

Make Your Mexico Beach Visit Even More Unforgettable

Welcome to The Unforgettable Coast®, where you'll find countless hours of fun and relaxation. We hope this field guide will help you quickly and easily identify birds and other wildlife of interest to you. Another great resource for ecotourism in our beautiful area of the Gulf Coast is the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail website at www.floridabirdingtrail.com. You can also give us a call at the Mexico Beach Welcome Center or visit our website for more information.

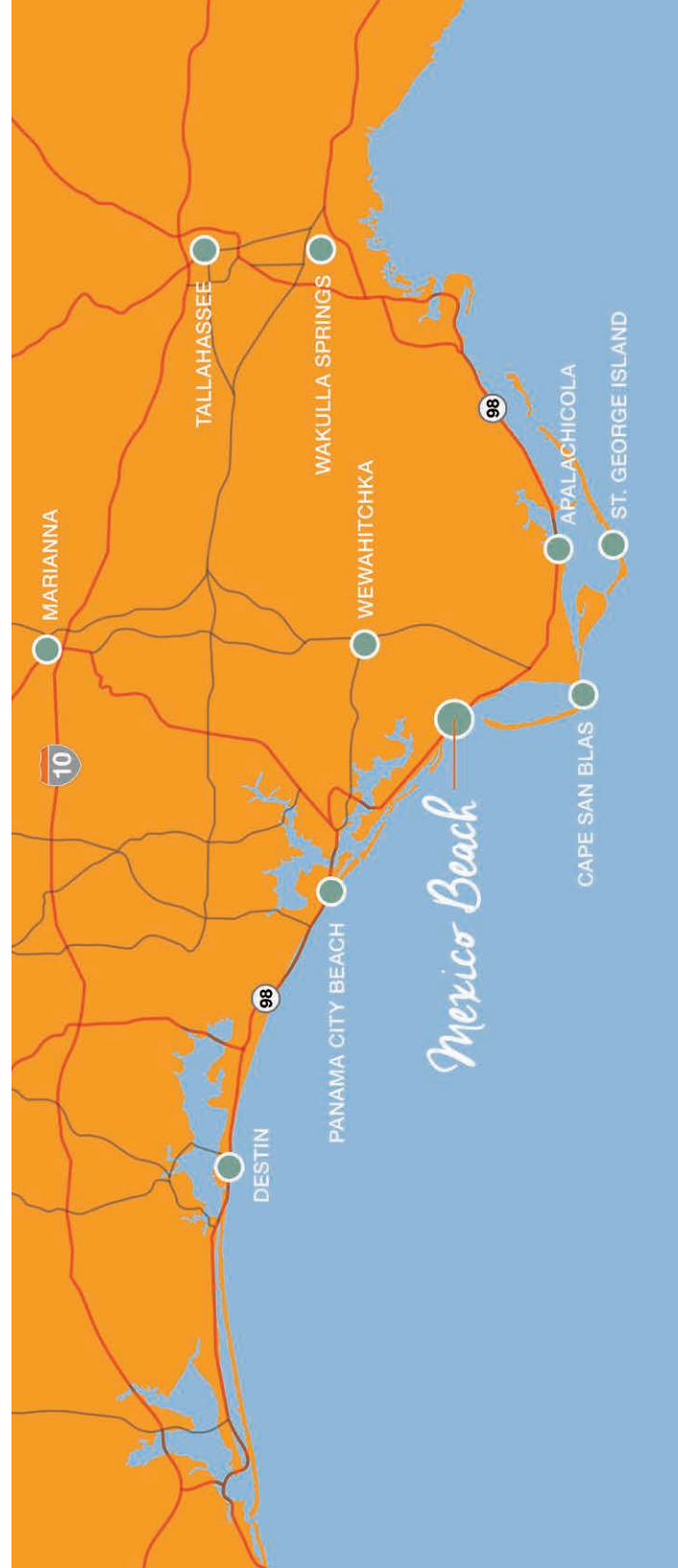
Who knows? You may just decide to stay with us a few extra days!

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Field Guide

At least 57 different ecosystem types occur in Northwest Florida. One doesn't need to venture far from the pristine white-sand beaches to encounter the truly wild. Brackish tidal marshes, extensive savannas, and crystal-clear springs are all just minutes away and waiting to be explored!

Birding

Mexico Beach lies within one of Florida's—and the nation's—best bird-watching regions and is home to hundreds of bird species. It is an extremely active nesting location, as well as a resting area for migratory species. Twenty-one sites on the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail are located within an easy drive of Mexico Beach. This 2,000-mile, self-guided highway trail connects and unifies 515 birding and wildlife viewing sites throughout Florida.



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AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN



BROWN PELICAN



AMERICAN OYSTER CATCHER



LEAST TERN



LAUGHING GULL



ROSEATE SPOONBILL



SWALLOW-TAILED KITE



SAND PIPER



GREAT EGRET



BLUE HERON



BALD EAGLE



BLACK SKIMMER



COOT



SNOWY EGRET



ANHINGA

Shelling

Wander the sugary shores of Mexico Beach and its neighboring areas to find seashells of all shapes and sizes. Shelling is an enjoyable activity for any age, providing a relaxing time to stroll along the water's edge marveling at the wonders of the Gulf of Mexico. Pick up a few shells for your collection and have a lifelong memory of your time on the Unforgettable Coast—just be sure the shell is not home to anyone before you take your souvenir!



LIGHTNING WHELK

KEYHOLE SAND DOLLAR



CALICO SCALLOP



OLIVE SHELL

ATLANTIC COQUINA



TULIP SHELL



GIANT HEART COCKLE



SUNRAY VENUS



SHARK EYE MOON



SCOTCH BONNET



FLORIDA FIGHTING CONCH



URCHIN SHELL