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Nick DiMario is busy.  
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the **Eastern Shore** and in **Mobile**,  
he's nowhere near slowing down.

**PLUS: 7 things** that define **Gulf Shores High football coach** Mark Hudspeth

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#### BREAKFAST BOWL | 8

gouda grits topped with hash browns, a fried egg & crumbled bacon

#### BREAKFAST BUDDY | 8

fried egg with cheese and choice of bacon, sausage or ham on toasted English muffin. Comes with grits or hashbrowns

#### ALL AMERICAN | 12

two eggs any style, bacon, sausage or ham, grits or hash browns with toast

#### BISCUITS, GRAVY & EGGS | 11

two biscuits topped with two fried eggs covered with sausage gravy

#### BREAKFAST BURRITO | 8

scrambled egg, sausage or bacon & cheddar cheese comes with grits or hashbrowns

{ *Specialties* }

SHRIMP & GOUDA GRITS | 16

### Sweets

*choice of bacon, sausage or ham*

#### FRENCH TOAST | 10

#### *Pancakes*

#### BLUEBERRY | 12

#### CHOCOLATE CHIP | 12

#### BANANA PECAN | 12

#### PLAIN | 10

### Benedicts

*served with grits or hashbrowns*

#### CHICKEN FLORENTINE | 16

fried chicken, sautéed spinach and basil, poached eggs, hollandaise sauce on a toasted English muffin

#### VEGGIE | 15

fresh spinach, portabella mushroom, sliced tomatoes, poached eggs, hollandaise sauce, fresh herbs on a toasted English muffin

#### CAJUN | 16

conecuh sausage, 2 poached eggs, on an english muffin, topped with crawfish queso

## Late Day

# ENTREES

*Served Daily 7am - Close*

### Sandwiches

*served with slaw and choice french fries, sweet potato fries, chips, and onion rings*

#### HAMBURGER | 14

8oz patty, choice of cheese, on a buttered toasted bun

#### TERIYAKI CHICKEN BREAST | 14

bacon & swiss cheese on a toasted ciabatta roll dressed & served with honey mustard sauce

#### BUFFALO CHICKEN | 14

fried chicken tenders coated with a spicy buffalo sauce. Served dressed on a toasted bun with a rancho bleu or swiss cheese dressing

#### REUBEN | 14

corn beef, swiss cheese, sauerkraut & thousand island dressing on grilled rye

#### TURKEY FLATBREAD | 14

turkey, swiss, spinach with a pesto sauce

#### SHRIMP POBOY OR WRAP | 15

remoulade sauce, dressed on a warm cuban hogie

#### MAHI POBOY OR WRAP | 16

fried, grilled or blackened

{ *Platters* }

SHRIMP PLATTER OR FISH PLATTER | 16  
grilled, fried or blackened, corn fritters, coleslaw & choice of side

CHICKEN TENDERS PLATTER | 14

SEAFOOD COMBO | 19  
mahi, shrimp, grilled, fried or blackened with choice of side

### Salads

*Choice of Ranch, Caesar, Bleu Cheese, Italian, Honey Mustard, Apple Cider Vinaigrette & Balsamic Vinaigrette*

#### CRAISIN SALAD | 9

Mixed Greens with Sugar Coated Walnuts, Goat Cheese, & Craisins  
Served with an Apple Cider Vinaigrette. Add Chicken Or Shrimp \$6

#### CAESAR SALAD | 9

Romaine Lettuce, Parmesan Cheese, Fresh Baked Croutons  
with Caesar Dressing. Add Chicken Or Shrimp \$6

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Nick DiMario cracks an egg in Gulf Shores. Most of the restaurants he's involved with in Fairhope and Mobile are in partnership with "Panini" Pete Blohme in PP Hospitality Group, which is the group for which he was named Alabama's restaurateur of the year. But you can also find his - delicious - work in Gulf Shores at Peace, Love &amp; Taco. Anywhere you eat that he has a hand in, your taste buds won't be disappointed.

Photo by Micah Green.

**COVER STORY**

Nick DiMario was named Alabama's top restaurateur of 2022. He has his hands in eateries in Gulf Shores, along the Eastern Shore and in Mobile. His passion and love for his work means he's not stopping anytime soon.

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# By land or by sea (we know it's not the sea)

The waterways in and around the Alabama Gulf Coast offer a wide selection of restaurants that can be reached via boat or Jet Ski. Stop by one of these 12 local eateries to quench your thirst and satisfy your hunger

## GULF SHORES

**LuLu's** – Sitting on the Intracoastal Waterway, LuLu's is a perfect spot to stop with the whole family. The scratch-made menu offers something for everyone in the family, from fresh seafood to amazing burgers. Adults can enjoy a cocktail from an extensive list while children play in the sand or the on-site arcade. LuLu's also offers an allergy menu for those with dietary considerations.

**Tacky Jack's** – Tacky Jack's has been a local staple since the 1970s and offers three waterfront locations across the island in Fort Morgan, Gulf Shores and Orange Beach. Stop by and grab breakfast before spending the day on the water, or grab lunch or dinner after a full day of water-bound fun. The atmosphere is casual and laid back. The menu has everything you might crave on a beach vacation or winter escape, from smoked tuna dip and fried green tomato fries to po'boys and seafood platters. Early weekend risers should try their brunch.

## ORANGE BEACH

**Avenue Pub** – Avenue Pub is located in Orange Beach's most unique building. Shaped like a boat with amazing views from the decks, it is a top spot to grab a drink and watch the world motor past. It opened in 2021 and offers a coastal twist on classic pub food like fish and chips and burgers or tacos. The menu also includes eats for the kids and a cocktail menu for the adults.

**Cobalt** – Cobalt is nestled under the Perdido Bay Bridge and offers amazing views of the water. There are numerous boat slips available for small vessels as well as medium-sized yachts. The menu spotlights local seafood available on the coast. Start your meal with the Cobalt crab and shrimp dip before diving into an entrée of Gulf shrimp and grits. The menu is extensive and includes stone hearth pizza. Enjoy live music during happy hour beside a spectacular sunset.

**Fisher's Upstairs** – Fisher's Upstairs offers an upscale dining experience with white linen tablecloths. Every dish is made with the freshest local products, produce and just-caught Alabama Gulf seafood.

**Fisher's Dockside** – Heading downstairs, Fisher's Dockside offers a more laid-back, fresh-off-the-boat atmosphere. Enjoy the view overlooking yachts moored in Orange Beach Marina. The menu offers something for everyone, from freshly prepared burgers, Gulf Coast seafood, salads, sandwiches and more.

**Fresh Off the Boat** – Pull your boat up at SanRoc Cay Marina and enjoy the lively laid-back atmosphere. Did you catch a fish? No need to wait till you get home to enjoy it. Let the experts at Fresh Off the Boat prepare it for you. The menu also offers plenty of non-seafood dishes for those wanting a land-based meal.

**OSO at Bear Point Harbor** – Take in the sunset and enjoy live music at Oso at Bear Point Harbor. The menu at this locals' hot spot includes everything from seafood to brisket tacos. The kids will also enjoy their time and the menu at Oso.

**Playa** – Brought to you by the team at Fisher's at Orange Beach Marina, Playa offers a menu of creative coastal cuisine. Start your meal with shrimp ceviche or guacamole. The main entrée options include redfish on the half shell, tuna poke bowls or taco bowls.

**The Tiki Bar at Safe Harbor Sportsman** – Unwind with friends, enjoy a meal, grab a cocktail, and listen to live music at The Tiki Bar. Take in the views overlooking Terry Cove, and watch as the boats pass by. The menu offers everything from pizza to burgers and every cocktail you desire.

## PENSACOLA

**Flora Bama Yacht Club** – Located just across the street from the legendary Flora-Bama, the Yacht Club is a family friendly spot to grab a bite. The menu includes seafood, salads, steaks and sandwiches.

## ELBERTA

**Pirate's Cove** – Located across the water from Orange Beach, Pirate's Cove is a local spot known for burgers and bushwackers. Pull up your boat and enjoy the beach and the view with your whole family, including your four-legged friends.

— *Compiled by Melanie LeCroy*







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# Alligator Alley

Words by Allison Marlow | Photos by Micah Green

**F**ear not. The 600 alligators crawling, swimming and sometimes hissing just under your feet can go up to 18 months without food.

It's rare. But possible.

That's one of the unusual facts you will learn as you peruse the elevated boardwalk that crosses 20 acres of natural cypress swamp-turned-preserve for these prehistoric looking creatures.

Wes Moore opened the attraction in 2004 on land that had been in his family for nearly 75 years. At least one alligator may have lived there for nearly as long, too.

As the story goes, the gator, named Old Joe, lived in a swamp on the family land. Everyday, Moore's grandfather would feed him. One afternoon when he arrived without fresh meat on hand, the alligator chased him down.

The gator never caught his grandfather, though the story quickly became local legend. Eventually, Moore turned the legacy of that tale into a must-see destination for Baldwin County.

Now, visitors can hold young gators that seem cute compared to the likes of the park's most famous resident, the more-than-800-pound



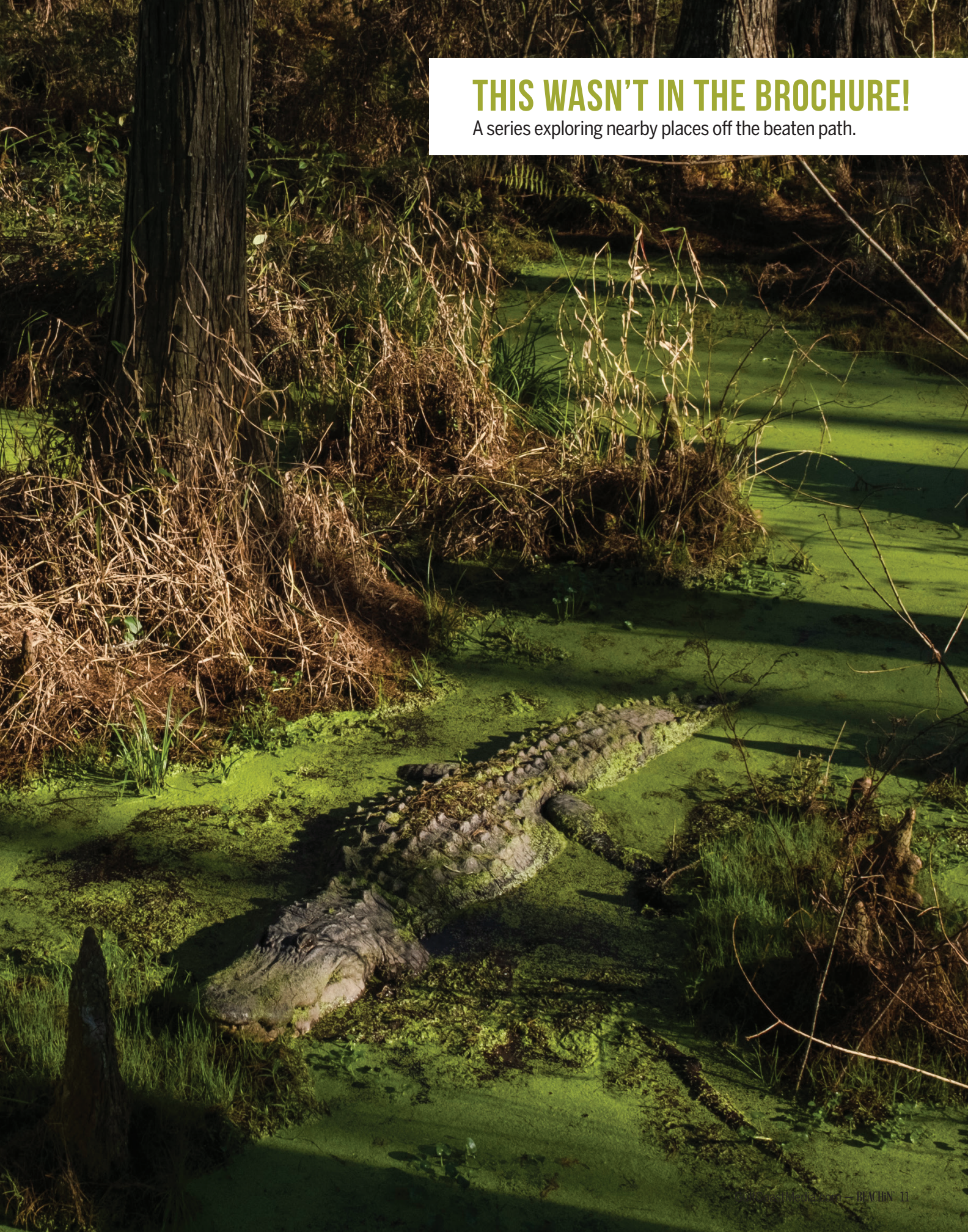
Wes Moore



**TO FIND ALLIGATOR ALLEY FROM THE BEACH**, take State Road 59 north toward Summerdale. Turn right on Couch Plant Road in Summerdale. Follow the road as it curves to the left, and follow the signs to Alligator Alley. Couch Plant Road will dead end at Alligator Alley.

# THIS WASN'T IN THE BROCHURE!

A series exploring nearby places off the beaten path.



Captain Crunch who holds the record for the strongest recorded bite force of a male American alligator.

Besides the alligators, visitors can also take in turtles, ospreys, owls and bull frogs as they bask in the sun. On certain days, crowds can watch as staff members hand-feed the largest gators on the property.

And while visitors can cuddle with the youngest of the congregation, the official name for a group of alligators, visitors are prohibited from helping to feed the reptilian giants.

After all, while turtles make up the bulk of an alligator's diet, they are opportunistic eaters.

Current company not withstanding, of course.



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# Where the light shines

A visit to Middle Bay Lighthouse is a must for tourists and locals alike

Words by Allison Marlow | Photos by Micah Green

**B**attery McDermott, a seemingly impenetrable Civil War defense, once rose as a giant above the Mobile River.

Now, trees fill the landscape where its walls once stood. Sawgrass sways in the water below.

Where the past has fallen, the future will rise.

The I-10 Bayway was built in the fort's shadow with barges that chugged back and forth across the watery expanse as the bridge took shape. The barges may well return once work begins on the newly approved bridge project that will likely carry travelers into the 22nd century.

It's a clear day. The clouds mound along the edge of the horizon. When you squint, you can't quite tell if they are sea or sky.

Today, the flat-bottomed "Delta Explorer" passes the now silenced fort and floats under the bridge full of cars that zoom past the serene seascape without pause.

The boat heads out into Mobile Bay chasing that confluence of blue and white shadows. It scoots between what are surely lazy alligators below and busy sea birds above. As the official vessel of Blakeley State Park, it ferries locals and tourists alike to what seems, from shore, to be a world away.

Out to the light.

Here, the past stands. It illuminates the dark. It inspires those who catch a glimpse of it, often through the fog that attempts to muddy their path.

While it is 26 nautical miles from nearby Lake Forest Yacht Club to the mouth of Mobile Bay, this trip will clear just four to five of those lengths. If you squint in the direction of the Gulf, you can make out the shape of trees near Point Clear. The view today stretches a crystal clear



five miles toward the horizon. But you can't see the light. Not yet.

Brown, heavy, fuzzy-looking Pelicans soar above like pterodactyls. They alight upon the craggy outcrops of branches and trees that jut from the water. They land and seem impossibly to balance on each branch's thinnest point.

Our captain laments the obstacles. He steers around them as the water, he says, grows skinny.

"The history of the Mobile River is connected to the trees in the river. It's always been a concern," he tells his passengers.

Hence, the light.

The red and white flash of the hexagonal

Middle Bay Lighthouse has guided ships into the famously shallow Mobile Bay since 1885. When thick fog rolled across the bay, a bell sounded every five seconds.

Now, for every captain that casts an eye to the structure and steers away, a dozen tourists set a course straight for its shadow.

Middle Bay Lighthouse tops many tourists' must-see lists for a plethora of reasons. You can only reach the light by boat, meaning a relaxing trip down the scenic Eastern Shore is in order.

It's also a tough stamp in your local passport to attain because a pilgrimage to the light takes good weather and good timing, so you may visit Alabama several times before

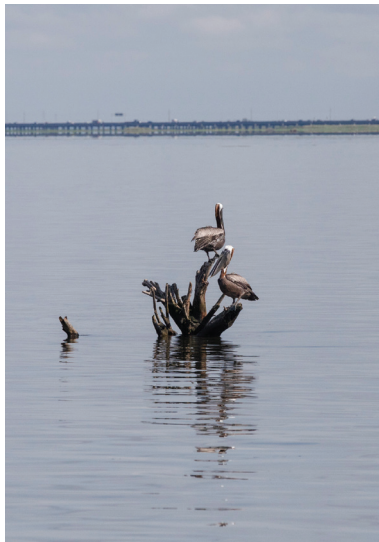
finally making it to the light.

And for lighthouse aficionados, Middle Bay Lighthouse is a chance to glimpse one of the last of its kind – a screwpile lighthouse that is literally fastened to the bay's basin below.

When lighthouses began appearing on America's shorelines in the 1800s to help steer crews safely ashore, there was no good way to place a beacon in the center of shallow mucky waters that boats often ran aground in, such as Mobile Bay.

A blind Irishman developed a contraption that would screw the lights into shifting sands. After much cajoling of bankers to give his idea a shot, he installed the first light in London in the 1830s. He sunk 20-foot-





long piles with cast iron screws 4 feet in diameter into the murky bottom. The piles were screwed into the sand by a team of men turning it by hand.

The light stood, and a trend was born. Soon, builders in the United States began constructing the new lights, including Middle Bay Lighthouse, which switched its light on Dec. 1, 1885.

Today, many of those early lights are gone, moved to dry land for protection from the sea they were built to warn against. But Middle Bay stands. It has endured 137 years, major storms such as Hurricane Katrina, a bid by the Coast Guard to destroy it in 1967 and an effort to remove it from its watery station

and relocate it to Battleship Memorial Park in Spanish Fort, home of the USS Alabama.

The Alabama Historic Commission argued that the light would be safer on land, seen by more visitors and cost less to repair.

Opponents of the move reminded the state that after Hurricane Katrina the lighthouse remained while damage to Battleship Memorial Park swelled to over \$4 million. Boaters also maintained that the light continued to guide them into Mobile Bay, just as it was intended over 100 years ago.

Though the last keeper left in 1935 and the lighthouse was deactivated in 1967, repairs by the Alabama Historical Commission have restored it to its original glory.

In the early 2000s, nearly \$350,000 was spent on replacing the original iron tower and light with a solar-powered red light. Structural repairs were made to the stainless steel tie-rods underneath, windows were replaced, and the entire structure received a new paint job.

Officials have said that those repairs should give the light many more years of service, more chances to make the trip, more opportunities to see the light.

When the fog clears and the bay shimmers like glass, head toward that place where the sea and the sky meet. The light is worth the trip.

# 7 THINGS

with  
**MARK HUDSPETH,  
GULF SHORES HIGH SCHOOL  
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH**

Words by Cole McNanna  
Photos by Micah Green, Cole McNanna  
and courtesy of Mark Hudspeth

**M**ark Hudspeth's journey to the Alabama Gulf Coast is like and unlike many who now call it home.

Like many, it's where his family came to vacation. However, their path here was different because the Hudspeths have been riding the football coaching roller coaster for 30 years now after his first two seasons as the Gulf Shores Dolphins' head football coach.

A few of those stops included sharing the same coaching room with former LSU head coach Ed Orgeron and former South Alabama head coach Steve Campbell at Nicholls State, earning four straight bowl wins as the head coach of the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns and, most recently, hosting the first home playoff game in Gulf Shores football history.

There has been plenty of winning, paired with the corresponding losses, but along the way, Hudspeth has remained true to a few core values and holds a few things near and dear to his heart.

Here are seven things and values that define him, according to the man himself.



## 1. FAMILY

Hudspeth, his wife, Tyla, and their five children visited their summer home in Gulf Shores often. Once the pandemic hit and following Hudspeth's time in the college ranks, they decided not to leave.

He said he felt he wasn't done coaching yet and picked up a job with the youth rec league before eventually accepting the job to lead the Dolphins. Now, he'll have a chance to coach his younger sons, Major (seventh grade), Captain (second) and Rocky (pre-school), when they get to that level.

Hudspeth's two older children, Gunner and Carley, are also both heavily involved in sports. Gunner is in his third year as a graduate assistant football coach at Troy University, and Carley is in her fifth year of college basketball with Mississippi College after four years at the University of Central Arkansas.



## 2. FAITH

Another major facet of his life goes through up-and-down seasons as it does with football.

"Everybody goes through different seasons of their faith, and I'm in one of the strongest seasons I've been in," Hudspeth said. "Just thankful for how the Lord has blessed me and my family here in Gulf Shores and on the island."

## 3. CAREER

Part of those blessings include 30 years of coaching during which he's collected 170 wins as a head coach between high school and college.

Hudspeth was honored by the Touchdown Club of New Orleans as the college coach of the year and by the American Football Coaches Association as a regional coach of the year, and he was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Delta State University where he played and coached.

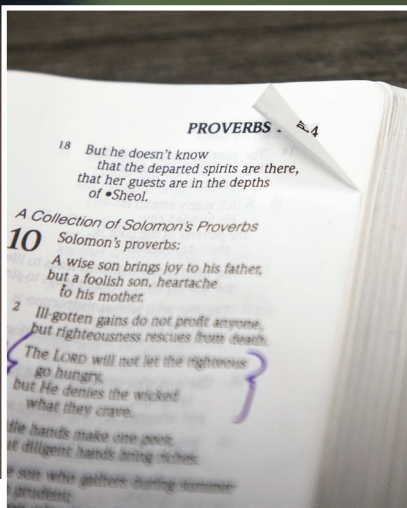
The biggest thing he's learned through it all?

"There's an old saying, 'Things are never as bad as they seem and never as good as they seem either,'" Hudspeth recounted. "So, I've tried to keep a little more even keel, although that's not really who I am."

## 4. PASSION

If you've shaken Hudspeth's hand, you could probably have felt the excitement he brings to every interaction.

"I like bringing energy to everything that I do. I try to bring the juice," Hudspeth said. "I believe in not doing anything unless you do it with enthusiasm. Everybody that I talk to, I'm going to try to make them feel like they're the most important person in the room, let them know how much I appreciate them. I think when you ask people, 'Hey, what about Coach Hud?' I hope somebody will say, 'Man, he's got passion, and he loves what he does.'"



## 5. FOOTBALL

By now it should be clear one of his passions is football, but it's not for the accolades and the titles. Rather, he appreciates the life lessons its young players get to learn.

"Imagine every little community that has a high school team, and then picture them at three o'clock every day turning out every kid on the street and not having a football. If there was no football and these guys didn't come down and be around men, men of character, men that work them hard and hold them accountable, that sometimes have to discipline them, what would our country look like if they were out of school hanging out in the street? Who knows?"

## 6. FRIENDSHIPS

He's been able to develop relationships with those men of character and has remained close with his coaching tree network.

"I've got so many friends that I keep in touch with all across the country," Hudspeth said. "I'm so appreciative of so many friends that have been there for me, in good times and bad, and the experiences we've had together."

## 7. HOBBIES

There's not a lot of time in the offseason, so Hudspeth doesn't get too far away from the game. But when he does, he likes to hang around his family.

"Boating, traveling and weightlifting are the things that I enjoy the most," he said, "and honestly most of those I can do with my family."

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### Lunch Menu

#### HOME-STYLE LUNCH SPECIALS

(Served with your choice of two side dishes)

Fried Shrimp - tail less  
Blackened Catfish  
Fried Catfish  
Broiled Flounder  
Fried Flounder  
Grilled Chicken  
Chicken Creole  
Fried Chicken Tenders  
Country Fried Steak  
Hamburger Steak  
Pork Chops  
Country Ham  
Vegetable Plate

#### SANDWICHES

(Served with french fries)

Complimentary Ice Tea and Bread Served with All Dine in Lunch Entrees.  
Add House or Substitute Salad for side dish  
Po-Boy Sandwich  
Cheeseburger  
Crab Cake Po-Boy  
\*Monte Cristo Sandwich

### Dinner Menu

#### STARTERS

Oysters on the Half Shell  
1/2 dozen ..... 1 dozen  
Southern Style Crab Cakes  
Crab, Spinach & Artichoke Dip  
Coconut Shrimp  
Stuffed Mushrooms  
Alligator Bites  
Fried Crab Claws

Tuna Dip  
Sweet Potato French Fry Basket  
Fried Green Tomatoes

#### GUMBO & SOUP

Seafood Gumbo  
Crab & Shrimp Bisque

#### FRIED SEAFOOD FAVORITES

(Served with your choice of two side dishes)

Butterfly Shrimp  
Tail-less Shrimp  
Bon Secour Oysters  
Crab Claws  
Fried Fish of the Day  
Shrimp & Flounder  
Shrimp & Oysters  
Fried Catfish

#### SALADS

Dressings: Honey-Mustard, Ranch, Bleu Cheese, Italian, Thousand Island, French, Low-Fat Ranch, Raspberry Vinaigrette, Balsamic Vinegar, Balsamic Vinaigrette, Sesame Asian, Oil & Vinegar

#### Riviera Salad

- with pecan chicken tenders  
- with chicken tenders  
- with boiled shrimp  
- with grilled or blackened chicken

#### Caesar Salad

- w/grilled or blackened chicken  
- w/boiled shrimp

Gumbo & Salad - a cup of Seafood Gumbo and our

#### Bisque & Salad

#### SEAFOOD FAVORITES

(Served with your choice of two side dishes)

Add House or Caesar Salad  
Substitute Salad for side dish  
Fried Butterfly Shrimp  
Fried Oysters  
Fried Crab Claws  
\*Coconut Shrimp  
Grilled Shrimp  
Fried Seafood Platter

#### SEAFOOD PLATTERS

(Served with your choice of two side dishes)

Shrimp Lover's Platter  
Fried Seafood Platter  
Broiled Seafood Platter  
Creole Platter  
Caribbean Platter  
Crab Platter

#### SEAFOOD SPECIALTIES

(Served with your choice of two side dishes)

Stuffed Shrimp  
Shrimp Scampi  
Blackened Catfish  
Coconut Shrimp  
Grilled Shrimp  
Shrimp Creole  
Crawfish Etoufee  
Crab Cake Dinner

#### STEAMED SEAFOOD

(Served with new potatoes & one side)

Snow Crab Legs - 2 lbs.  
Royal Red Shrimp - 1 lb.  
Combo - 1/2 pound Royal Reds & 1 pound Snow Crab

#### TONIGHT'S CATCH

(Served with your choice of two side dishes)

Choose from the following preparation styles:

Fried Catch  
Blackened Catch  
Grilled Catch  
Broiled Catch

#### Broiled Seafood Platter

Stuffed Shrimp  
Mahi-Mahi  
Yellow-Fin Tuna  
Tilapia  
Grouper  
Snow Crab Legs  
Royal Reds - 3/4 lb.  
Combo - 1/2 lb. Each  
Crab Cakes - 2 cakes

#### PASTA

#### Fettuccini Alfredo

- w/grilled or blackened chicken  
- with shrimp or crawfish

#### Basil Pesto Pasta

- with Roma Tomatoes  
- with grilled chicken  
- with shrimp

#### SIDE DISHES

Fried Green Tomatoes ~ Green Beans  
Turnip Greens ~ Sweet Potato Casserole  
Corn Fritters ~ French Fries  
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy ~ Fried Okra  
Au Gratin Potatoes ~ Steamed Veggies  
Kernel Corn ~ Yellow Rice  
Black-Eyed Peas ~ Cole Slaw  
Lima Beans ~ Macaroni & Cheese

New Orleans Catch  
Mediterranean Catch  
Caribbean Catch  
\*Pecan Encrusted Catch  
\*Paneeed Catch

#### LAND LOVER'S FARE

(Served with your choice of two side dishes)

Hawaiian Rib-eye - (12 oz.)  
- add jumbo grilled or fried shrimp  
Jamaica-Jerk Chicken  
Grilled Chicken Breasts  
Fried Chicken Tenders

#### PASTA

#### Fettuccini Alfredo

- with grilled or blackened chicken  
- with shrimp or crawfish

#### Scallops Alfredo

#### Shrimp & Pasta Marsala

#### Basil-Pesto Pasta

- with grilled chicken  
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Grilled steak\*, chicken and shrimp on a bed of tortilla chips with onions and bell peppers. Topped with cheese dip and sour cream. 14.99

## NACHOS

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CHEESE & BEEF 9.49

CHEESE & SHREDDED CHICKEN 9.99

CHEESE, BEEF & BEAN 8.99

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## TEXAS FAJITA QUESADILLA

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## GRILLED CHICKEN OR STEAK QUESADILLA

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## FAJITA QUESADILLA

Grilled steak\* or chicken with sautéed onions and peppers. Served inside a flour tortilla with melted cheese. CHICKEN 13.99 STEAK 14.49

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Grilled tomatoes, spinach, broccoli, mushrooms, green and red bell peppers and onions. Served with Mexican rice, beans, lettuce, sour cream, guacamole and pico de gallo accompanied with flour tortillas. 12.49

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Flour tortilla stuffed with melted cheese, sautéed spinach and mushrooms with sour cream, lettuce and tomatoes served on the side. 10.99  
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## CACTUS VEGGIE BURRITO

Seasoned mixed veggies wrapped in a large flour tortilla, topped with sour cream and avocado. Served with your choice of two (2): Mexican rice, black beans, Cactus grits or refried beans. 12.99

## SPINACH ENCHILADAS

Two enchiladas filled with sautéed spinach and tomatoes and topped with enchilada sauce. Served with your choice of two (2): Mexican rice, black beans, Cactus grits or refried beans. 12.49

# FAJITAS

A sizzling platter of bell peppers and onions with your choice of meat. All fajitas are served with lettuce, pico de gallo, sour cream, guacamole and choice of two (2) sides: Mexican rice, black beans, cactus grits or refried beans.

CHICKEN 14.99

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CANTINA STYLE: Tossed in Boom Boom sauce and topped with pineapple black bean pico, cilantro-lime cabbage.

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## SEAFOOD QUESADILLA

Grilled shrimp and grilled gulf fish with fresh pico de gallo, sautéed onions and bell peppers. Served with sour cream, lettuce and tomato on the side. 13.49  
Add rice and/or beans + 2.49  
Top with cheese dip + 1.99

## GULF COAST SEAFOOD BURRITO

A blend of grilled gulf fish and shrimp mixed with fresh pico de gallo, mouse spices and tomato salsa, then topped with cheese dip and red burrito sauce. Served with your choice of two (2): Mexican rice, black beans, Cactus grits or refried beans 15.49

# BURRITOS

Burritos are served with your choice of two (2): Mexican rice, black or refried beans or cactus grits.

## CALIFORNIA BURRITO

Grilled steak or chicken with your choice of two sides all rolled into one large flour tortilla topped with cheese dip, avocados, sour cream and your choice of hot or mild salsa 15.99

## TEXAS BURRITO

Large flour tortilla stuffed with grilled steak\*, chicken, shrimp, grilled onions and bell peppers. Covered in our cheese dip and salsa. 15.99

## BURRITO MEXICANA

Shredded chicken, carnitas or ground beef rolled in a flour tortilla, covered with cheese dip and topped with lettuce and sour cream. 12.99

## CACTUS GRILLED BURRITO

Large flour tortilla with grilled steak\* or chicken and covered with our cheese dip. CHICKEN 12.49 STEAK 13.99

## BURRITO RANCHERO

Large flour tortilla filled with grilled steak\* or chicken, grilled onions, peppers and topped with our zesty ranchero salsa and cheese dip. 13.99

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# TACOS

All taco entrees are served with your choice of two sides: Mexican rice, black beans, Cactus grits or refried beans. Tortilla choice of soft flour, soft corn or hard corn shell.

## TEXAS TACOS

One steak\* taco, one grilled chicken taco, one shrimp taco served with pico de gallo, lettuce and cheese. 15.99

## TACOS MEXICANOS

Authentic Mexican-style street tacos with carne asada, fresh cilantro and onion on soft corn tortillas. Served with lime and verde sauce. TWO TACOS 12.99  
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## CACTUS TACOS

Seasoned ground beef or shredded chicken tacos with fresh pico de gallo, lettuce and cheese. TWO TACOS 12.49  
THREE TACOS 13.49

## TACOS DE POLLO

Juicy grilled chicken tacos with fresh pico de gallo, lettuce and cheese. TWO TACOS 13.99  
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## STEAK TACOS

Grilled marinated steak\* tacos with pico de gallo, lettuce and cheese. TWO TACOS 14.99  
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# TRADITIONAL plates

Traditional plates are served with your choice of two (2): Mexican rice, black or refried beans or cactus grits

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Three flour tortillas fried with your choice of shredded chicken, carnitas, or ground beef. Served with pico de gallo, lettuce, sour cream, and a side of cheese dip. 13.99

## CACTUS BOWL

All bowls are served with Mexican rice, black beans, broccoli, pico de gallo, and choice of guacamole or sour cream.

GRILLED CHICKEN 11.99

GRILLED STEAK 14.99

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VEGGIES 11.99

## CHICKEN DIABLO

Grilled chicken cooked with our spicy cheese sauce. 14.99

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Chicken breast smothered in bell peppers, onions and our cheese sauce. 14.49

## ARROZ CON POLLO

Grilled chicken served on a bed of rice topped with cheese dip. 10.99 (no sides)

## ENCHILADA SUPREME

One shredded chicken, one beef and one cheese enchilada topped with lettuce, tomato and sour cream. 13.99

## CARNITAS

Slow simmered pork tips cooked with sautéed onions. Served with fresh tortillas, lettuce, guacamole, pico de gallo and sour cream. 14.99

## CARNE ASADA

A grilled 9-oz skirt steak served on a sizzling bed of onions and bell peppers 15.99

## TADQUITOS

Three corn tortillas fried with your choice of shredded chicken, carnitas, or ground beef. Served with pico de gallo, lettuce, sour cream and cheese dip. 13.99

## CHIMICHANGA PLATE

A large flour tortilla stuffed with beef or shredded chicken, then lightly fried and topped with cheese dip. 12.99  
Add steak\* or grilled chicken + 1.99

## COMBOS

All combos are served with your choice of two sides: Mexican rice, black or refried beans or Cactus grits. Additional charges for steak\*, grilled chicken or shrimp.  
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## TACO SALAD

A large crispy tortilla shell on a bed of refried beans, filled with lettuce, tomato, sour cream and your choice of shredded chicken or ground beef with a side of our cheese dip. 10.99

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## CALDO DE CAMARON

A traditional soup with shrimp, Mexican rice, onions, spinach, red bell peppers, mushrooms and cilantro, topped with sliced avocado. 9.99

## CALDO DE POLLO

Authentic Mexican-style chicken soup with Mexican rice, onions, red bell peppers and cilantro, topped with sliced avocado. 7.99

# KIDS'MENU

For children 12 years and younger, includes soft drink or tea (dine-in only), add 2.00 for adults.

## TACO

Chicken or beef taco served with your choice of two (2): Mexican rice, black beans, Cactus grits or refried beans. 6.99

## ENCHILADA MEAL

Cheese, chicken or beef enchilada served with your choice of two (2): Mexican rice, beans, Cactus grits or fries. 6.99

## MINI NACHOS

Choice of ground beef, shredded chicken or plain with cheese dip. 6.99

## MINI QUESADILLAS

Kid-sized quesadillas stuffed with cheese and chicken or ground beef and served with your choice of two (2): Mexican rice, beans, Cactus grits or fries. 6.99

## CACTUS MINI BURRITO

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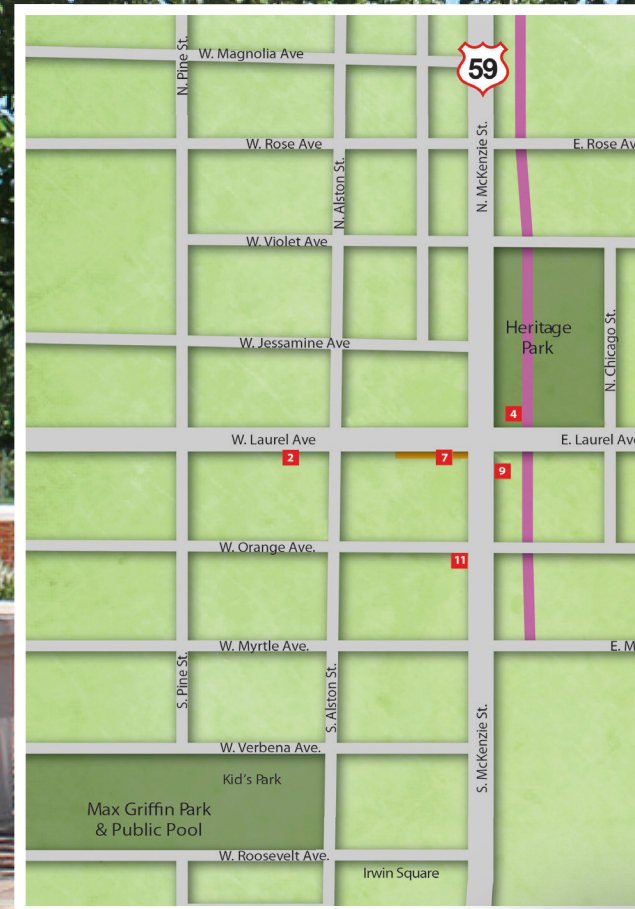
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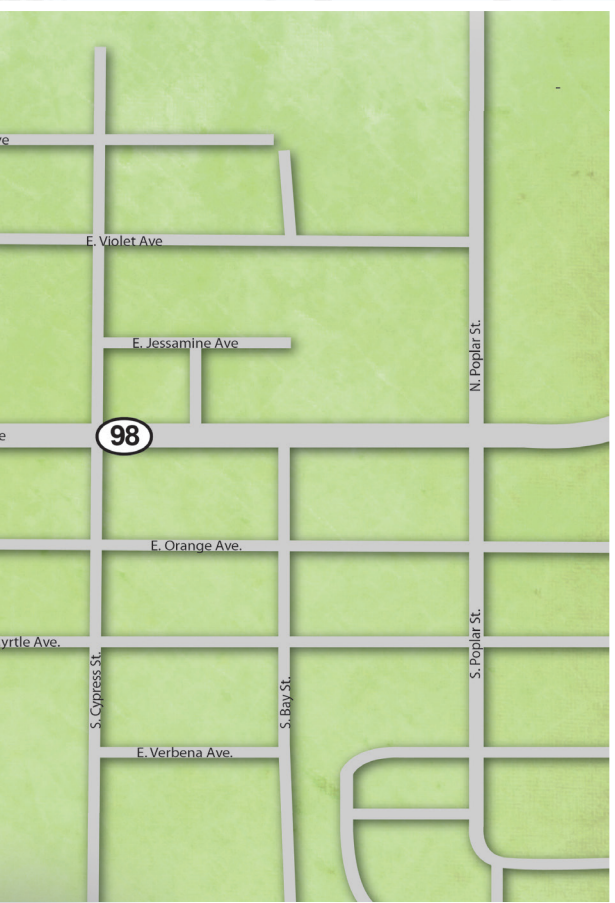
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# Bama's best

**Nick DiMario** is a veteran of the food industry and now *Alabama's 2022 Restaurateur of the Year*, but he's far from slowing down.

Words by Melanie LeCroy | Photos by Micah Green





**W**hen getting to know the 2022 Alabama Restaurant and Hospitality Association's Restaurateur of the Year, Nick DiMario, a few things are clear. He loves his family, his work and training up the next generation of restaurant industry professionals.

DiMario and his wife, Amy, moved to Gulf Shores over 11 years ago with their daughters, Sofia, Gabby and Mia, for his job as director of operations for Bob Baumhower's Aloha Hospitality. After nearly 23 years, he left the company to join "Panini" Pete Blohme as operating partner of the PP Hospitality Group. Together they opened Sunset Pointe in Fairhope. PP Hospitality has rapidly grown and now includes Panini Pete's, Sunset Pointe and Fairhope Squeeze in Fairhope and Squid Ink and Mob Town

Proper barbershop in Mobile. They also have several projects underway, including reopening Ed's Seafood Shed in a new location in Spanish Fort, The Waterfront in Daphne and a food hall in the RSA Bank Trust Building in Mobile called Parc Le Tralour.

As a project separate from PP Hospitality, for which this statewide award was focused, DiMario also owns Peace, Love & Taco in Gulf Shores, a casual joint across from Rouses he opened for his daughters.

Just listing the many projects DiMario oversees is exhausting, but he loves his work. His passion and excitement are palpable. It is no surprise that his idea of fun is working, and he credits his wife for making it possible.

"The important part of business to me is having a great foundation and family.

My wife has put up with me for 25 years, but she has always let me do what I do and supported me," DiMario said. "Pete's wife, Jodi, is the same. They let us do what we do, and that is probably the reason that I am where I am because they allowed me to paint."

While DiMario works six and a half days a week and sometimes seven, Sundays are family days.

"We do a buffet and fill up the stove in the morning and usually for dinner. We typically are not alone with family. We usually pick up a minimum of one visitor," he said.

DiMario's favorite home meals include Conecuh or turkey bacon and lots of coffee for breakfast. For dinner, he likes grilling salmon, a burger, thigh meat and corn or a five-bean chili with corn.

He may oversee the operation of

“Even when people were smarter than me, I would outwork them and show up. First there and last to leave.”

Nick DiMario  
Operating Partner, PP Hospitality Group

# RESTAURANTS AND OTHER PROJECTS BY PP HOSPITALITY GROUP





several kitchens, but at home he shares the cooking duties with Amy. He laughed when he admitted they are both messy cooks. So messy, in fact, that neither wants to be the sous chef and do the cleanup.

## WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

DiMario was born and raised in South Philadelphia. He came from humble beginnings and learned from his immediate and extended family as the son of a police officer and grandson of a master butcher.

"I have always had a strong work ethic. Even when people were smarter than me, I would outwork them and show up. First there and last to leave," DiMario said. "I think what Baumhower saw in me was that I had an unbelievable work ethic."

That work ethic took him from his first job in a Philadelphia restaurant at 14 years old to the football field to being vice president of operations at Aloha Hospitality, running a \$40 million company. The same work ethic gave him the hustle to walk away to join Blohme and create something of his own.

Where he comes from and the people who have given him the knowledge sticks with him. He credits Baumhower for teaching him the foundation and credits Blohme for showing him he is a superstar.

"As my partner, Pete has taught me I am a superstar and with the assets I have he allowed me to paint my own pictures," DiMario said.

The pictures he has painted over the years in his partnership with Blohme range from growing their brand and systems, establishing internship programs and relationships with several high school and college culinary programs and thinking outside the box in the kitchen.

DiMario and Blohme are certainly seeing their share of success in terms of getting noticed. Seven Baldwin County residents were named as the top of their industry at the Alabama Restaurant and Hospitality Association's annual awards, including Blohme, who was given a humanitarian award, and two employees from Panini Pete's.

Training up the next generation and seeing them succeed is something DiMario is passionate about.

"Everywhere I drive now I see







## SHHH! WE GOT A RECIPIE!

### **Artichoke Dip recipe**

- 14 oz.** can artichoke hearts, crushed
- 1C** fresh grated parmesan
- 1C** mozzarella cheese shredded
- 1C** Hellman Mayo

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix ingredients together until smooth and place in a baking dish. Cook for approximately 15 minutes. Turn on broiler to lightly brown the top. Dip should be bubbling and golden brown. Remove and serve.

## 3 QUESTIONS WITH NICK DIMARIO

### **What is your favorite food?**

Italian pork sandwich with broccoli rabe.

### **Do you have a favorite food memory?**

Talking to my grandmothers, Mary Recchia and Carmella DiMario about making Sunday gravy. They both did it a little different.

### **Are there any food or recipes from your childhood that inspire your recipes today?**

Always be inspired by what is possible. I love to be the nutty professor and come up with new ideas like Conecuh fries, snapper throats and fried bread pudding.



opportunities, and when I see opportunities I see money, and when I see money, I see people that I can help and pull with me because I am not going to do it alone,” DiMario said. “I have gotten to a point where I have done the right things to move forward with my life and taking care of my family. It is my duty now to put hooks in people and reach back and pull them forward.”

DiMario visits different properties each day and takes time to speak with at least three team members about their personal, professional and financial goals. On the day of this interview, he was speaking with a team member worried about their credit

score. DiMario said he told the person to put a plan in place and take certain steps, and then he checks in periodically to see if they are progressing toward their goal.

“A mentor is not there to give you rainbows and unicorns. They are there to push you and tell you when you are not working out or your car is dirty,” DiMario said.

### **WHAT'S NEXT?**

At 55 years old, DiMario shows no signs of slowing down. Rather, he is accelerating and continuing to learn. He said he is at a point where he is looking for mentors who have done what he has not, and

he is spending time listening to a lot of audiobooks by those who inspire him.

“I am crazy, but I want to use my minutes wisely every day. I put a notepad in my car and write my goals and make sure I am centered,” Dimario explained. “You can be inspired about what you are doing and have fun. I don't know it all, and I am looking for a mentor.”

DiMario and Blohme have a lot of irons in the fire with three restaurants scheduled to open in 2023, but they are always thinking, dreaming and grinding.

“Success leaves footprints,” he said, “so I want to be able to do what people did for me.”



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State-specific clubs offer the

chance to gather with homebirds. Play golf, get a bridge game going, or explore the wonderful outdoors. No matter what you want to do this winter season, this guide has the ideas and addresses to get you started. Check your local listings and call ahead before visiting, as hours of opening are subject to change.



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(260) 229-4344  
Doors open for breakfast at 8 a.m. Register for meetings five days in advance. Doughnuts, coffee, tea and orange juice is served. Cost is \$2.50 per meeting. Meeting also include speakers, 50/50 drawings, door prizes and fun.

www.snowbirdsgulfcoast.com

## LOCAL CLUBS AND MEETINGS



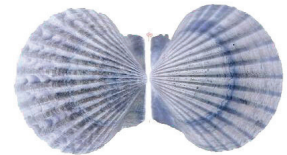
## OHIO

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## IOWA

4671 Wharf Pkwy.  
Orange Beach, AL 36561  
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## NEW YORK

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Orange Beach, AL 36561  
nysnowbirds@gmail.com

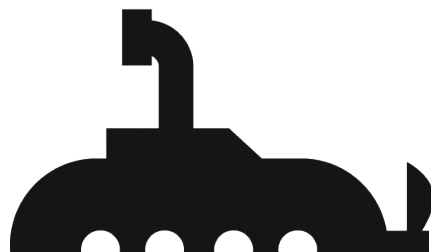
This informal bunch has been gathering since 2000. Lunch is served on the second and fourth Thursdays in January and February and the second Thursday in March. Gather at Ginny Lanes in the Wharf at 11 a.m. RSVP three days prior to meetings by email

www.snowbirdsgulfcoast.com



## MICHIGAN

25550 Canal Road  
Orange Beach, AL 36561  
Meetings will be held at The Island Church on Jan. 5, Jan. 19, Feb. 2, Feb. 16 and March 2  
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### PENNSYLVANIA

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(610) 217-6674

Started with 20 folks in 1999. The next year, 75 came to breakfast! Club meetings are scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesdays for Breakfast at BuzzCatz Restaurants on Canal Road in Orange Beach. 2023 breakfast dates are Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; and March 1, 8

[www.snowbirdsgulfcoast.com](http://www.snowbirdsgulfcoast.com)



### MISSOURI

240 E. 24th Ave.  
Gulf Shores, AL 36542  
(314) 705-4888  
mer2@charter.net

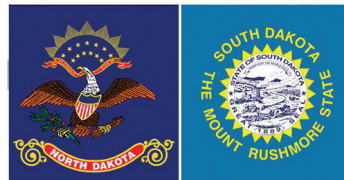
Club meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at Tacky Jacks-Gulf Shores from Jan. 11-Feb. 22. This is where you'll get details on upcoming activities, including golfing at Gulf Shores Country Club and Monday happy hours at Cobalt.

[www.missourisnowbirds.org](http://www.missourisnowbirds.org)



### WISCONSIN

4671 Wharf Pkwy W.  
Orange Beach, AL 36561  
wissnobirds@yahoo.com  
Registration is \$4 a person  
[www.wisconsinsnobirds.com](http://www.wisconsinsnobirds.com)



### NORTH DAKOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA

25689 Canel Road  
Orange Beach, AL 36561  
(605) 351-0274

This club supports the Christian Service Center food pantry and volunteers are local charities and organizations.

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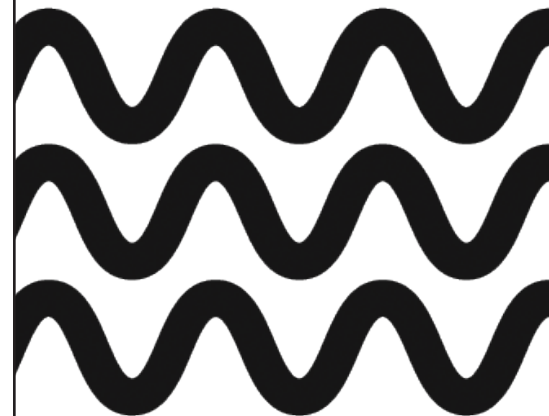


### MINNESOTA

26189 Canal Road  
Orange Beach, AL 36561

Weekly breakfasts are hosted at GT's On The Bay each Tuesday. Jan. 10-March 14 at 7:30 a.m. Registration is required one week ahead of time. \$12 a person.

[www.mnal.org](http://www.mnal.org)







# BEACH ACCESS?

## We've got you!

**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).

**Gulf State Park Pavilion** is located six miles east of Highway 59 and offers a 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 for four hours and \$10 to park all day, but there are plenty of spaces and a lot of room for large vehicles and RVs.

**Gulf Place (Gulf Shores Main Public Beach)** is located where Highway

59 ends. There are beach attendants, three open-air pavilions, a picnic area, restrooms and showers. Parking is \$5 for four hours and \$10 to park all day between March 1 and Nov. 30. Arrive early to get a prime spot in this popular hangout.

**Gulf Shores 2nd Street Public Beach** is just two blocks west of Highway 59. Facilities include an accessible restrooms, outdoor shower and 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. Parking is also available on the south side beside Bahama Bob's.

**Gulf Shores 6th Street Public Beach** is located six blocks west of Highway 59. Walk the boardwalk to the beach. Facilities include an outdoor shower and accessible restroom.

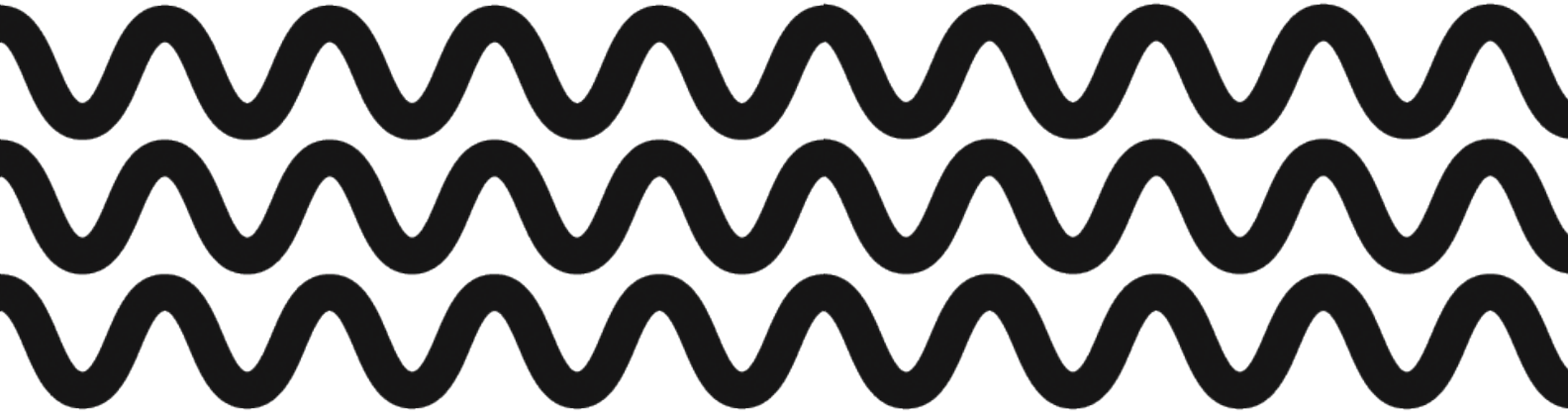
**Gulf Shores 10th Street Public Beach** offers beach access only with parking across the street. Facilities include restrooms and showers.

**Gulf Shores 12th Street Public Beach** offers beach access but no parking. Facilities include restrooms and showers.

**Gulf Shores 13th Street Public Beach** has street-side parking with a dune walkover. Facilities include restrooms and showers.

**Lagoon Pass Beach** is 2.9 miles west of Highway 59 and has restrooms, outdoor shower and a water fountain. Parking is \$5 for four hours and \$10 to park 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. Park along Mobile Street for easy beach access. It is a wildlife refuge, so there are no facilities. There is a Refuge Office located nearby.



# PET-FRIENDLY PLACES

Many Snowbirds are empty nested, but that may only mean in terms of human offspring.

We all know our furry friends are part of the family, and bringing them to the beach is both necessary and fun! Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and the Eastern Shore are largely pet friendly and offer parks, swimming holes, restaurants and more places where your well-behaved pooch can tag along.



## RESTAURANTS

Most restaurants that have outdoor dining allow leashed felines to join. Make sure your pooch is good around children and keep Fluffy from socializing with other patrons and employees unless welcomes. Don't bring your dog on tables or chairs. Some restaurants offer water bowls, but dogs are not allowed to eat or drink out of restaurant dishes or glasses, so bring your own bowl to be sure. Here is a small sampling of eateries that are especially welcoming to pets at their outdoor patios.

**Big Beach Brewing**, 300 E. 24th Ave., Gulf Shores – plenty of outdoor space for your pooch to sit with you while you listen to live local and regional music, enjoy 12 taps brewed on premises and even eat delicious food truck bites. Check social media for lineups and menus.

**The Southern Grind Coffee House**, 4751 Main St. #116, Orange Beach – Located in The Wharf, visit "The Pooch Porch" for a pet-focused outdoor area.

**Panini Pete's**, 42 S. Section St., Fairhope – Leashed dogs are welcome at their large outdoor area.

**Pirates Cove Marina and Restaurant**, 6664 CR 95, Elberta – An iconic dog-friendly spot on the beach. Featuring a pirate theme, ahoy little doggies! A Gulf Coast Media's Best of Baldwin winner for dog-friendly restaurants.



## PARKS

Same thing goes for Baldwin County's lush and scenic parks. From Orange Beach to Daphne, from Foley to Dauphin Island, your leashed and well-behaved pup is welcome to take a stroll and stretch their legs with you.

## DOG PARKS

Open from sunrise to sunset and includes separate fenced-in areas for large and small dogs. Most have water stations. All are free to use.



### **Bark Minette Dog Park,**

1300 Bradley Ave.  
(at the Bay Minette Municipal Pool Complex)  
Bay Minette

### **Daphne Dog Park,**

8600 Whispering Pines,  
Daphne

### **Fairhope Dog Park,**

701 Greeno Road and Volanta Avenue,  
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

## DOG BEACHES

Take the pup to the beach for a splash. Be aware of wildlife at all times. Dogs must be leashed when entering and exiting the beaches and parks, and aggressive dogs should be kept at home.

### **The Dog Pond,**

20115 State Hwy. 135,  
Gulf Shores

### **Orange Beach Waterfront Park,**

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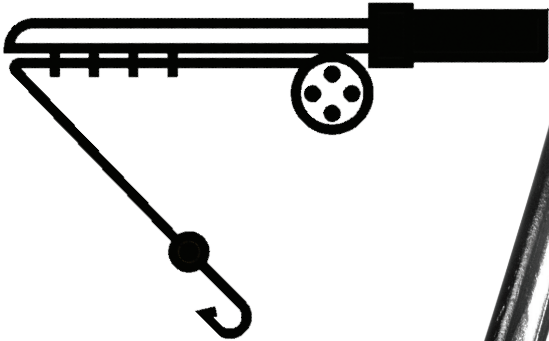
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# A FRESH CATCH

# Fishing in Baldwin County



Bait your hook or cast your net in more than **660 miles of shoreline** from Orange Beach to the south shore of Mobile County and Mobile Bay. Baldwin County offers a multitude of angling opportunities for fishing enthusiasts at every level.

## WHAT KIND OF FISH CAN YOU CATCH?

**Amberjack** can be found all year, but peak from May until September. Abundant around wrecks, reefs and gas platforms in Gulf waters off Baldwin County's south coast.

**Blackfin Tuna** can be found May through December, with a peak in late June through July, by trolling and jigging in offshore Gulf waters.

**Flounder** are abundant on and around structures like piers and drop offs along the Eastern Shore.

**Grouper** can be found all year in the Gulf of Mexico off Baldwin County's south coast.

**King Mackerel** can be found along coastal and offshore Gulf waters, particularly around wrecks, rigs, obstructions, ledges.

lumps and other structures from May through October.

**Mullet** can be found near inshore artificial reefs and around oyster reefs and tidal river mouths.

**Redfish** are abundant around the mouth of Mobile Bay near Fort Morgan.

**Red Snapper** season and limits change based on the abundance of the fish. Red snapper can be found offshore around natural structures or artificial reefs.

**Seatrout** can be caught along Gulf beaches in March and in rivers and above the Mobile Bay Causeway in late fall and winter.

**Sharks** are commonly caught from March through November around oyster reefs, bridge pilings, inshore artificial reefs, rock jetties and oyster reef areas during flooding tides.

**Speckled Trout** can be found in the shallows of Mobile Bay.

**Wahoo** can be found by trolling in offshore Gulf waters from May through October.

**Whiting** can be found in the Gulf surf zone of coastal waters and off Gulf piers and lower portions of the bays, including lower bay piers.

**Yellowfin Tuna** can be found in offshore Gulf waters from April through December with a peak in June and July.

## LOCAL FISHING ORGANIZATIONS

### **Alabama Charter Fishing Association**

4223 Orange Beach Blvd.  
Orange Beach  
[www.AlabamaCharterFishingAssociation.com](http://www.AlabamaCharterFishingAssociation.com)

### **Mobile Bay Kayak Fishing Association,**

7311 Bay Road  
Mobile  
[www.mbkfa.com](http://www.mbkfa.com)

### **Mobile Big Game Fishing Club,**

27075 Marina Road  
Orange Beach  
251-981-6200  
[www.mbgfc.org](http://www.mbgfc.org)

### **National Association of Charter Boats**

P.O. Box 1070  
Hurley, Miss.  
251-981-5136  
[www.NACOcharters.org](http://www.NACOcharters.org)

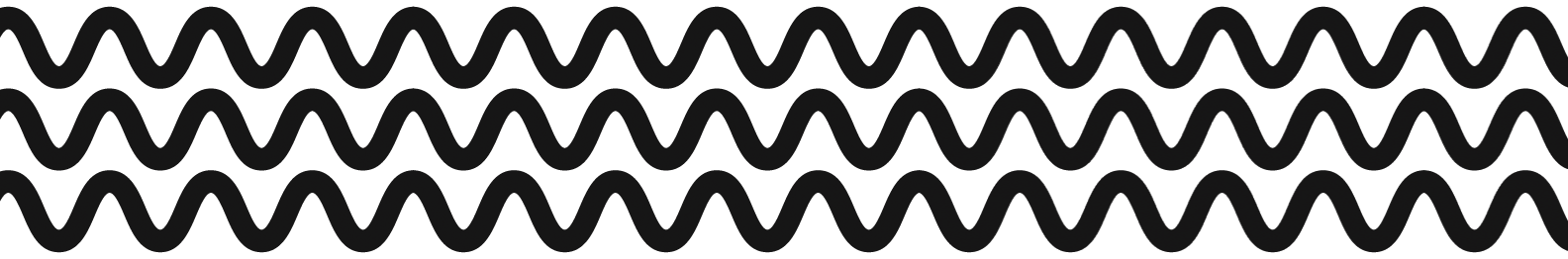


## GULF STATE PARK PIER

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 [www.AlaPark.com/GulfState](http://www.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.



## MARINAS

### **BARBER MARINA,**

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Elberta  
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[www.BarberMarina.com](http://www.BarberMarina.com)

### **BEAR POINT MARINA,**

5749 Bay La Launch Ave.  
Orange Beach  
251-981-2327  
[www.BearPointMarina.com](http://www.BearPointMarina.com)

### **CARIBE MARINA,**

28101 Perdido Beach Blvd.,  
Orange Beach  
251-980-8410  
[CaribeMarina.com](http://CaribeMarina.com)

### **FAIRHOPE DOCKS MARINA,**

848 Seacliff Drive,  
Fairhope  
251-929-0365  
[www.FairhopeAl.gov](http://www.FairhopeAl.gov)

### **FLORA-BAMA MARINA & WATERSPORTS,**

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251-980-5222  
[www.Flora-BamaMarina.com](http://www.Flora-BamaMarina.com)

### **FLY CREEK MARINA,**

831 N. Section St.  
Fairhope  
251-928-4868  
[www.FlyCreekMarina.com](http://www.FlyCreekMarina.com)

### **FORT MORGAN MARINA,**

1577 Alabama 180 W.  
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251-540-2628  
[www.Facebook.com/FortMorganMarina](http://www.Facebook.com/FortMorganMarina)

### **HAPPY HARBOR MARINA,**

27212 Marina Road  
Orange Beach  
251-981-6111  
[www.HappyHarbors.com](http://www.HappyHarbors.com)

### **HOMEPORT MARINA,**

200 E. 25th Ave.  
Gulf Shores  
251-968-4528  
[www.HomeportMarina.net](http://www.HomeportMarina.net)

### **HUDSON MARINA,**

4575 S. Wilson Blvd.  
Orange Beach  
251-981-4127  
[www.AlabamaDeepSeaFishing.com](http://www.AlabamaDeepSeaFishing.com)

### **ICC MARINE,**

2614 E. Second St.  
Gulf Shores  
251-752-6558  
[www.ICCMarinegulfshores.com](http://www.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,**

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Gulf Shores  
251-550-6054  
[www.NelsonCharterFishing.com](http://www.NelsonCharterFishing.com)

### **ORANGE BEACH MARINA,**

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Orange Beach  
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[www.OrangeBeachMarina.com](http://www.OrangeBeachMarina.com)

### **PIRATE'S COVE,**

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Josephine  
251-987-1224  
[www.PiratesCoveRiffRaff.com](http://www.PiratesCoveRiffRaff.com)

### **ROMAR MARINA,**

26350 Cotton Bayou Drive  
Orange Beach  
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[www.RomarMarina.com](http://www.RomarMarina.com)

### **SANROC CAY MARINA,**

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Orange Beach  
251-981-7173  
[www.SanRocCay.com](http://www.SanRocCay.com)

### **SAUNDERS YACHTWORKS BOATYARD,**

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### **SPORTSMAN MARINA**

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Orange Beach  
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### **ZEKE'S LANDING MARINA,**

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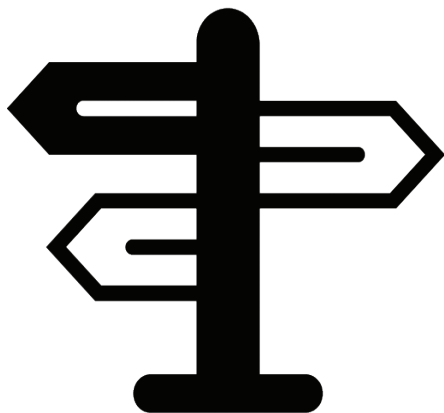
# NOT ALL THOSE WHO WANDER...

Venture into the unknown of Baldwin County's biodiversity and enjoy a hike, picnic or day on the shores; some requiring stamina and grit, others just a pleasant curiosity. Outdoor enthusiasts won't soon run out of places to explore. You never know what you might find.

## **ALABAMA STATE LANDS CANOE TRAILS**

Located in the biodiverse Mobile-Tensaw Delta, 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 Trail system which has four elevated camping shelters available for overnight use. The Perdido River Canoe Trail boast 19 miles along the Perdido River and includes two launches and a boat ramp. Canoeists and kayakers can stay overnight along the river in one of the six camping shelters available to reserve.

[www.AlabamaCanoeTrails.com](http://www.AlabamaCanoeTrails.com)



## **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 scientist as well as provide wildlife oriented public recreation.

12295 Highway 180, Gulf Shores Road  
251-540-7720  
[bonsecour@fws.gov](mailto:bonsecour@fws.gov)

## **EASTERN SHORE TRAIL**

A 32-mile, multi-purpose hiking and biking trail that begins at U.S.S. Alabama Battleship Memorial Park and winds its way down to Weeks Bay, passing through Spanish Fort, Daphne, Fairhope and Point Clear. The trail offers countless sightings of wildlife. Entry on the trail can begin at any point, and kiosks of maps are dotted along the route.

[info@thetrailblazers.org](mailto:info@thetrailblazers.org)

## **GRAHAM CREEK NATURE PRESERVE**

This 484-acre 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  
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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](http://BlakeleyPark.com)  
251-626-0798  
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### **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

### **ORANGE BEACH CANOE TRAIL**

A 5-hour, 15-mile paddling trail with 10 landing sites that include: Gulf Bay Road, Cypress Avenue, Waterfront Park, Palmetto Extension, Harrison Park, Mississippi Avenue, Look Rook Road, Wilson Boulevard,

Boggy Point and Cotton Bayou. The trail travels through areas such as Wolfe Bay, Bay La Launch, Arnica Bay, Bayou St. John and Cotton Bayou. No motorized watercraft.

Open: 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

### **RUTH MCCLELLAN ABRONSKI SPLINTER HILL BOG RESERVE**

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 5 types of pitcher plants and 2 species of butterworts as well as

## 5 RIVERS DELTA

With more than 250,000 acres of waterways, woods and wetlands, 5 Rivers offers visitors opportunities to examine Baldwin County's Delta and wildlife. The large exhibit hall presents information on plant and animal life through an exceptional collection of photographs and taxidermy specimens. The 90-seat Tensaw Theater offers documentaries that focus on the local wildlife. The waterways of the Delta and Bay are accessible to visitors including daily excursions on the "Pelican," bringing the Delta estuary to life.

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### **WADE WARD NATURE PARK**

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500 Gulf Shores Parkway

Gulf Shores

251-968-1420

### **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

WeeksBay.org

251-928-9792

### **WILBOURNE ANTIQUE ROSE TRAIL**

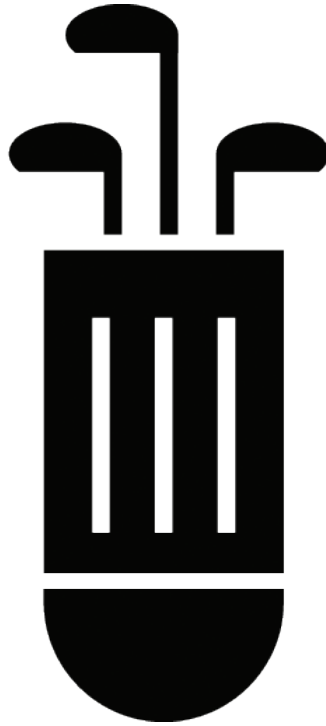
A public walking trail winding through the heart of Foley, following the path of the old Louisville and Nashville railroad. Antique roses, which are disease resistant and well-suited to Foley's subtropical climate, are presented in chronological order with signage that identifies each plant species and 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.

251-943-1200

[www.VisitFoley.com](http://www.VisitFoley.com)

# FORE!

## There is no shortage of beautiful Gulf Coast 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. Winters are occasionally too cold for some, but many snowbirds relish the crisp air.



### 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 course) and one with nine holes (resortstyle lakes course). 9530 Clubhouse Drive, Foley; 251-955-1220; GlenLakesGolf.com.

**GULF LINKS GOLF COURSE** is an 18-hole course with a par of 64. 3901 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 251-970-1444.

**GULF SHORES GOLF CLUB** is one of the newest public courses and has 18 holes. 520 Clubhouse Drive, Gulf Shores; 251-968-7366; GulfShoresGolfClub.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; PeninsulaGolfClub.com.

**SOLDIERS CREEK GOLF CLUB** at Woerner Preserve features 18 holes with a par of 72. 28341 Preserve Trail, Elberta; 251-986-8633; 800-807-8915; SoldiersCreekGolf.com.

**THE NINE AT ONE CLUB** is a nine-hole executive course with a par of 35. 20050 Oak Road E., Gulf Shores; 251-968-3234; 1-877-493-5626; OneClubCondos.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](http://CityofBayMinette.org/Holly-Hills-Municipal-Golf-Course)

## 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](http://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](http://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; 251-626-9324; [LakeForestDaphne.com](http://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; [LakewoodattheGrand.com](http://LakewoodattheGrand.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.

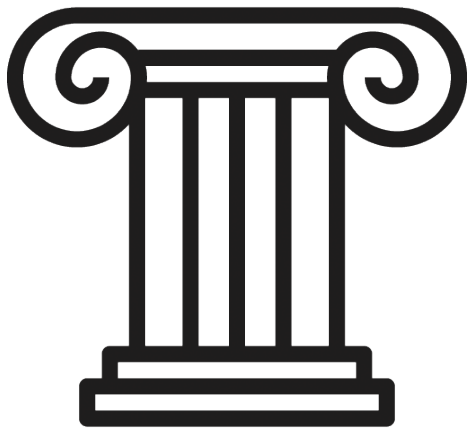
**ROCK CREEK GOLF CLUB** is an 18-hole course on the north side of Fairhope. 140 Clubhouse Drive, Fairhope; 251-928-4223; [RockCreekGolf.com](http://RockCreekGolf.com).

**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](http://GolfTimberCreek.com)



# LEARN AND GROW

## Baldwin County museums



### **BALDWIN COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM**

Preserving the culture of the farm communities of early Baldwin County by creating a home for historically significant buildings, documents and artifacts. It is not filled with elaborate antiques or expensive collections, but rather bits and pieces of items used in the daily lives of men and women who lived in Baldwin County.

25521 Highway 98 E.

Elberta

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Wednesday – Saturday

Free admission

251-986-8375

### **BLACK EDUCATION MUSEUM**

Located on the original site of the Eastern Shore Baptist Academy and later the Baldwin County Training School, the museum chronicles the history of black education in Baldwin County, which began in 1882 when the Eastern Shore Missionary Baptist Association saw a need for educating black children. In 1916, the school was deeded to the Baldwin County Board of Education and became a public high school that provided an education for black students in Baldwin and other surrounding counties until 1970.

1000 Main St., Daphne

Call for an appointment

Free admission

251-510-0355

### **FAIRHOPE MUSEUM OF HISTORY**

The Fairhope Museum of History hosts changing exhibits as well as permanent ones, located on the first floor which depict Fairhope's history. The second floor of the museum is home to the original town council chambers. The museum offers interactive projects for children and has files available for research projects. It boasts a collection of more than 250 pieces of historic pottery from the area. Every Tuesday at 2 p.m., the museum hosts a tea, where guests can enjoy a cup of Baldwin County tea, eat a cookie and hear a story detailing Fairhope history from a local resident. A \$2 donation is requested for this event.

24 N. Section St., Fairhope

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday

Free admission

251-929-1474

### **FOLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM**

For over 60 years, Baldwin County's agriculture industry relied on a railroad system to transport goods from farms to the rest of the country. In 1971, the Louisville and Nashville Railroad ceased operations at its depot in Foley. Now, it houses the Foley Railroad Museum, offering exhibits about Baldwin County's railroading and agricultural history.

A model railroad layout depicts the evolution of railroading in the 1950s, complete with three operating double-track routes, 12 different railroads and several animated sites, along with representations of a fire station, church, bus station, city park, farm, sawmill, coal company and an oil refinery. The museum also has a train that carries children around Foley's Heritage Park.

Foley Heritage Park,

125 E. Laurel Ave., Foley

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday – Saturday,

Model trains 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Free admission

251-943-1818

### **GULF SHORES MUSEUM**

Located in a building that dates to before World War II, the Gulf Shores Museum was originally the beach house of Valerie Cole's family from Mobile. There are three permanent exhibits: "portrait of a fishing village," "drawing a line in the sand" and "hurricanes: what you need to know."

244 W. 19th Ave., Gulf Shores

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and

1 – 5 p.m. Tuesday – Friday;

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday

Free admission

251-968-1473

### **HOLMES MEDICAL MUSEUM**

This museum is located in Baldwin County's first hospital, which served the community from 1936 to 1958. The interior of the museum is practically unchanged from its hospital days, and on self-guided tours, visitors can travel back in time to see how medicine has advanced in the past 50 years.

Antique surgical instruments, operating room machinery and a human skeleton are on display. Featuring a "medical quackery" display, depicting some of the experimental medicine practiced in the early 20th century.

Note: The museum is located on the second floor of a building, and there is no elevator. Large groups should call ahead to make an appointment.

111 W. Laurel Ave., Foley

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday and Friday

Free admission

251-970-1818

### **MARIETTA JOHNSON MUSEUM**

Dedicated to Marietta Johnson's revolutionary visions and programs with artifacts, literature and videos on display in her 1907 classroom.

10 S. School St., Fairhope

2 – 4 p.m. Tuesday – Friday;

or call for appointment

Free admission  
www.MariettaJohnson.org;  
251-990-8601

### **OLD DAPHNE METHODIST CHURCH MUSEUM**

Housed in a 162-year-old church building, this museum features a varied collection of items that reflect the long history of Daphne — its businesses, homes, residents and a set of newspapers from the early 1900s called The Standard that display the character of early Daphne. Photographs, pottery, a jubilee display and numerous other relics that indicate what life in Daphne was like over the past 100 years. The church building itself is an amazing piece of 19th century architecture that shouldn't be missed.

405 Dryer Ave., Daphne  
1 – 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday  
and Sunday  
Free admission  
DaphneMuseumAlabama.org  
251-621-9620

### **ORANGE BEACH INDIAN AND SEA MUSEUM**

Full of local artifacts and memorabilia from the area's Native American and fishing heritage,

this 1910 schoolhouse informs visitors about the challenges and achievements in the early days of Orange Beach's fishing industry.

Note: Groups of five or more should make reservations by calling 251-981-6039  
25805 John Snook Drive behind  
city hall, Orange Beach  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday  
Hours vary by season  
Free admission  
251-981-8545

### **SPEAR HUNTING MUSEUM**

Profiles the hunting conquests of Gene Morris, considered the greatest spear hunter in modern history. At the time of his death in 2011, Morris had recorded 592 total big game kills with spears, the most among any human in recorded history. This museum informs the public about the world of spear hunting and life of Morris.

20216 Highway 59, Summerdale  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday - Friday  
Free admission  
SpearHuntingMuseum.com  
251-989-7700

### **STOCKTON HERITAGE MUSEUM**

Inside the Stockton Heritage Museum, you will learn about Alabama's first sawmill; the Tensaw Delta and Bottle Creek Mound, both National Landmarks; the Ellicott line that divided the Mississippi Territory and Spanish West Florida, and how it impacted Stockton; about the Federal Road and how this seemingly sleepy little place called Stockton was once a major settlement, second only to Mobile.

52915 State Hwy. 59, Stockton  
251-937-3738  
Free admission  
www.stocktonala.com

### **SUMMERDALE MUSEUM & ARCHIVES**

Featuring items donated by the community's residents that depict the town's history; housed in the Summerdale Community Center.

300 W. Jackson St., Summerdale  
Free admission  
251-989-6626



### **AMERICAN SPORT ART MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES**

Dedicated to the preservation of sports art, history and literature, ASAMA's collection is composed of more than 1,500 pieces across all media, including paintings, sculptures, assemblages, prints, posters and photography.

1 Academy Drive, Daphne  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday  
Free admission  
www.ASAMA.org  
251-626-3303

# \$12.95

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