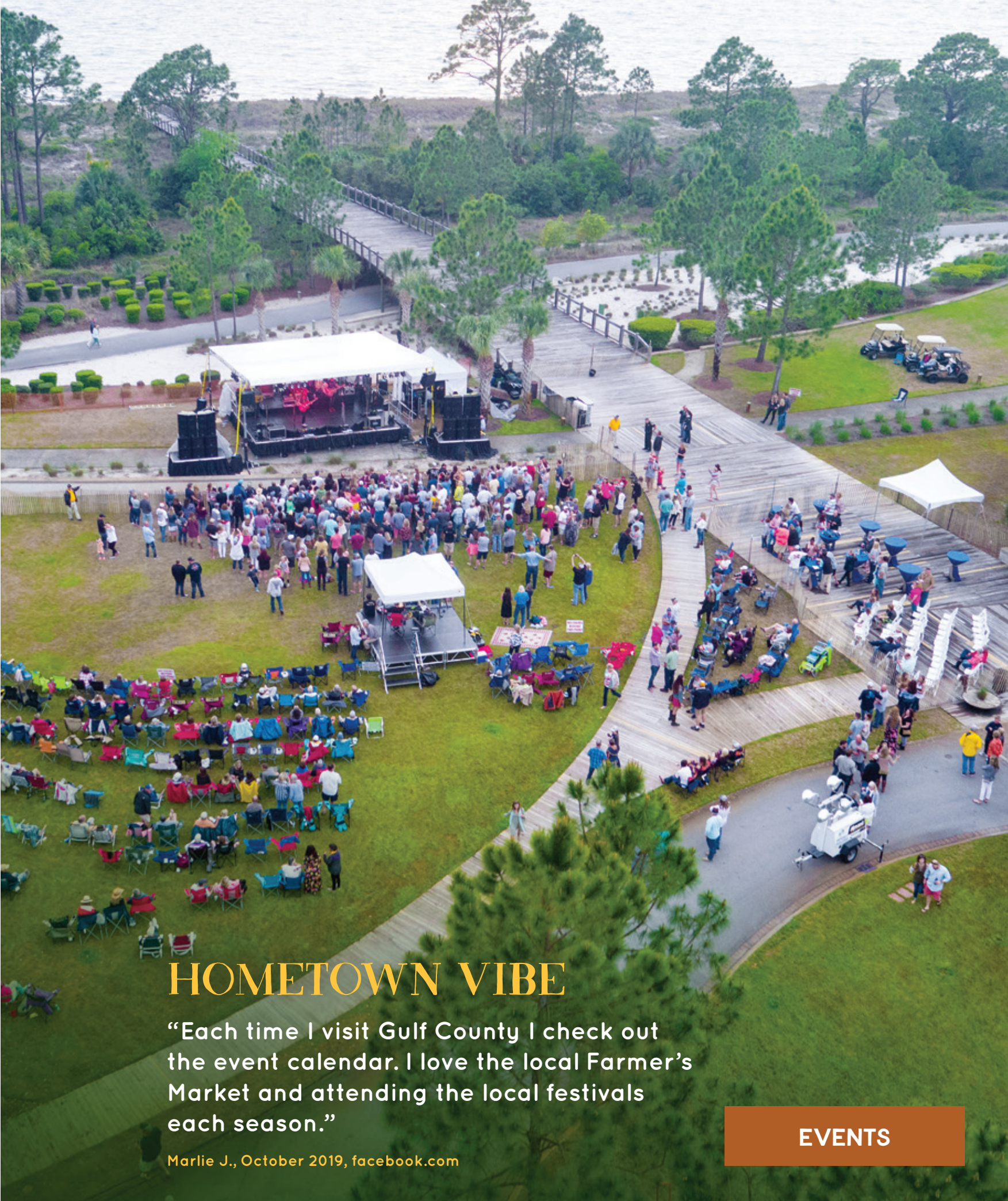
# Festivals & Events

We have a lot to celebrate in Gulf County, all in a laidback atmosphere without the crowds.

No matter what time of year you find yourself in Gulf County, there's always something exciting to do. We keep our calendar jam-packed with live music, kid-friendly fun, festivals and more.

These are a few of our signature events, but be sure to check out our full calendar at [visitgulf.com/events](http://visitgulf.com/events)

- Tupelo Honey Festival
- Forgotten Coast Plein Air
- Forgotten Coast Sea Turtle Festival
- Blast on the Bay Songwriters Festival



## HOMETOWN VIBE

“Each time I visit Gulf County I check out the event calendar. I love the local Farmer’s Market and attending the local festivals each season.”

Marlie J., October 2019, [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

EVENTS

# Winter Guests

Enjoy our warm climate and year-round activities including kayaking, birding, golf & fun festivals.

Our Gulf County Concierge Team really rolls out the red carpet for winter guests and welcomes them back each year with a party and a full season of activities. While you won't find crowds and congestion here, there is no shortage of winter fun! But our winter guests feel more like family joining locals in area activities and live entertainment.

Whether you want to enjoy a round of golf at St. Joseph Bay Golf Club, a game of pickleball or take in the views on one of the paved walking and biking trails around the county, Gulf County caters to those who enjoy an active lifestyle.

Beachfront rentals are especially attractive during the off-season, with many offering monthly rates. With quality healthcare at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, local membership organizations and even a vet for your furry friend, you can stay with us a while.



WE'LL KEEP YOU BUSY  
ALL WINTER LONG

Visit [gcfwinterfun.com](http://gcfwinterfun.com) to learn more  
and view our calendar of winter events.



# Local Resources

Here are important numbers to make your area vacation a great one. But, of course, you can always ask a local and they'll be happy to help.

- Animal Hospital of Port St. Joe .....850-229-6010
- Beach Driving Permits .....850-229-6116
- Buy-Rite Pharmacy (Port St. Joe) ....850-227-7099
- Buy-Rite Pharmacy (Wewahitchka) ...850-639-2252
- CVS Pharmacy .....850-229-8771
- Florida Game & Freshwater
- Fish Commission.....888-404-3922
- Florida Highway Patrol.....800-459-6861
- Florida Poison Information Center ...800-222-1222
- Gulf County Chamber of Commerce ..850-227-1223
- Gulf County Courthouse .....850-229-6112
- Gulf County Emergency Management .850-229-9110
- Gulf County Health Department.....850-227-1276
- Gulf County Marriage License.....850-229-6112
- Gulf County Public Library
- (Port St. Joe) .....850-229-8879
- Gulf County Public Library
- (Wewahitchka) .....850-639-2419
- Gulf County Sheriff's Dept
- (Non-Emergency) .....850-227-1115
- Gulf County Welcome Center .....800-482-4853
- Sacred Heart on the Gulf Hospital.....850-229-5600
- Sea Tow (boat tow
- & on-water service).....850-227-4049
- St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve..850-229-1787
- T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph
- Peninsula State Park .....850-227-1327
- St. Vincent's Island Shuttle Service ...850-229-1065
- U.S. Coast Guard .....850-234-2475



AIRPORT INFORMATION

**Commercial Service**

Northwest Florida Beaches  
International Airport (ECP) ....60 miles  
*Air Service: Delta and Southwest Airlines*

Tallahassee Regional Airport ...99 miles  
*Air Service: American Airlines, Delta,  
Silver Airways and U.S. Airways Express*

**General Aviation Service**

Costin Airport (A51) .....5 miles  
*Air Service: Private aircrafts*

Apalachicola Regional  
Airport (AAF) ..... 21 miles  
*Air Service: Private aircrafts*



# Be an instant insider.

Explore like a local and get the inside scoop even if it’s your first visit.

If you’ve made it to town, the Gulf County Welcome Center is the perfect place to design your adventure. You can start here with freebies including brochures, wi-fi access and a cup of coffee. Pick up a Turtle Trail map or park here to hike the Port City Trail. We’re located just off Hwy 98, in downtown Port St. Joe, with a stunning view overlooking St. Joseph Bay. Business hours are Monday thru Friday, 8am-5pm Eastern time.

While you are planning your visit, our Concierge Team can help you discover your interests and connect you with people, places and activities that best suit you. From easy-going to full-throttle adventure, they can steer you in the right direction, so you get the most out of your time in Gulf County.

## IT HAS BEEN SUCH A PLEASURE.

**I have never had a concierge for an area before....only for resorts and hotels. It has been such a pleasure to be able to ask someone about things in the area instead of just looking at a booklet. I would highly recommend you try this awesome service that is provided to anyone traveling to this area.**

Sallie Marquardt • [visitgulf.com/concierge-program](https://visitgulf.com/concierge-program)

## We’re quite sociable.

Let’s keep in touch.

We want you to be a part of Gulf County even when you’re away, so follow us for the latest news and event updates. While you’re here check out our Turtle Trail where you can find our turtle statues and take a picture to receive a special gift. Just post your photos using the hashtags #InGulf and #TurtleTrail then stop by the Welcome Center.

Download the Turtle Trail Map and find out more information at [vistigulf.com/turtletrail](https://vistigulf.com/turtletrail)

### Gulf County Welcome Center

150 Captain Fred’s Place  
Port St. Joe, Florida 32456  
850-229-7800  
[info@visitgulf.com](mailto:info@visitgulf.com)  
[VISITGULF.COM](https://VISITGULF.COM)

 [/visitgulfcounty](https://facebook.com/visitgulfcounty)

 [@GulfCountyFL](https://instagram.com/GulfCountyFL)

 [@GulfCountyFL](https://twitter.com/GulfCountyFL)

 [GulfCountyFL](https://youtube.com/GulfCountyFL)

 [GulfCountyFL](https://pinterest.com/GulfCountyFL)

## HOW IT WORKS

1

### DROP US A LINE

Call, email or fill out a short form on our website.

2

### SCHEDULE

We’ll discover your interests, match you to a guide and set up a chat.

3

### ONE-ON-ONE

Learn from the expert, you have their ear. Your 20-minute session is free.

4

### DO IT!

Here’s the fun part. Put your inside knowledge into action and come see us.



# Find your happy place.

From beachfront vacation homes to hotels, inns and quaint B&B's, visitors are drawn to our low-rise lifestyle.

Families have returned for generations to our uncrowded beaches and unhurried pace where there is a variety of accommodations. Vacation rental options range from pet-friendly beach homes which can easily sleep 10-12 to historic inns nestled near the bay. Choose your perfect place to stay from our rental providers that have been sharing sunsets for over 70 years!



ACCOMMODATIONS

## VACATION RENTAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

- 30EZ VACATION RENTALS**  
30ezvacationrentals.com  
850-227-9888
- AQUA SHORES VACATION RENTALS**  
aquashoresrentals.com  
850-387-0658
- BAYTOWNE VACATION RENTALS**  
baytownevacationrentals.com  
850-227-3300
- BE OUR GUEST VACATION HOMES**  
beourguestvh.com .....850-677-1332
- BLACK'S ISLAND RESORT**  
blacksisland.com.....888-908-6001
- BMW VACATION RENTALS**  
starbright-beach-rental.com  
404-697-5653
- CAPE BEACH VACATIONS**  
capebeachvacations.com  
850-705-1677
- CAPE & COAST VACATION RENTALS**  
capeandcoast.com ... 1-877-238-4745
- CAPE ESCAPE VACATION RENTALS, LLC**  
thecapeescape.com ....678-523-1161
- CAPE SAN BLAS GET AWAY**  
capesanblasgetaway.com  
404-668-0122
- CAPE SAN BLAS VACATION RENTALS**  
capesanblasvacationrentals.com  
850-229-6916

- COASTAL JOE VACATION RENTALS**  
coastaljoevacationrentals.com  
850-227-7775
- COASTLINE VACATION RENTALS, LLC**  
coastlinevacationrentals.net  
855-817-7368
- COTTAGE RENTS**  
cottagerents.com .....205-253-5336
- FORGOTTEN COAST PROPERTY  
MANAGEMENT & RENTALS**  
fcpmr.comx .....850-648-1012
- GULF BREEZE VACATION RENTALS**  
gulfbreezevacationrentals.com  
850-899-2255
- GULF COAST VACATION RENTALS**  
gulfcostvacationrentals.com/gcvg  
850-229-1200
- HARMON REALTY VACATION RENTALS**  
vacationrentalsmexicobeach.com  
850-648-5768
- KNOT FORGOTTEN VACATION RENTALS**  
knotforgottencoast.com  
850-229-2512
- MAKIN' MEMREES VACATION RENTALS**  
makinmemrees.com ... 504-812-6400
- NATURAL RETREATS**  
naturalretreats.com ... 877-805-7794
- NO WORRIES VACATION RENTALS**  
noworriesvacationrentals.com  
850-705-2200

**FEATURED PARTNER**  
 **PET FRIENDLY**

- ★ **TURTLE BEACH INN**  
turtlebeachinn.com.....850-229-9366

**SEA OF JOY**  
vrbo.com/1744965.....678-740-3863

-  **VITAMIN SEA**  
airbnb.com/rooms/18517154...678-938-0616

 **PORT ST. JOE COTTAGE**  
vrbo.com/1272017 .....850-545-6784

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VACATION HOMES:  
INDIAN PASS

- ALFIE'S PLACE**  
vrbo.com/476100.....850-653-5838
- AWEIGH AT LAST**  
floridarentals.com/812.....850-556-5976
- THE BARNACLE**  
thebarnaclebeachhouse.com...850-899-1999

**GNAT'S LANDING**  
dhayes@gilbertpump.net ....850-529-8384

**MARGE & DOC'S PLACE**  
vrbo.com/289593.....404-918-5676
- MOON DANCE**  
floridarentals.com/811 .....850-510-3409
- OSCEOLA HOUSE**  
vrbo.com/860387.....813-598-9608
- PALM COTTAGE OF INDIAN PASS**  
facebook.com/palmcottageindianpass  
859-338-1425
- SEAHORSE SUMMER**  
vrbo.com/989602 .....229-886-1577
- SWEETWATER COTTAGE**  
visitgulf.com/110.....850-510-3409
- THREE PALMS**  
two-palms.com .....847-256-2553

**TIPSY TURTLE**  
dhayes@gilbertpump.net ....850-529-8384

VACATION HOMES:  
ST. JOE BEACH

- GULF STREET**  
vrbo.com/182417 .....614-620-6315
- ISEAVIEWS**  
airbnb.com/rooms/26705881...404-610-2718

**LEDA'S SASSY MERMAID**  
homeaway.com/4850390...850-348-7798

**SEAGULL LANDING, INC.**  
windmarkbeachhome.com...954-699-3287
- SEAS THE DAY**  
vrbo.com/817004.....940-300-0794

CAMPGROUNDS  
& CABINS

- DEAD LAKES PARK - RV & CAMPGROUND**  
visitgulf.com/dead-lakes-park-rv-campground  
850-227-8693
- INDIAN PASS CAMPGROUND**  
indianpasscamp.com .....850-227-7203
- OLD SALT RV PARK**  
oldsaltrvpark.com .....850-227-4246
- PRESNELL'S BAYSIDE MARINA & RV RESORT**  
presnells.com.....850-229-9229
- WATER'S EDGE RV PARK**  
watersedgervpark.net.....850-229-8600





With industry-leading technology and dedicated local teams, Vacasa brings confidence to vacation rentals. Our dedicated local staff care for every Vacasa home to ensure proper maintenance and guest satisfaction. Vacation homeowners and guests trust Vacasa to provide a safe and worry-free experience so they can focus on what matters most.

**503-345-9399**  
**Vacasa.com**



Teresa's Beach Homes is a family owned business since 2001. We are personally in our homes every week so we can make sure we are providing you with a clean, well-stocked and maintained home. Stay with us and find out why we have so many guests that come back year after year. Come join our family and experience the Teresa's Beach Homes difference.

**850-229-1522**  
**TerasasBeachHomes.com**



Offering vacation rentals from Cape San Blas to Mexico Beach. Whether it's hours of quiet solitude or activities in the great outdoors that you crave, we have something for everyone. Let us help you make memories that last. When you think vacation, think Serenity. Some amenities include: Gulf Front ~ Bay View ~ Private Beach Access Private Pool ~ Hot Tub ~ Elevator ~ High-end Finishes Fully Stocked Kitchen ~ WiFi and more.

**850-229-4200**  
**serenitybeachrentals.com**



Vacation homes, townhomes and condos located in St. Joe Beach, Indian Pass and Cape San Blas. Pristine Properties is delighted to welcome your group, large or small. We offer a wide array of properties and amenities such as private pools, elevators, beach equipment, outdoor activities, and even pet friendly accommodations. Locally owned and operated for over 15 years, providing stellar customer service to visitors who choose to call this place home.

**877-790-5179**  
**visitfloridabeaches.com**



St. Joe Beach WindMark Beach, and Cape San Blas offer a glimpse into what a Florida beach vacation can truly be. Protected from the growth that has spoiled much of Florida's coastline, these white-sand beaches offer visitors a vacation they have yet to experience. Uncrowded white sand beaches, beautiful Gulf and Bay waters, and a slower more relaxed place to unwind, decompress and enjoy making memories that will last a lifetime...No Worries.

**850-750-2200**  
**NoWorriesVacationRentals.com**



Natural Retreats offers a portfolio of distinctive vacation homes in the most desirable areas of Cape San Blas and Indian Pass. Our local team elevates the travel experience by providing around-the-clock assistance, a high standard of cleanliness, local recommendations, and access to unforgettable activities. Open the door to more when you stay in a Natural Retreats' vacation home.

**877-805-7794**  
**NaturalRetreats.com/CapeSanBlas**

## Knot Forgotten Vacation Rentals

Let Us Exceed Your Expectations



We are a boutique rental company focused on matching the right properties with our guests requests. Can't come to the beach for a full week or can't check in on a Saturday? Not a problem! Extended winter getaway? No issue! We have a variety of properties - small, large, gulf front, gulf view - perfect to find what matches your needs, no matter what time of year or length of stay! Contact us and we will help you find your perfect beach vacation! Let us exceed your expectations!!!

**850-229-2512**  
**knotforgottencoast.com**

## GULF COAST VACATION RENTALS INC.

Sharing The Gulf Coast Since 2005



Your vacation of a lifetime begins with Gulf Coast Vacation Rentals. From gulf front homes with breathtaking views to intimate townhomes for two let Gulf Coast Vacation Rentals make your dream beach vacation come true. Sharing the Gulf Coast from Cape San Blas to Mexico Beach since 2005, Gulf Coast Vacation Rentals offers an unparalleled selection of the area's finest vacation homes, pet friendly properties, town homes, and condo rentals. Visit our website today!

**800-450-5116**  
**gulfcoastvacationrentals.com**

## COASTAL JOE VACATION RENTALS



At Coastal Joe Vacation Rentals, we believe that your vacation should be time spent on your terms. To that end, we offer a variety of homes with exceptional amenities. We would love for you to come stay and discover our homes on Cape San Blas, C-30 and Indian Pass.

**850-227-7775**  
**CoastalJoeVacationRentals.com**

## Cape San Blas Vacation Rentals, Inc.



A vacation at the beach should be filled with wonderful memories for the entire family. Memories made from laughing, sharing and simply enjoying time together. We have been helping families plan their escape for generations to the calm, clear waters of our white sand beaches and to an unhurried, secluded place where we want our guests to spend their time catching-up with friends and family, rather than keeping up with everything else.

**800-720-0473 or 850-229-6916**  
**CapeSanBlasVacationRentals.com**

## forgotten coast

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT & RENTALS, LLC



This is the place to spend your next vacation and we are here to help make that happen. We have that special vacation home you have been looking for. From beachfront to canal front, we can help you find your ideal vacation home where you will make special memories. The team at Forgotten Coast Property Management can find the perfect location for your stay. We offer outstanding service, premier properties and customer satisfaction.

**850-648-1012**  
**forgottencoastrental.com**

## COASTLINE VACATION RENTALS



When on vacation you want the best experience for you and your family. When staying with Coastline Vacation Rentals, that is exactly what you will receive. You may come as guests, but you will leave as family. So whether it is to spend lazy days on the water, or watching the amazing sunsets, come and see for yourself why our guests return year after year.

**855-817-7368**  
**coastlinevacationrentals.net**

## Be Our Guest Vacation Homes

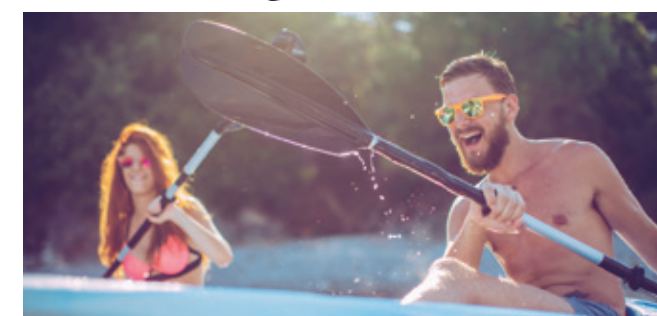
Experience "A Different Way"



Choosing a home for your vacation can be overwhelming. We love to match your dates, location, size, amenities, and price with our wide range of high quality homes. Our homes are thoughtfully prepared, fully equipped and tastefully decorated. Our most common guest review is, "I've never had such outstanding customer service!" Gulf Front Homes. Pet Friendly Options. Homes with Pools. Come and Be Our Guest... Experience a different way!

**850-677-1332**  
**BeOurGuestvh.com**

## BayTowns Vacation Rentals



Baytowne Vacation Rentals is a boutique property management company on Florida's Forgotten Coast offering some of the area's most beautiful properties for vacation rental from Cape San Blas to Indian Pass! Our property collection consists of beach front homes, condos, properties with private pools, pet friendly properties, and more! Visit our website today to find more information about our company. We're conveniently located at 200-A Reid Avenue in Port St. Joe!

**850-227-3300**  
**BaytowneVacationRentals.com**



Enjoy a view of Indian Pass Lagoon on one of our 16 spacious RV sites. With onsite amenities including a General Store that carries local flavour and flair with items of convenience plus the Indian Pass Raw Bar within walking distance, Water's Edge exemplifies Old Florida.

850-229-8600  
watersedgervpark.net



The Indian Pass Raw Bar is a tradition that traces its roots from the old Indian Pass Trading Post that began operating in 1929. Your food is prepared fresh, when ordered, and is served as it is prepared in the Indian Pass Tradition, to insure the best quality. Drinks are on the HONOR SYSTEM. Help yourself, and keep your score card. Turn it in at Checkout.

850-899-9001  
IndianPassRawBarUptown.com



Port Inn is Port St. Joe's premier historic, yet completely renovated coastal inn. The Port Inn prides itself on providing beautiful, comfortable and relaxing accommodations in the tradition of a southern resort. It offers historic charm with all the modern amenities guests expect. Conveniently located in the center of downtown, shopping and dining are just a short stroll away. Come experience the southern charm of Port Inn. Anticipated Grand Re-Opening, Valentines Day 2020.

850-229-PORT (7678)  
portinnfl.com



Situated just one block from St. Joseph Bay, these 2 bedroom (1K, 2T or 1K, 1Q), 1-1/2 bath cottages are conveniently located in the heart of historic downtown Port St. Joe. Within walking distance to the lighthouse, shopping, restaurants, marina, and more. Port Cottages offers the perfect accommodation for your next getaway. Pet-friendly cottages feature full kitchen, WiFi, flat screen TVs, full washer/dryer and boat parking. Pool and grilling area located on-site for your enjoyment.

850-229-PORT (7678)  
portcottages.com



THE BEST SEAFOOD STEAMED, BAKED OR RAW You've got to want to visit the Indian Pass Raw Bar – you're not likely to stumble over us by accident. Luckily, the world's best oysters, shrimp, gumbo, ice-cold beer and authentic Old Florida atmosphere make the trip worthwhile. The McNeill family has served the region from this location – between Apalachicola and Port St. Joe along County Road 30A – since 1929.

850-227-1670  
IndianPassRawBar.com



Port St. Joe's Haughty Heron is much more than just a package liquor store! Enjoy a full service bar with indoor and outdoor seating, live entertainment in the Beer Garden, four flat screen TVs, a cigar shop with walk-in humidor, gifts and a great selection of liquor, fine wine and cold beer. See you at the Heron! Mon-Thurs 10 AM-10 PM / Fri-Sat 10 AM-Midnight / Sun 10 AM -8 PM.

850-229-3463  
haughtyheron.com



BY CHOICE HOTELS



Looking for a great value in Port St. Joe? Look no further. The MainStay Suites, by Choice Hotels is the only AAA-rated three-diamond hotel in Gulf County. Our Multiple Gold Award winning property is pet friendly and offers all suites with full kitchens. Daily, weekly and monthly rates are available. Our professional and knowledgeable staff is available to guests 24/7. Mainstay Suites, we'll see you there!

850-229-MAIN (6246)  
mainstaysuitespsj.com



**All minor hurricane damage is repaired.** This new 4BR, 3 bath home is secluded yet only 5 miles from either Mexico Beach or PSJ. Our property faces west with beautiful sunsets and runs to the beach, being located directly on the St. Joe Bay Bicycle Trail. Guests enjoy views of the bay and beach from both open and screened porches. This pet friendly home is complimented by stained glass, antique nautical décor with all living areas located on one floor!

850-718-8790  
vrbo.com/1262135



Established in 1938, St. Joe Bar & Package is one of Gulf County's longest operating businesses. Located in downtown Port St. Joe on Reid Avenue, it offers a full liquor bar and package store. Enjoy the shuffleboard, pool tables, darts & jukebox everyday! Live entertainment and sports on the big screen on the weekends! BE sure to come cheer on your team with the NFL Sunday ticket during season! Bulk orders welcome for special events.

**850-229-9912**  
[facebook.com/stjoebar](https://facebook.com/stjoebar)



Just up the road in Wewahitchka, Smiley Honey offers several varieties of raw, all-natural honey. By far the most amazing variety is Tupelo Honey. In the words of one of our customers: "There may be better honey than your Tupelo somewhere on this earth, but we've never found it." We love visitors, so stop by to see us and stock up on plenty of honey for your friends and family.

**850-639-5672**  
[smileyhoney.com](http://smileyhoney.com)



Put a Little South in your Mouth! At the Sand Dollar Cafe, we prepare Southern favorites with a twist in our "from scratch" kitchen. Then we serve 'em up old school cafeteria-style: one meat, two sides, bread and a nonalcoholic beverage! We offer both indoor and outdoor seating, a selection of beers and catering services. Voted Best Breakfast and Best Southern Cooking three years running. See you soon!

Chef Scott & Alexander  
**850-227-4865**  
[sanddollarcafepsj.com](http://sanddollarcafepsj.com)



At The Port Fine Wine & Spirits our wine room is home to over 300 different bottles of wine. The beer cooler and beer cave keep 175 tasty brews perfectly chilled. Our expanded selection of spirits is the best from Mexico Beach to Cape San Blas with over 15,000 bottles in stock! Located on Hwy 98 in Port St. Joe across the street from Hungry Howies, you'll find fair prices and friendly service.

**850-229-2977**  
[ThePortFineWine.com](http://ThePortFineWine.com)



Voted Best Ice Cream and Dessert on the Forgotten Coast, Shoobies sells creamy soft serve ice cream, decadent sundaes, mouthwatering water ice in a variety of flavors and our famous Jersey Gelato. Shoobies is the perfect outdoor eatery for everyone in the family and we are also pet friendly! We have locations in Port St. Joe and Cape San Blas. We are open March–September with our hours/days posted on our website.

[shoobies.us](http://shoobies.us)



Shallow Seas Charters, located in the quaint town of Port St. Joe FL., offers guided fishing trips that bring home the various inshore species that the Forgotten coast has to offer. If fishing isn't your thing, we also offer sunset cruises, scalloping trips, snorkeling trips, and sightseeing tours. We are family friendly, affordable, veteran owned and operated, a great way to spend one of your days here on the beautiful Forgotten Coast.

**850-247-0799**  
[shallowseascharters.com](http://shallowseascharters.com)



Joseph's Cottage is a coastal lifestyle store located in downtown Port St. Joe. Home goods, including slipcovered furniture from LEE Industries and beach stripe cotton rugs from Dash & Albert. Local and regional handmade goods: beach pine & citrus candles, tiny ceramic oyster dishes and our "beaches" t-shirt. Classic linen apparel, straw beach totes, and simple jewelry.

**850-227-7877**  
[josephscottage.com](http://josephscottage.com)



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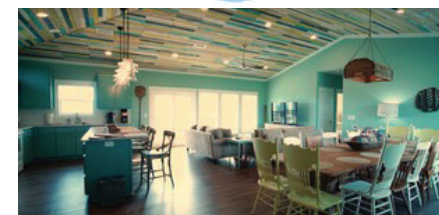
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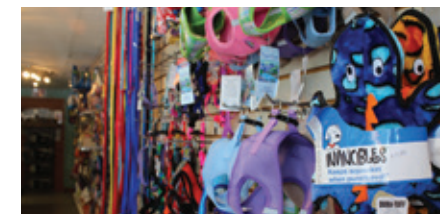
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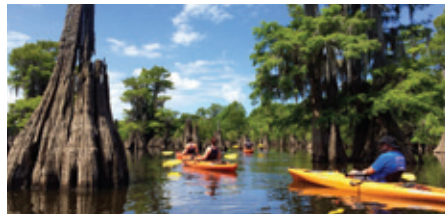
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