

## Reel in the Big One GET HOOKED ON WORLD-CLASS FISHING

Mexico Beach offers not only beautiful beaches and breathtaking sunsets but also world-class fishing. Mexico Beach's proximity to productive waters draws anglers from all over the world. Accessing the Gulf of Mexico is very convenient. With numerous public beach access points and a City Boat Ramp, fishing is plentiful from both shore and boat.



Mexico Beach is very boater friendly! The City Boat Ramp boasts three spacious launch bays in a sheltered location just three minutes from the Gulf of Mexico. Before hitting the water, visit Mexico Beach Marina, where you can fuel the boat and fill the tackle box. The City of Mexico Beach has a variety of boat slips available to meet your needs while vacationing here. Slips are located adjacent to Canal Park on the Gulf side of Canal Parkway. To inquire about availability and pricing, contact the harbormaster by calling (850) 527-7147.

The fishing in Mexico Beach is as good as it gets. A fleet of charter boats is available for the angler who needs a ride out into the Gulf or bay. Many of the charter boats offer the option of inshore or offshore trips, and most

include your gear and license. With many charter captains offering halfand full-day adventures on the open waters, there are plenty of chances to tell the story of the one that got away. Just going at it alone or in a small group? No worries; our charter captains will work with any size group, with many offering the ability to join in on another party.

Information and resources for fishing expeditions are available at the Mexico Beach Welcome Center or online at MexicoBeach.com under the "Things To Do/Fishing" page. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission publishes fishing regulations and a license application online; both can be found at myfwc.com. Be sure and check these regulations from time to time.



The Gulf of Mexico is home to some of the best saltwater fishing you will find anywhere in the world. Get ready to cast your line and hook the big one. Be on the lookout for reeling in an array of great fish; these include red snapper, grouper, flounder, mullet, king and Spanish mackerel, tripletail, pompano, and whiting.

But that's not all you have to look forward to catching when you visit Mexico Beach. Just north of Mexico Beach is Wewahitchka, home to the Dead Lakes. Here anglers will be able to test out their freshwater fishing skills with a variety of native species, including largemouth bass, bluegill, warmouth, spotted sunfish, black crappie, flathead catfish, and redbreast sunfish. As on the Gulf and the bay, your time on the lakes will be unforgettable.

Mexico Beach offers something that most places don't—over 200 well-developed artificial reef sites in the Gulf of Mexico that are teeming with marine life. Thanks to the efforts of the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association (MBARA), these reefs have been providing unforgettable fishing memories since 1997. A directory of GPS coordinates for these artificial reefs can be found on the MBARA website, MBARA.org.

So, grab your license, coolers, and bait, and gas up for a day of great fishing and unforgettable memory making. This will be one fishing community you will continue to visit again and again. To put it simply, the fishing here is phenomenal!

