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WELCOME SNOWBIRDS

Throughout 2021, it is safe to say that nothing has been completely normal. Events worldwide, and in Baldwin County, have been cancelled, including many that our winter Snowbirds rely on for fun and entertainment.

You know what's not cancelled? Gorgeous sunsets. Warm, blue sky-filled, sun kissed days on the beach. Walks through our natural forests and preserves. The beauty

of Alabama's Gulf Coast remains untouched by the fury of the pandemic. It is our refuse and our reminder that good days can still be had.

So welcome back to our slice of paradise. While you may miss the events and celebrations that typically take place this time of year, fill that time instead by returning to the wonders of our shores and natural resources.

Take a hike, enjoy the birds and butterflies that migrate through our towns and beaches, be energized by the warm sun above and the cool breeze at night as the sky fills with stars and the waves gently slap on our sugar white sand.

Enjoy the beauty of Alabama's Gulf Coast. It will restore your spirit and give your soul freedom to breathe freely again.

LOCAL CLUBS AND MEETING INFORMATION



ILLINOIS

www.snowbirdsgulfcoast.com



MINNESOTA

For complete information on the Minnesota Club please visit the website at www.mnal.org.



OHIO

For information, contact Gayle Hofacker, 937-621-1700.



INDIANA

For information contact Jan Pell at 317-914-5832 for reservations.



MISSOURI

For complete information on the Missouri Club please visit www.mosnowbirds.org.



PENNSYLVANIA

For information contact Rich Smith Rich Smith: 908-420-8806.



IOWA

For complete information on the Iowa Club, please visit <http://iowa-alabamagulfcoastsnowbirds.org/>.



NEW YORK

For a schedule of upcoming New York Club activities send an email to nysnowbirds@gmail.com.



WISCONSIN

For information visit <https://www.sites.google.com/site/wisconsinssnowbirdclub/home>.



MICHIGAN

For complete information on the Michigan Club and its activities, please check the website at <http://www.michiganclubalabama.com/>.



NORTH DAKOTA/ SOUTH DAKOTA

For information contact Joyce at 605-351-0274.

DISCLAIMER

Check local listings or call ahead before you visit the places listed in this publication. Closures may be frequent with the spread of COVID-19 or damage from Hurricane Sally.

Man's best friend

PET FRIENDLY PLACES

DOG PARKS

Dog parks offer an open setting for dogs to run. Each is open sunrise to sunset and has separate areas for large and small dogs. The areas are fenced and most have water stations. There is no fee to use any of these dog parks.



» **BARK MINETTE DOG PARK**, 1300 Bradley Ave. (at the Bay Minette Municipal Pool Complex), Bay Minette

» **DAPHNE DOG PARK**, 8600 Whispering Pines Road, Daphne

» **FAIRHOPE DOG PARK**, 701 Greeno Road and Volanta Ave., Fairhope

» **FOLEY DOG PARK**, 200 E. Orange Ave., Foley

» **GULF SHORES DOG PARK**, 308 Clubhouse Drive, Gulf Shores

» **UNLEASHED DOG PARK**, 27920 Canal Road, Orange Beach

PET-FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

» **THE SOUTHERN GRIND** at The Wharf in Orange Beach has an outdoor area, "The Pooch Porch," especially for our four-legged friends.

» **PANINI PETE'S** in Fairhope and several other restaurants allow leashed dogs in their outdoor area. Don't be surprised if you pass a puppy in a cart at Home Depot or one at the Foley Outlets. If they're well-behaved, they can go practically anywhere.

» **PIRATES COVE MARINA AND RESTAURANT** in Elberta is pirate-themed, and dogs are welcome, too. Ahoy, little doggies!

DOGGIE RESTAURANT ETIQUETTE

» Make sure your pooch is well-behaved around other people, especially children. Leash your four-legged friend and keep him or her from socializing with other diners or employees, unless welcomed. Keep your pup close to your



table or chair so he or she is not in the waiter's path. Dogs are not allowed on the chairs or tables.

» Bring your own doggie bowl for water. Pets are not permitted to eat or drink out of restaurant glasses or dishes, unless they are disposable.

» Remember to tie your dog to your chair and not the table. A dog tied to a table can result in spilled drinks or food.

» Always call ahead or ask first to make sure an establishment allows dogs at their outdoor tables.

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LOCAL FISHING ORGANIZATIONS

ALABAMA CHARTER FISHING

ASSOCIATION, 4223 Orange Beach Blvd., Orange Beach · AlabamaCharterFishingAssociation.com

MOBILE BAY KAYAK FISHING

ASSOCIATION, 7311 Bay Road, Mobile · mbkfa.com

MOBILE BIG GAME FISHING CLUB

27075 Marina Road, Orange Beach · 251-981-6200 · mbgfc.org

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERBOAT OPERATORS

P.O. Box 1070, Hurley, Miss. · 866-981-5136 · NACOcharters.org

FISHING LINKS

TakeMeFishing.org

OutdoorAlabama.com

EatAlabamaSeafood.com

GulfShores.com/things-to-do/fishing

MARINAS

BARBER MARINA, 26986 Fish Trap Road, Elberta

· 251-987-2628 · BarberMarina.com

BEAR POINT MARINA, 5749 Bay La Launch Ave., Orange Beach · 251-981-2327 · BearPointMarina.com

CARIBE MARINA, 28101 Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach · 251-980-8410 · CaribeMarina.com

FAIRHOPE DOCKS MARINA, 848 Seacrest Drive, Fairhope, 251-929-0365 · FairhopeAl.gov

FLORA-BAMA MARINA & WATERSPORTS, 29603 Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach · 251-980-5222 · Flora-BamaMarina.com

FLY CREEK MARINA, 831 N. Section St., Fairhope · 251-928-4868 · FlyCreekMarina.com

FORT MORGAN MARINA, 1577 Alabama 180 W., Gulf Shores · 251-540-2628 · Facebook.com/FortMorganMarina

HAPPY HARBOR MARINA, 27212 Marina Road, Orange Beach · 251-981-6111 · HappyHarbors.com

HOMEPORT MARINA, 200 E. 25th Ave., Gulf Shores · 251-968-4528 · HomeportMarina.net

HUDSON MARINA, 4575 S. Wilson Blvd., Orange Beach · 251-981-4127 · AlabamaDeepSeaFishing.com

ICC MARINE, 2614 E. Second St., Gulf Shores · 251-752-6558 · ICCMarinegulfshores.com

LAKE FOREST MARINA, 3 Yacht Club Drive, Daphne · 251-680-6190

MESS AROUND MARINA, 4688 Walker Ave., Orange Beach · 251-981-6000

NELSON MARINA, 16800 Nelson Lane, Gulf Shores · 251-550-6054 · NelsonCharterFishing.com

ORANGE BEACH MARINA, 27075 Marina Road, Orange Beach · 251-981-4207 · OrangeBeachMarina.com

PIRATE'S COVE, 6664 County Road 95, Josephine · 251-987-1224 · PiratesCoveRiffRaff.com

FISHING LICENSES

All you need to buy an Alabama fishing license is a valid driver's license. Fishing licenses can be purchased online at OutdoorAlabama.com, in probate offices in Bay Minette, Foley, Robertsedale or Fairhope and are also available at outdoor retailers and Walmart locations throughout the county.



ROMAR MARINA, 26350 Cotton Bayou Drive, Orange Beach · 251-981-9771 · RomarMarina.com

SANROC CAY MARINA, 27267 Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach · 251-981-7173 · SanRocCay.com
SAUNDERS YACHTWORKS BOATYARD, 27075 Marina Road, Orange Beach · 251-981-3700 · SaundersYacht.com

SHUXMARINA FAIRHOPE MUNICIPAL PIER, Fairhope 251-421-8012

SAFE HARBOR SPORTSMAN, 27844 Canal Road, Orange Beach · 251-981-6247 · SportsmanMarina.com

THE WHARF MARINA, 4851 Wharf Parkway, Orange Beach · 251-224-1900 · TheWharfMarina.com

ZEKE'S LANDING MARINA, 26619 Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach · 251-981-4044 · Ze-kesLanding.com

GULF STATE PARK PIER

Check out the 1,540-foot long, 20-foot wide pier at the Gulf State Park. The Gulf State Park Pier has 2,448 feet of fishing space along its rails and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Find more information at AlaPark.com/GulfState/.

MOBILE BAY

The Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay is one of the state's most popular fishing locations. Many locations are available for fishing, from the south end of the shore in Point Clear and Fairhope to the north in Daphne and Spanish Fort. The Eastern Shore is covered with boat ramps and fishing piers for anglers to use.

MOBILE BAY JUBILEE

One of the most exciting fishing events in Baldwin County is the jubilee on the upper Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay from Point Clear to slightly north of Daphne. During this natural phenomenon, many species of aquatic life leave deeper waters and swarm in a specific, shallower coastal area of the bay. The Mobile Bay jubilee typically takes place every year between the months of June and September. Some years, it occurs several times, usually in the pre-dawn hours and can cover up to a 15-mile stretch of coast on the Eastern Shore. A specific set of conditions must be met for a jubilee to occur:

- Previous day's weather conditions must include an overcast or cloudy day, a gentle wind from the east and a calm and slick bay surface.
- Rising tide is necessary; a change to a falling tide will stop the jubilee.



National Registry

Stay awhile



AMERICAN LEGION

700 South Mobile Street, Fairhope 1913-1963

ALLEN HOUSE

Also known as Marshall House
Off County Road 10 on north bank of Bon Secour River, Bon Secour

BANK OF FAIRHOPE

Also known as Press Register Building
396 Fairhope Ave., Fairhope

BATTLES WHARF HISTORIC DISTRICT

U.S. Highway 98, roughly between Woolworth Avenue and Buerger Lane, Battles Wharf

BECKNER HOUSE

Also known as Baker House
63 S. Church St., Fairhope

BLAKELEY

Also known as Fort Blakeley
Village site, Bridgehead

CARL L. BLOXHAM BUILDING

Also known as Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce
327 Fairhope Ave., Fairhope

BOTTLE CREEK INDIAN MOUNDS

Also known as Mound Island;
Bottle Creek Site
Address restricted, Stockton

BRODBECK-ZUNDEL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Six buildings, including four contributing buildings, three buildings are private residences and the Brobeck House is now the Punta Clara Kitchen.
U.S. Highway 98 Scenic Route and Old Marlow Road, Point Clear

BRUNELL HOUSE

12113 Jessamine St., Magnolia Springs

CANTONMENT MONTEPELIER SITE

Also known as McGillivray's Cow Pens Plantation; Tate's Cow Pens; Montpelier Address restricted, Bay Minette

CAPTAIN ADAMS HOUSE

Also known as Stone House
907 Captain O'Neal Drive, Daphne

GEORGE W. CULLUM HOUSE

Also known as Jones House;
Caffey House
1915 Old County Road, Daphne

FAIRHOPE BAYFRONT DISTRICT

Roughly bounded by Blakeney North and South Summit streets, Fels Avenue and Mobile Bay, Fairhope

FAIRHOPE DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Roughly bounded by Equality Street, Fairhope Avenue, Morphy Avenue, School Street and Summit Street, Fairhope

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

North side of D'Olive Street, Bay Minette

FOLEY DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Parts of Alston, North and South McKenzie streets, Highway 98, East and West Laurel avenues, Myrtle,

Rose and Orange streets, Foley

FORT MIMS SITE

Between Tensaw and the Alabama River 1813

FORT MORGAN

Western terminus of Highway 180, Gasque

GASTON BUILDING

Also known as Single-Tax Office
336 Fairhope Ave., Fairhope

GOLF, GUN AND COUNTRY CLUB

Also known as Manning House
651 Johnson Ave., Fairhope

GOVERNOR'S CLUB

Also known as Brunell House
11866 Magnolia St., Magnolia Springs

HAMNER HOUSE

Also known as Roberts House
Oak Road, off County Road 6, Bon Secour

JENKINS HOUSE AND FARM

29040 Jenkins Farm Road, Loxley

AXIL JOHNSON HOUSE

751 Edwards St., Fairhope

KILLCREAS HOUSE

46833 Highway 225, Bay Minette

LATHAM UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH
East side Highway 59, Latham

LEBANON CHAPEL AME CHURCH

Bounded by Young Street on the west and Middle Street on the north, Fairhope

MAGNOLIA SPRINGS HISTORIC DISTRICT

Roughly along Oak, Spring, Bay, Jessamine, Mag-



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nolia, Pine and Rock streets, Island, Cedar and Holly avenues and Magnolia Springs Highway

MALBIS PLANTATION

10145 U.S. Highway 19

MCMILLAN HOUSE

Also known as Captain O'Neal House; Nordmann House
1404 Captain O'Neal Ave., Daphne

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Also known as Old Daphne Methodist Church
1608 Old County Road, Daphne

MONTGOMERY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

East side Highway 59 on County Road 80, Tensaw

MONTROSE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Main and Second streets, Montrose

MOORE STORE

Also known as Moore Brothers General Store
14770 Oak St., Magnolia Springs

NELSON HOUSE

Also known as Reynolds House
Highway 59 North, Latham

NICHOLSON HOUSE

Also known as Nelson House
County Road 6, Oyster Bay

ORRELL HOUSE

Also known as Burnette House
County Road 6, Bon Secour

PEOPLE'S SUPPLY COMPANY

21950 Broad St., Silverhill

POINT CLEAR HISTORIC DISTRICT

West side of U.S. Highway 98, Point Clear

SAND ISLAND LIGHT

Southwest of Fort Morgan off Mobile Point, Fort Morgan

SCHOOL OF ORGANIC EDUCATION

Bounded by Fairhope and Morphy avenues, Bancroft and School streets, Fairhope

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

West side County Road 83, Elberta

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

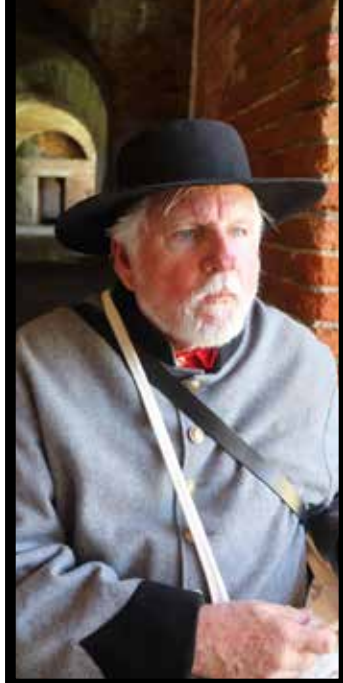
Also known as Loxley Public Library
East side Highway 90, Loxley
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
North side Oak Avenue, Magnolia Springs

SWIFT-COLES HISTORIC HOME

17424 Swift Coles Lane, Bon Secour

LEWIS STARKE HOUSE

Also known as Shonts House; Delaney House
2103 Old County Road, Daphne



STATE BANK SILVERHILL

15950 Silverhill Ave., Silverhill

STOCKTON METHODIST CHURCH

East side Highway 59, Stockton

STREET HOUSE

Wood Acres Road off County Road 3, Point Clear

HENRY STUART HOUSE

Also known as Hermit House
22787 Highway 98, Montrose

SUNNYSIDE HOTEL

Also known as McLennan House
14469 Oak St., Magnolia Springs

SVEA LAND COMPANY OFFICE

Also known as Oscar Johnson Memorial Library
S. Sixth Street, Silverhill

SWIFT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Swift Church Road, Mifflin

THE TEXAS

306 Dryer Ave., Daphne

TWIN BEACH AME CHURCH

South side County Road 44

U.S.S. TECUMSEH

Northwest of Fort Morgan in Mobile Bay

U.S. POST OFFICE

Also known as Courier Building
325 Fairhope Ave., Fairhope

WALKER HOUSE

905 Captain O'Neal Drive, Daphne

WHITE AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT

White Avenue, Fairhope

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201 Magnolia Ave., Fairhope

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200 Fels Ave., Fairhope

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Golf courses



Golfing in Baldwin County is practically a year-round activity. With proximity to the Gulf Coast and its long sunlit days from spring to late fall, golfing is a destination in itself for visitors, natives and competitive amateurs and pros.

CENTRAL BALDWIN

STEELWOOD is a private club in Loxley that is rated by Golf Digest as one of the best courses in Alabama and is home to one of the largest junior tournaments in the world. 31925 Steelwood Ridge Road, Loxley; 251-964-7165; SteelwoodCountryClub.com

EASTERN SHORE

FAIRWAYS INDOOR GOLF CLUB is a state-of-the-art indoor facility that houses high definition golf simulators in which players use real clubs and balls to enrich their golf experience no matter what skill of commitment level to golf. 25000 Bass Pro Drive, Suite 104, Spanish Fort; 251-621-5277; FairwaysIndoorGolfClub.com.

LAKE FOREST YACHT AND COUNTRY CLUB is a private club that offers 18 holes with a par of 71. The club also offers a nine-hole course around the lake. 1 Golf Terrace, Daphne; 251-626-0788; LakeForestDaphne.com.

LAKEWOOD GOLF CLUB is a private facility near the Marriott Grand Hotel with 36 holes and two courses. 5910 Lakewood Drive, Fairhope; 251-990-6312; Lakewoodat-theGrand.com.

QUAIL CREEK GOLF COURSE is a municipal course staffed with a pro shop, restaurant and driving range. 19841 Quail Creek Drive, Fairhope; 251-990-0240; 888-701-2202.

ROCK CREEK GOLF CLUB is an 18-hole course on the north side of Fairhope. 140 Clubhouse Drive, Fairhope; 251-928-4223; RockCreekGolf.com.

TIMBER CREEK is Daphne's public course and offers a 27-hole championship layout. 9650 Timber Creek Blvd., Daphne; 251-621-9900; 877-621-9900; GolfTimberCreek.com.

NORTH BALDWIN

HOLLY HILLS is a nine-hole course at the Holly Hills Country Club, located at 36000 Country Club Drive, in Bay Minette; 251-580-2553; CityofBayMinette.org/Holly-Hills-Municipal-Golf-Course

SOUTH BALDWIN

CRAFT FARMS has two 18-hole courses designed by Arnold Palmer. The Cypress Bend course has a 4-star rating by Golf Digest, and the Cotton Creek course has a four-star rating. 3840 Cotton Creek Circle, Gulf Shores; 251-968-3002; CraftFarms.com.

GLENLAKES GOLF CLUB features two courses, one with 18 holes (links-style Vista Dunes) and one with nine holes (resort-style Lakes Course). 9530 Clubhouse Drive, Foley; 251-955-1220; GlenLakesGolf.com.

GULF LINKS GOLF COURSE is an 18-hole, par 64 executive type course on Highway 59 (3901 S. McKenzie St.) in Foley. Call 251-970-1444; GulfLinksGolf.com.

GULF SHORES GOLF CLUB is an 18-hole golf course which is open to the public and offers memberships as well. 520 Clubhouse Drive, Gulf Shores; 251-968-7366; Gulf-ShoresGolfClub.com.

GULF STATE PARK REFUGE GOLF CLUB is an 18-hole championship golf course, with a pro shop and café. 21424 State Park Road 2, Gulf Shores; 251-948-4653.

KIVA DUNES, an 18-hole course, is a top-rated golf course in Alabama. 815 Plantation Drive, Gulf Shores; 251-540-7000; KivaDunes.com.

ORANGE BEACH GOLF CENTER is a nine-hole course with no dress code. 4700 Easy St., Orange Beach; 251-981-4653.

PENINSULA GOLF AND RACQUET CLUB is a 27-hole championship golf course. 20 Peninsula Blvd., Gulf Shores; 251-968-8009; PeninsulaGolf-Club.com.

SOLDIERS CREEK GOLF CLUB at Woerner Preserve features 18 holes with a par of 72. 28341 Preserve Trail, Elberta; 251-986-8633; SoldiersCreekGolfCourse.com.

THE NINE AT ONE CLUB is part of the "Best 45 Holes in Golf," inspired and designed by Arnold Palmer. In collaboration with Craft Farms, One Club offers three courses side by side. You can play 9, 18, 27, 36, and 45 on any given day or weekend. 4500 Gulf Shores Parkway, Gulf Shores; 251-968-3234; 1-877-493-5626;



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- » 30945 5 Rivers Blvd., Spanish Fort
- » 251-625-0814, 251-621-1216

ALABAMA STATE

LANDS CANOE TRAILS

Located in the biodiverse Mobile-Tensaw Del-

ta, the Bartram Upper Delta Trail includes six day-use trails and six overnight trails. Two land-based campsites and four floating platform campsites are available. January 2018 saw the inclusion of the Lower Bartram Canoe Train system which normally has four elevated camping shelters available for overnight use. Due to damages and issues caused by Hurricane Sally, the Lower Bartram Trail Shelters (Mud Creek, Yancey Branch, and Justin's Bay) are currently closed. Check the website for announcements about roads openings. The Perdido River Canoe Trail boasts 19 miles along the Perdido River and includes two launches and a boat ramp. Travelers can stay overnight along the river in one of the six camping shelters available to reserve.

- » AlabamaCanoeTrails.com

BAY MINETTE WALKING TRAIL

1.7-mile concrete walking path from Holiday Park through neighborhoods and ending across from Baldwin County High School.

BON SECOUR NATIONAL

WILDLIFE REFUGE

7,000 acres coastal lands ranging from beach dunes to pine-oak woodlands. Provides wildlife habitat for migratory birds, nesting sea turtles and the Alabama beach mouse. The refuge aims to protect and preserve the unique habitats associated with the native wildlife and serves as a living laboratory for students and scientists as well as provide wildlife oriented public recreation.

- » 12295 Highway 180, Gulf Shores Road
- » 251-540-7720; bonsecour@fws.gov

EASTERN SHORE TRAIL

The 22-mile varied-surface trail consists of concrete sidewalks and asphalt, elevated boardwalks and low bridges, and is shared by runners, pedestrians, and casual cyclists. The Eastern Shore Trail is a connector between North Daphne and South Fairhope, which consists of sidewalks and paving that extends from I-10 at the north end, follows US 98 and Scenic 98 through Daphne, Montrose, Fairhope and Point Clear, ending at Weeks Bay.

- » BaldwinCountyTrailblazers.org; 251-865-7223;
- info@baldwincountycloudblazers.org

WEEKS BAY NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESERVE



FORT MORGAN HISTORIC SITE

An Alabama historic site featuring a self-guided tour, beach access, boat launch, nature trails, picnic area, bird watching, fishing and also has a museum, gift shop, snack bar, escape room, and restaurant onsite. Guided tours are provided by the Living History Staff. Check website and Facebook for events. There is a charge to visit the site. Drive or arrive by ferry.

» 110 Hwy. 180, Gulf Shores; 251-540-7127;
Fort-Morgan.org

GRAHAM CREEK NATURE PRESERVE

Explore more than 500 acres of natural beauty! This preserve provides protection for rare plant and animal species. Includes a canoe/kayak launch, bicycling/walking/hiking trails, wildlife viewing areas, archery park, disc golf courses, a pavilion and picnic areas. Educational field trips and guided tours available by appointment.

» 23030 Wolf Bay Drive, Foley
» GrahamCreekPreserve.org; 251-923-4267

HISTORIC BLAKELEY STATE PARK & BLAKELEY ADDITION TRACT

Tracing back to its origins in 1974, this park encompasses more than 2,000 acres of ecologically diverse habitats, sites of Alabama's largest Civil War battle, Native American settlements dating back thousands of years, the early Alabama town of Blakeley, and colonial era homesteads. Though the park focuses on the historical events that transpired in the past, the park also includes Delta exploration, cabins and

camping, nature trails, horseback riding for horse owners, tours and historic events.

» 34745 State Highway 225, Spanish Fort
» BlakeleyPark.com; 251-626-0798; blakeleypark@aol.com

HUGH S. BRANYON BACKCOUNTRY TRAIL

The Backcountry Trail consists of more than 15-miles of trails that cross through Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and Gulf State Park. Includes seven trails among six distinct ecosystems, butterfly garden, freshwater marshes and coastal hardwood swamps.

» Trailhead entrances at various locations in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach
» BackCountryTrail.com; 251-981-1180

LILLIAN SWAMP

The 3,000-acre swamp includes 2,141 acres of pine savanna. Habitats include coastal marsh, freshwater marsh, cypress forests, Atlantic white cedar forests and pine savanna, as well as several rare and federally-listed species.

» Oak Street in Lillian

LOXLEY PARK WALKING TRAIL

The half-mile trail is designed to accommodate walking, jogging, bicycle riding, roller blades and skates. The trail is paved, striped and includes two foot bridges complete with handrails. The trail connects to three covered picnic areas, one with adjoining playground, a ball field complex and the civic center which provides handicap parking.

» N. Hickory St, Loxley



HUGH S. BRANYON BACKCOUNTRY TRAIL

ORANGE BEACH CANOE TRAIL

A 5-hour, 15-mile paddling trail with 12 landing sites that include: Gulf Bay Road, Cypress Avenue, Waterfront Park, Palmetto Extension, Harrison Park, Mississippi Avenue, Look Rook Road, Wilson Boulevard, Boggy Point, White Avenue, Hayden Drive and Cotton Bayou. The trail travels through areas such as Wolf Bay, Bay La Launch, Arnica Bay, Bayou St. John and Cotton Bayou.

No motorized watercraft.

» Dawn – Dusk

PERDIDO RIVER WILDLIFE

MANAGEMENT AREA

Located along the Perdido River, these 18,000 acres of wetlands and uplands boast forested habitats that support an Atlantic white cedar area within a unique Blackwater stream corridor. That corridor is bordered by an upland pine sand hill forest. Visitors to the Perdido River WMA can enjoy activities such as hiking, hunting and canoe paddling.

» Duck Road, Robertsdale

PIONEER PARK WALKING TRAIL

A trail from Pioneer Park past Summerdale's Town Clock and the early 1900s 'Old Tobacco Warehouse'.

» 105 NW 1st St., Summerdale

ROBERTSDALE BIKING TRAIL

A 1.75-mile concrete/asphalt bike and walking trail running throughout the city including a stroll through Honey Bee Park.

» 22780 AL-59, Robertsdale

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SPLINTER HILL BOG PRESERVE

Containing one of the largest pitcher plant bogs in the world, this preserve, and the adjacent state-owned Forever Wild Preserve, house numerous rare and declining species associated with seepage bogs, upland longleaf forest and coastal backwater streams. The preserves are home to more than 12 species of carnivorous plants including five types of pitcher plants and two species of butterworts as well as unique and rare animal species.

» County Road 47, Perdido

» Nature.org; 205-251-1155

WADE WARD NATURE PARK

Wade Ward Nature Park is currently closed due to damage sustained from Hurricane Sally. Check the website for information on expected reopening dates.

Located in the heart of Gulf Shores, this 12-acre park features a pavilion, benches and a scenic boardwalk overlooking coastal salt marshes and wetlands that connect Lake Shelby and Little Lagoon. Great for seeing the native wildlife such as pelicans, otters and even the occasional alligator. It is a wonderful place to look out for migrating and local birds.

» 500 Gulf Shores Parkway, Gulf Shores

» 251-968-1420

WATERFRONT PARK TRAIL

A half-mile concrete walking trail encompassing the Kid's Park portion of Waterfront Park.

» 26425 Canal Road, Orange Beach

WEEKS BAY NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESERVE

Offers 6,000 acres of protected forest and marsh wetlands that teem with bog plants and wildlife. Activities include birdwatching, wildlife viewing, canoeing, boating, fishing and hiking.

11300 U.S. Highway 98, Fairhope

» SouthAlabamaLandTrust.org; 251-928-9792

WILBOURNE ANTIQUE ROSE TRAIL

A public walking trail winding through the heart of Foley, following the path of the old Louisville and Nashville railroad. Antique roses, which are disease resistant and well-suited to Foley's subtropical climate, are presented in chronological order with signage that identifies each plant species and the year it was propagated. These heritage roses are in bloom during all but the coldest months of the year. This landscaped trail also has plenty of seating for stopping to smell the roses.

» East Violet Avenue, one-half block east of Highway 59, north of Heritage Park; at East Orchid Avenue the trail continues north for six blocks. A southern section of the rose trail begins south of the post office and continues south to the Foley Dog Park. Parking available at Heritage Park.

» VisitFoley.com; 251-943-1200



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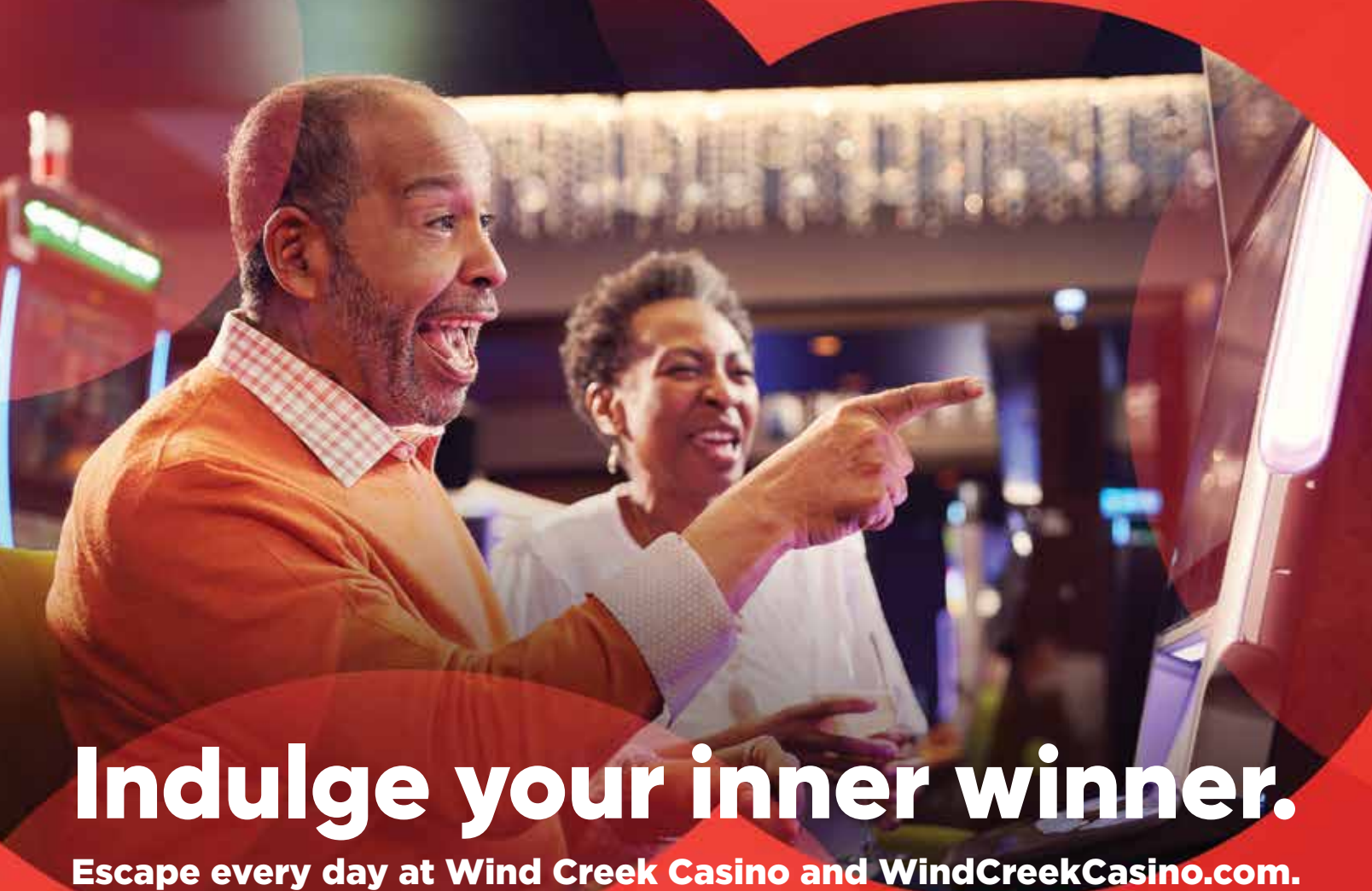
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Beach Access



Where to find
beaches

There are no fees for beach access and parking is free (unless otherwise noted).

ALABAMA POINT EAST-A GULF STATE PARK BEACH AREA is located 0.3 miles east of Perdido Pass Bridge and offers over 6,000 feet of wide beach in addition to sand dunes, boardwalks, picnic areas, restrooms and outdoor showers.

COTTON BAYOU is located at the intersection of Highway 182 and Highway 161 between some of the area's most popular condominiums. There are restrooms and showers on site.

ROMAR BEACH-A GULF STATE PARK BEACH AREA is located 6.8 miles east of Highway 59 and has a limited amount of free parking (no facilities).

THE GULF STATE PARK PAVILION is located six miles east of Highway 59 and offers a new beach pavilion with air-conditioned restrooms, private showers, a snack bar, shady spots to sit and eat, plus a large fireplace for chilly days. There is a \$5 fee to park four hours and \$10 for all day, but there are plenty of spaces, and lots of room for large vehicles and RVs.

GULF PLACE (GULF SHORES MAIN PUBLIC BEACH) is located where highway 59 dead-ends. There are beach attendants, three open-air pavilions, a picnic area, plus restrooms and showers onsite. Parking is \$5 for up to four hours or \$10 for all day between March 1

and Nov. 30. Arrive early to get a prime spot in this popular hangout.

GULF SHORES 2ND STREET PUBLIC is just two blocks west of Highway 59. Facilities include a handicapped-accessible restroom, outdoor shower and a covered pavilion with picnic tables.

GULF SHORES 4TH STREET PUBLIC BEACH offers only pedestrian crossing beach access, perfect for those staying at nearby properties.

GULF SHORES 5TH STREET PUBLIC BEACH is located five blocks west of Highway 59 with parking on the north side where the boardwalk leads to the beach. Also, parking is available on the south side beside Bahama Bob's.

GULF SHORES 6TH STREET PUBLIC BEACH is located six block west of Highway 59 and you can walk the boardwalk to the beach. An outdoor shower is available as well as a handicapped-accessible restroom.

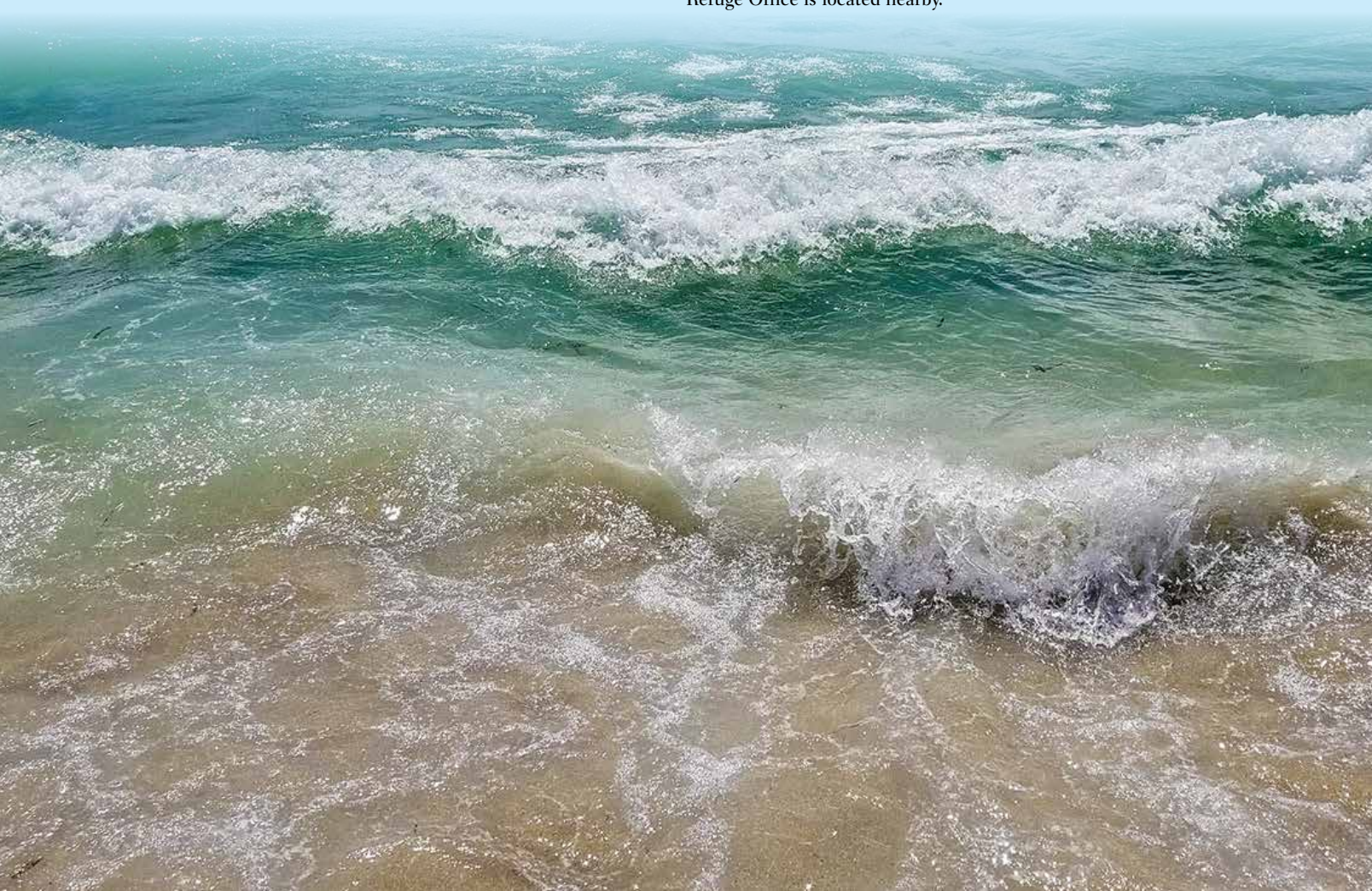
GULF SHORES 10TH STREET PUBLIC BEACH offers beach access only with parking across the street. Restrooms and showers are available.

GULF SHORES 12TH STREET PUBLIC BEACH offers beach access but no parking. Restrooms and showers are available.

GULF SHORES 13TH STREET PUBLIC BEACH has street-side parking with a dune walkover. Shower and restrooms are available.

LAGOON PASS BEACH is 2.9 miles west of Highway 59 with restrooms, outdoor shower and a water fountain onsite. Parking is \$5 for up to four hours or \$10 for all day and is located on the northeast side of the Lee Callaway Bridge.

BON SECOUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE BEACH is located at 12295 State Highway 180 (Fort Morgan Road) in Gulf Shores. You can park along Mobile Street for easy beach access. It is a wildlife refuge and therefore there are no facilities, but please note that the Refuge Office is located nearby.



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