



COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Regular Meeting Agenda

May 10, 2022
5:30 PM
6738 Dixon Street
Milton, FL 32570

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

Item # 2022-257
Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2022 meeting

3. Persons to Appear

4. Financial Report

Item # 2022-309
CRA I, II & III April Financial Reports

5. Other Business

Councilman Vernon Compton
Requested discussion items

Item # 2022-277
Berryhill and Blackwater Heritage State Trail and North Willing Street to Riverfront
Park Safety/Crossing Update

Item # 2022-297
Imogene Concert Series

Item # 2022-298
Downtown Business Guides

Item # 2022-299
Next Exit History App

Item # 2022-300
Milton Bagdad Sidewalk Connector/National Trails Day Events

Item # 2022-301
CRA Workday Discussion

6. Council Reports

7. Adjournment

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the City at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting City Hall, 6738 Dixon Street, Milton, or by calling 983-5410.

"If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based." FS 286.0105



Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2022 meeting

MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY
May 10, 2022	Clerk's Office Dawn Molinero, City Clerk



COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Regular Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2022
5:30 PM
6738 Dixon Street
Milton, FL 32570

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 05:35 PM.

Members Present:

Mayor Heather Lindsay
Council Member Ward I, Seat I Vernon Compton
Council Member Ward II, Seat I Shannon Rice
Council Member Ward IV, Seat I Shari Sebastiao
Council Member Ward III, Seat II Jeff Snow
Council Member Ward III, Seat I Robert Leek
Council Member Ward IV, Seat II Casey Powell

Members Absent:

Council Member Ward I, Seat II Matt Jarrett
Council Member Ward II, Seat II Roxanne Meiss

Members of the Public in Attendance

Cassandra Sharp, George Jordan, Al Brewton, Vince Nguyen, Jessica Walker, CindyHyman, Pam Mitchell

Staff in Attendance

City Manager Randy Jorgenson
City Attorney Alex Andrade
City Clerk Dawn Molinero
IT Director Stephen Ringl
IT Systems Analyst Hunter Green
Director of Public Relations Stephen Prestesater
Director of Economic Development Ed Spears
Public Works Director Joe Cook
Chief of Police Tony Tindell

2. Approval of Minutes

Item # 2022-236

Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2022 meeting

ACTION:

Motion to Approve by Jeff Snow; second by
Shari Sebastiao;
Motion Passed - 6:0

YEAS: Vernon Compton, Shannon Rice, Robert Leek,
Jeff Snow, Shari Sebastiao, Casey Powell
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. Financial Report

Item # 2022-281
March 2022 Financial Report

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Shari Sebastiao; second
by Jeff Snow;
Motion Passed - 6:0
YEAS: Vernon Compton, Shannon Rice, Robert Leek,
Jeff Snow, Shari Sebastiao, Casey Powell
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

4. Persons to Appear

5. Other Business

Councilman Vernon Compton

Councilman Compton requested future CRA agendas have a header for the
Community Improvement Board report.

Item # 2022-279
CRA Budget Planning Priorities Discussion

Item # 2022-278
CRA Annual Report Review/Approval

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Vernon Compton;
second by Jeff Snow;
Motion Passed - 6:0

YEAS:	Vernon Compton, Shannon Rice, Robert Leek, Jeff Snow, Shari Sebastiao, Casey Powell
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Item # 2022-274
CRA Facade Grants Discussion

Item # 2022-273
CRA Plan Update

Item # 2022-275
Escambia Street Paving Update

Councilman Compton requested the road paving schedule be reviewed at the April Committee of the Whole meeting.

Item # 2022-276
Electronic Speed Indicator for Caroline Street Downtown Discussion

Councilman Compton requested this item be added to the April Committee of the Whole meeting.

Item # 2022-277
Berryhill and Blackwater Heritage State Trail and North Willing Street to Riverfront Park Safety/Crossing Update

Councilman Compton requested this item be moved to the next CRA meeting.

Item # 2022-280
National Trails Day Celebration and Henry Street Bagdad Connector Sidewalk Completion

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 05:59 PM.



CRA I, II & III April Financial Reports

MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY
May 10, 2022	Administration Department Heidi Sroka, Budget Coordinator

**CRA I DOWNTOWN
FY 2022**

FY 2022

FY 2022

as of 4/30/2022

(Fund 111)

	acct. #		BUDGET	YEAR To DATE as of 4/30/2022	Balance	Description
REVENUES	338-10-00	O/S Rev from Local Units (SRC contrib)	\$ 61,294	\$ 61,294	\$ -	Estimated tax billing
	338-10-01	O/S Rev from Local Units (CITY contrib)	\$ 31,013	\$ 31,013	\$ -	Estimated tax billing
	348-xx-xx	Promotional	\$ 40,500	\$ 1,680	\$ 38,820	Promotional Revenue
	360-10-00	Misc. Revenues	\$ 15,415	\$ -	\$ 15,415	Misc. Revenue
	361-10-00	Interest Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Interest
	366-10-00	Misc. Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Misc. Donations
	381-01-00	Transfer from General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	389-90-01	Balance Forward	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	FYE 2021 Balance Forward
REVENUE TOTALS			\$ 198,222	\$ 93,987	\$ 104,235	

EXPENSES	OTHER EXPENSES					
	34-00	Other Contractual Services	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,250	\$ 1,750	
	43-00	Utility Services	\$ 12,000	\$ 6,940	\$ 5,060	Gulf Power / Willing St. power poles
	46-00	Repair & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	R&M
	48-00	Promotional	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,473	\$ 2,527	Advertisement
	48-01	5k Run	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	48-02	Bands on the Blackwater	\$ 75,000	\$ 41,684	\$ 33,316	
	48-03	Movie Night	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,818	\$ 1,182	
	48-06	Other Events	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,939	\$ 61	
	48-08	Water Festival	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
	49-00	Misc. Expense	\$ 2,000	\$ 420	\$ 1,580	Christmas lighting maintenance/Electrical Repair
	49-19	Tax Rebate Incentive Prog	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Tax Rebate Incentive Program
	49-34	Property / Fire Tax	\$ 570	\$ 605	\$ (35)	Fire Fee
	52-00	Operating Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Misc.
	53-00	Materials / Repair & Supplies	\$ 3,000	\$ 725	\$ 2,275	
	54-00	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	Dues & Subscriptions
	61-02	Easement-Sidewalk	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Easement-Sidewalk
	64-00	Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	64-27	Downtown Project Expense	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
	82-08	SRC-July 4th Fireworks	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
	82-09	Misc. Grants in Aid	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	Support for Special Events (SR Arts/Etc.)
	82-19	Façade Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	91-01	Transfer to General Fund	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	Main Street Milton Dept/Façade Improv.
	99-99	Contingencies	\$ 20,152	\$ -	\$ 20,152	
OTHER EXPENSE TOTALS			\$ 198,222	\$ 67,854	\$ 130,368	
EXPENSE TOTALS			\$ 198,222	\$ 67,854	\$ 130,368	

**CRA II NORTH
FY 2022**

FY 2022

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as of 4/30/2022

(Fund 112)

	acct. #		BUDGET	YEAR To DATE as of 4/30/2022	Balance	Description
REVENUES	338-10-00	O/S Rev from Local Units (SRC contrib)	\$ 6,571	\$ 6,571	\$ -	Estimated tax billing
	338-10-01	O/S Rev from Local Units (CITY contrib)	\$ 3,325	\$ 3,225	\$ 100	Estimated tax billing
	348-xx-xx	Promotional	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Promotional Revenue
	361-10-00	Interest Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Interest
	366-10-00	Misc. Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Misc. Donations
	381-01-00	Transfer from General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	389-90-01	Balance Forward	\$ 1,912	\$ -	\$ 1,912	FYE 2021 Balance Forward
REVENUE TOTALS			\$ 11,808	\$ 9,796	\$ 2,012	

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EXPENSES	OTHER EXPENSES					
	31-03	Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	34-00	Other Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	43-00	Utility Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Gulf Power / power poles
	46-00	Repair & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	R&M
	48-00	Promotional	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Advertisement
	48-06	Promotional	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Advertisement
	49-00	Misc. Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Christmas lighting maintenance/Electrical Repair
	49-18	Misc. Exp. / Bank Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	52-00	Operating Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Misc.
	53-00	Materials/Rep & Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	54-00	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Dues & Subscriptions
	61-01	Capital - Land Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	63-04	Carpenters Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Carpenters Park
	64-07	Capital - Misc. Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	64-27	Project Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	82-09	Misc. Grants in Aid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Support for Special Events
	91-00	Transfer to Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	91-01	Transfer to General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	91-02	Transfer to Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	590-01-00	Contingencies	\$ 3,114	\$ -	\$ 3,114	
EXPENSE TOTALS			\$ 3,114	\$ -	\$ 3,114	

CRA III SOUTH
FY 2022

FY 2022

FY 2022

as of 4/30/2022

(Fund 113)

	acct. #		BUDGET	YEAR To DATE as of 4/30/2022	Balance	Description
REVENUES	338-10-00	O/S Rev from Local Units (SRC contrib)	\$ 1,702	\$ 1,702	\$ -	Estimated tax billing
	338-10-01	O/S Rev from Local Units (CITY contrib)	\$ 861	\$ 861	\$ -	Estimated tax billing
	348-xx-xx	Promotional	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Promotional Revenue
	361-10-00	Interest Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Interest
	366-10-00	Misc. Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Misc. Donations
	381-01-00	Transfer from General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	389-90-01	Balance Forward	\$ 2,013	\$ -	\$ 2,013	FYE 2021 Balance Forward
REVENUE TOTALS			\$ 4,576	\$ 2,563	\$ 2,013	

Dept. 552

EXPENSES	OTHER EXPENSES					
	31-03	Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	34-00	Other Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	43-00	Utility Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Gulf Power / Power poles
	46-00	Repair & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	R&M
	48-00	Promotional	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Advertisement
	48-06	Promotional	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Advertisement
	49-00	Misc. Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Christmas lighting maintenance/Electrical Repair
	49-18	Misc. Exp. / Bank Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	52-00	Operating Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Misc.
	53-00	Materials/Rep & Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	54-00	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Dues & Subscriptions
	61-01	Capital - Land Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	64-07	Capital - Misc. Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	64-27	Project Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	82-09	Misc. Grants in Aid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Support for Special Events
	91-00	Transfer to Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	91-01	Transfer to General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	91-02	Transfer to Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	99-99	Contingencies	\$ 4,109	\$ -	\$ 4,109	
EXPENSE TOTALS			\$ 4,109	\$ -	\$ 4,109	



Downtown Business Guides

MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY
May 10, 2022	Planning Department Dawn Molinero, City Clerk

Discover Historic Downtown **MILTON** **FLORIDA**

on the Beautiful Blackwater River



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National Register Historic District Self-Guided Walking Tour



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Next Exit History App

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Agenda Item # 2022-300

Milton Bagdad Sidewalk Connector/National Trails Day Events

MEETING DATE

May 10, 2022

PREPARED BY

Dawn Molinero, City Clerk

BACKGROUND

Milton Bagdad Sidewalk Connector/National Trails

SUMMARY

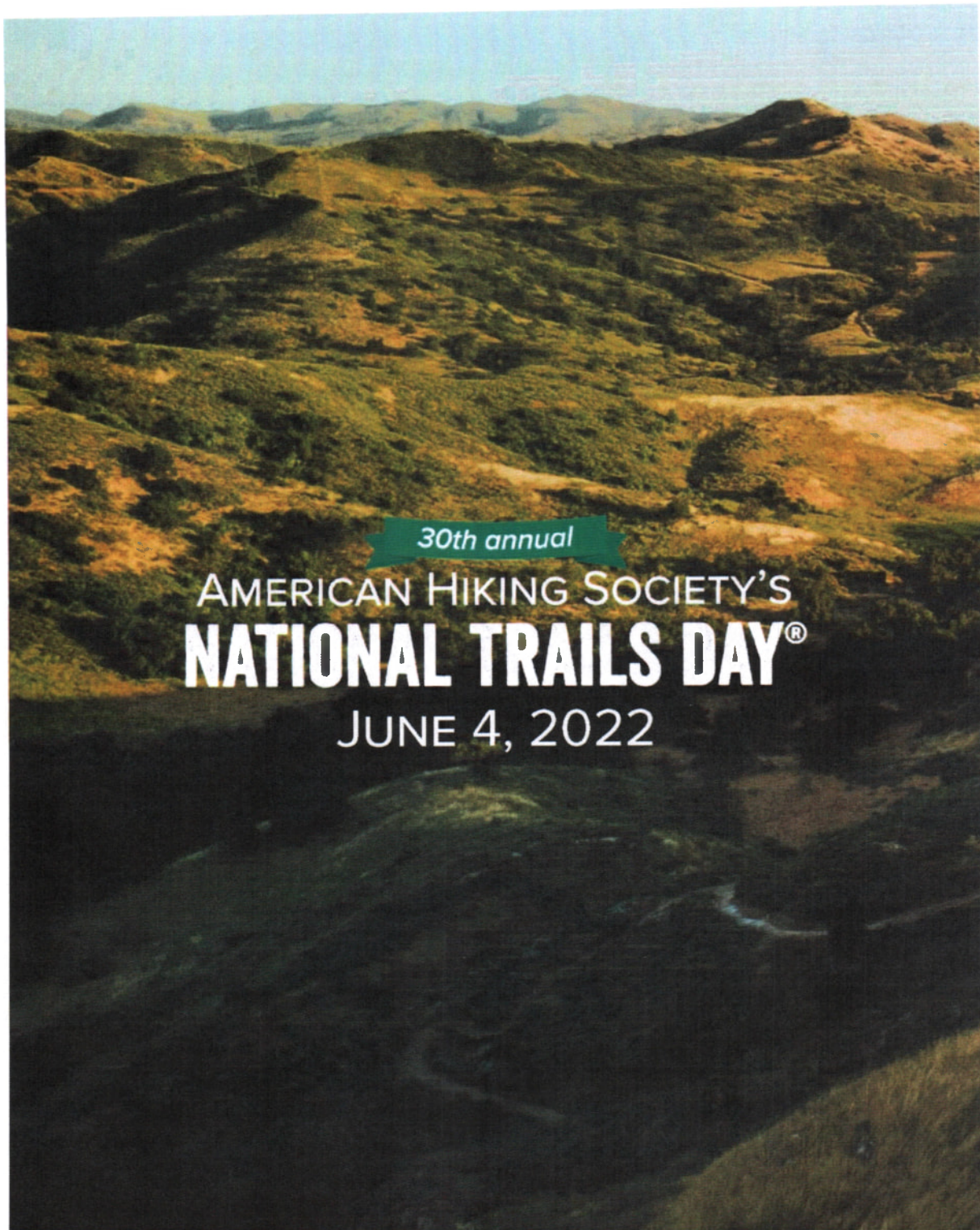
RECOMMENDATION

CRA Direction

ATTACHMENTS

1. National Trails Day
2. Navarre-Beach-Northwest-Florida-Nature-Trails (1)
3. Navarre-Beach-Northwest-Florida-Nature-Trails (1)_2

AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY'S National Trails Day®



30th annual

AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY'S
NATIONAL TRAILS DAY®

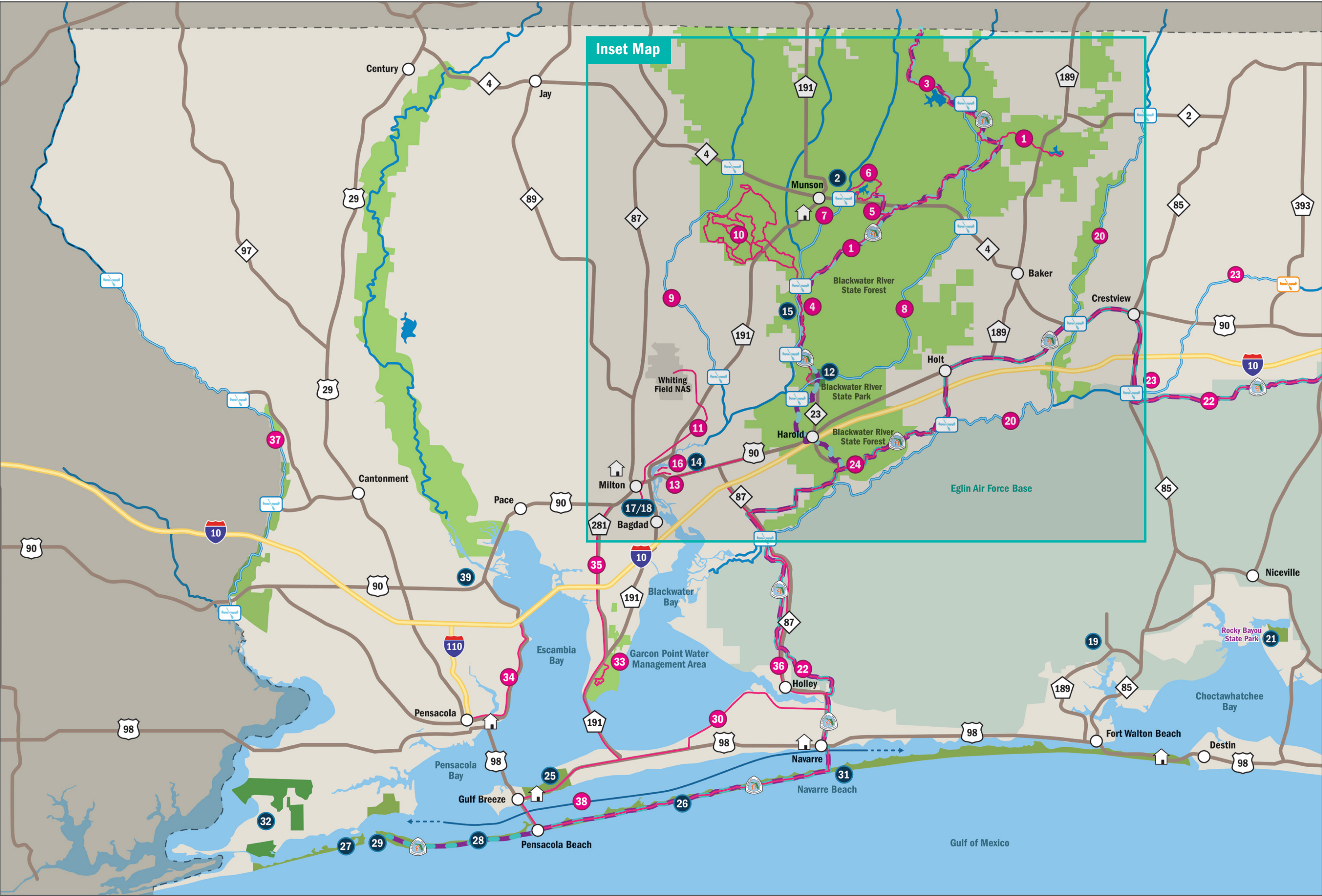
JUNE 4, 2022

Celebrating the 30th annual [American Hiking Society's National Trails Day®](#) is about coming together again on the trail and leaving the trail and the outdoor community better than you found them. Millions of hikers, bikers, rowers, horseback riders, trail clubs, federal and local agencies, land trusts, and businesses come together in partnership in events across the country to forge a more inclusive trail community and advocate for, maintain, and clean up public lands and trails. American Hiking Society (AHS) invites the public to celebrate National Trails Day® on June 4, 2022, in three ways:

1. **Join:** [Find a local event](#) or [create your own](#) and join the nationwide movement.
2. **Pledge:** [Take the #NationalTrailsDay Pledge](#) and commit to leaving the trail and the outdoor community better than you found them.
3. **Connect:** Encourage people to tag you/your organization, #NationalTrailsDay, and @AmericanHiking on social media. Photos tagged with @AmericanHiking and #NationalTrailsDay on Instagram will be entered into the NTD photo contest with a chance to win outdoor gear from our sponsors.

We hope you'll join us in promoting and caring for the great trails we have in Milton. If you want to be a part of National Trails Day events in Milton please contact Councilman Vernon Compton at 850-905-7100 or _____ with the City of Milton.





Legend

- Info Center/Park Headquarters
- Florida National Scenic Trail
- Trail Identifier
- Location Identifier
- Hiking Trail/Trailhead
- Canoe Trail/Access Point
- Paved Shoulder/Bike Lane/Bike Trail
- Multi-use Path
- Equestrian Trail

Recreation Areas (R.A.)

	Camping	Fishing	Hiking	Biking	Canoeing	Equestrian	Swimming
Bear Lake R.A.	•	•	•	•			
Karick Lake R.A.	•	•	•	•			
Krul Lake R.A.	•	•	•	•			
Coldwater R.A.	•	•	•	•			
Hurricane Lake Area	•	•	•	•			
Red Rock R.A.	•	•	•	•			
Bone Creek R.A.	•	•	•	•			
Rocky Bayou S.P.	•	•	•	•			
Fort Pickens Area	•	•	•	•			
Naval Live Oaks Area	•	•	•	•			
Perdido Key Area	•	•	•	•			
Opal Beach Area	•	•	•	•			
Big Lagoon S.P.	•	•	•	•			
Blackwater River S.P.	•	•	•	•			
Navarre Beach C.P.	•	•	•	•			

Blackwater River State Forest Area

Florida's largest state forest offers outdoor enthusiasts over 210,000 acres of forest, streams and lakes.

- Jackson Red Ground Trail - 21 miles** Beginning in Blackwater River State Forest at Ted Rock and winding north to Karick Lake Recreation Area, the trail follows a historic Indian settler trade route used in 1818 by General Andrew Jackson.
- Sweetwater Trail - 1.25 miles** This trail runs from Bear Lake to Krul Recreation Area. It includes a suspension bridge over Sweetwater Creek.
- Wiregrass Trail - 12.7 miles** This trail winds through some of the best remaining examples of the longleaf pine/wiregrass ecosystem in the world. It also passes through a beautiful bog containing carnivorous plants.
- Juniper Trail - 6.75 miles / Blackwater River Trail - 6.4 miles** Certified as a segment of the Florida National Scenic Trail, the Juniper Creek Trail runs parallel to Juniper Creek. The Blackwater River Trail begins at the state park and traverses south across the Blackwater River.
- Bear Lake Hiking Trail - 4 miles** Trail circles a 107-acre lake with camping, picnicking, and a kitchen pavilion.
- Bear Lake Mountain Bike Trail - 6 miles** Enjoy this loop trail around Bear Lake that also connects to other dirt roads allowing for additional exploration of the forest.
- Sweetwater Creek / Juniper Creek Canoe Trail - 11 miles** The upper Sweetwater Creek is narrow with winding curves. Upon joining Juniper Creek, the stream opens up and the curves become gentler with white-sand bottoms and wide sandbars.
- Blackwater River Canoe Trail - 31 miles** This canoe trail lined with cedar, maple, and cypress flows through the Blackwater River State Forest and ends at Deaton Bridge.
- Coldwater Creek Canoe Trail - 18 miles** Spring-fed, this brisk stream is refreshingly cool with a sandy bottom and broad sandbars recalling the sugar-white sands of nearby Gulf Coast beaches.
- Coldwater Creek Equestrian Trail System - 50 miles** Blackwater River State Forest boasts more than 50 miles of horse trails centered around Coldwater Recreation Area on the banks of Coldwater Creek.
- Blackwater Heritage State Trail - 10 miles** Bike, walk, jog and roller-blade alongside the old Florida and Alabama Rail Line connecting Milton and Whiting Field. The 10-mile trail includes the Blackwater Heritage State Trail and, the northernmost 1.5 miles is officially the Military Heritage Trail.
- Blackwater River State Park** This 590-acre park is an outdoor delight for hiking, canoeing, camping, swimming, fishing, nature studies, and more. Hikers can enjoy longleaf pine forest, cypress swamps, and American white cedar woodlands.
- Old Spanish Trail - 7 miles** This historic route was paved with locally produced bricks in 1921.
- Marquis Basin / Blackwater River Canoe / Kayak Trail - 1.5 miles** Canoe and kayak through a beautiful bayou and the Blackwater River. Access at northern recreation area of Russell Harbor Landing Park in Milton.
- Juniper Creek Primitive Area Mountain Bike Loop Trail - 8 miles** Mountain bike loop trail on the east side of Juniper Creek. Park at the Red Rock Road creek-side parking area and ride one mile east to Red Gate #2. Then follow the yellow blazes.
- Old River Trail - 0.5 miles** This short hiking and biking trail follows the Blackwater River, connecting Russell Harbor Landing Park to the Navy Boat Docks. Trail access at northern recreation area of Russell Harbor Landing Park in Milton.
- Blackwater Maritime Heritage Trail** Enjoy a virtual tour learning about the historic and natural resources found along your paddle or boating exploration of the Blackwater River and Blackwater Bay. This virtual tour can be found at Bagdad Mill Site Park.

18. Bagdad Mill Site Park  Once home to one of the largest southern pine sawmills on the Gulf Coast, the 21-acre Bagdad Mill Site Park is now home to one of the areas largest waterfront parks. Enjoy the paved multiple use trail that circles the park with views of the Blackwater River and Pond Creek, or enjoy the large open space for flying a kite, throwing a Frisbee or a football.

Eglin Air Force Base Recreation Area

There are 464,000 acres of diverse habitat in Eglin, with miles of trails and canoe routes. Eglin Trail alone provides over 70 miles of outdoor enjoyment. Eglin AFB has the most old-growth longleaf pines left in the world, some over 500 years old.

19. Timberlake Mountain Bike Trail System - 26 miles   A mountain biker's dream. Although hikers and runners are permitted on the trail system, horses are not, and right-of-way is given to cyclists.

20. Yellow River Canoe Trail - 56 miles  The upper portion of the Yellow River is a fast-flowing stream draining the Western Highlands and Florida's highest elevation. Downstream, the river deepens and slows as it passes through cypress and gum swamps.

21. Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park
The park is noted for its forest where large, mature sand pines tower over other scrub vegetation such as rosemary, reindeer moss and scrub oaks. With one mile of shoreline running within the park, it's the perfect location for fishing, boating and nature study.

22. Eglin Trail - 70+ miles   This hiking trail winds through longleaf pine forests, crossing numerous spring-fed creeks. Also, catch a glimpse of rare steepheads and bogs of pitcher plants and other carnivorous plants.

23. Shoal River Canoe Trail - 27 miles  A nature lover's dream, the Shoal River is surrounded by maple, birch, oak, gum, and cypress forests, and passes by high sandy hills and broad sandbars.

24. Yellow River Ravines Trail   This trail winds through the Yellow River Ravines, known for a unique natural community called steephead ravines. Access and parking available just west of the Harold Store along Highway 90.

Gulf Islands National Seashore

One of the top five most-visited National Parks in the United States, the National Seashore showcases 52 miles of protected, snowy-white beaches with fertile coastal marshes, 19th century forts, shaded picnic areas, winding nature trails, abundant wildlife, and comfortable campgrounds.

25. Naval Live Oaks Area
This mainland forest offers hikers and bikers a likely encounter with wildlife. Commonly spotted animals include five-line skinks, gray squirrels, and a variety of birds such as osprey, belted kingfishers, and woodpeckers.

26. Opal Beach Area
A part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, Opal Beach provides a great stop along the seashore trail to enjoy wildlife, take a dip in the Gulf waters and take a picture.

27. Perdido Key Area
Perdido translates to "lost," and that is the magic of this tranquil beach area. Take pleasure in 247 acres on the barrier island, located about 15 miles west of Pensacola.

28. Seashore Trail - 29 miles    Enjoy the beginning of the Florida National Scenic Trail at historic Fort Pickens in the Gulf Islands National Seashore. The trail winds through large sand dunes, coastal scrub and stunted forests, with striking views of the Gulf of Mexico. Paved portions are multiple use.

29. Historic Fort Pickens Area  The perfect getaway for fishing, diving, and camping, this area also offers a memorable experience for hikers and bikers. Stroll along Blackbird Marsh and Dune Nature Trails, and discover the variety of island life.

30. South Santa Rosa Loop Trail - 40 miles    Created for experienced joggers, cyclists, inline skaters, and hikers, this route includes multiple use trails and paved shoulders. It begins at the Navarre Beach Nature Walk, traverses through scenic Gulf Islands National Seashore, crosses the Pensacola Beach Bridge, and returns through Gulf Breeze along U.S. Highway 98 and Soundside Drive (399) to Navarre.

31. Navarre Beach Marine Park
Explore this park to see three attractions above and below sea level: Navarre Beach Marine Science Station, Navarre Beach Sea Turtle Conservation Center, and the Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary and Artificial Reefs. There are three artificial reefs (East Sound Side Reef, West Sound Side Reef and the Gulf Side Reef), each perfect for snorkeling and diving around.

32. Big Lagoon State Park
Covering more than 700 acres, Big Lagoon offers camping, hiking, swimming, boating, fishing, and crabbing. Take advantage of guided walks, campfire programs, recreational skills instruction and a 40-foot coastal observation tower.

33. Garcon Point Trails/Yellow River Marsh Preserve State Park - 2.7 miles  These two short hiking trails, including a 1.5 mile loop trail and a 1.2 mile spur trail, wind through a wet prairie system and feature orchids, endangered white-top pitcher plants, other insect eating plants, and abundant birds.

34. Scenic Highway Bike Route  This beautiful roadway is noted for its striking vista of Escambia Bay viewed primarily through natural wooded landscapes, varying from wetland areas to upland bluffs.

35. Avalon Bike Route  This paved shoulder bike lane begins at Interstate 10 south of Milton at the Avalon exit and crosses south over Garcon Point. Stop and enjoy the Garcon Point Hiking trails along the way. Continue south over East Bay to connect to Tiger Point in south Santa Rosa County.

36. Highway 87 Bike Route  This paved shoulder bike lane along the highway connects Santa Rosa County Blackwater River State Forest and Navarre Beach. Take your time and enjoy the many trails along the way.

37. Perdido River Canoe Trail - 9 miles  This trail gently curves past forests of pine and cypress. The sand bottom is visible through the clear water, and large white sandbars are numerous along bends in the river.

38. Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail  Enjoy a part of Florida's longest and most ambitious sea kayaking trail, stretching 1,515 miles along the entirety of Florida's coast. Explore the shores of Gulf Islands National Seashore as a special treat.

39. UWF Multi-Use Nature Trails      Catering to hikers, joggers, cyclists, and equestrians alike, the University of West Florida offers miles of paths for public use. The Edward Ball Nature Walk meanders through a tree-shaded bayou filled with fish and turtles.



Red-Cockaded Woodpecker

Northwest Florida's open pine forests provide a superb habitat of one of the largest population of the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker in the world. This endangered bird requires old-growth longleaf pine and open understory for nesting and foraging.



Florida National Scenic Trail

The Florida National Scenic Trail is one of eleven National Scenic Trails designated by Congress. These National Scenic Trails are America's premier hiking trails for outdoor enthusiasts. When completed, the trail will stretch 1,300 miles through natural diversity and wonders of Florida.



Pitcher Plant

In all of the United States, the south-eastern coastal plain has the highest concentration of different species of carnivorous plants, and Northwest Florida is the center of this diversity. It's fresh water bogs, swamps, moist pinelands, and wet areas inhabit more than 35 species—mostly, Florida's rare and endangered pitcher plant.



Florida Canoe Trail

In 1979, Florida established a network of recreational canoe trails as a way for people to explore Florida. Many of the 38 public canoe trails, which cover more than 1,000 miles of scenic waterways, are situated in Northwest Florida. For this reason, the region has become known as "Florida's Canoe Capital."



Our White Sand

Northwest Florida boasts some of the world's whitest beaches. Composed of pure quartz crystal washed down from the Appalachian Mountains, the sand accumulates in sand bars along river bends and streams on its way to the emerald waters of the Gulf of Mexico.



Greenways

Toward creating a more sustainable Florida, efforts are in place to designate and connect greenways and trails throughout the state. Greenways are open spaces along natural corridors such as rivers converted to recreational use; natural or landscaped passages; or open space connectors linking ecosystems.



Rules & Regulations:

- » Respect trail use and other postings and regulations as specified by land owners and indicated on the map.
- » Camping is permitted in designated areas only.
- » The removal or injury of any plants or animals is prohibited (except game species during designated hunting season).
- » No littering. If trash receptacle is unavailable, please pack out refuse.
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18. Bagdad Mill Site Park  Once home to one of the largest southern pine sawmills on the Gulf Coast, the 21-acre Bagdad Mill Site Park is now home to one of the areas largest waterfront parks. Enjoy the paved multiple use trail that circles the park with views of the Blackwater River and Pond Creek, or enjoy the large open space for flying a kite, throwing a Frisbee or a football.

Eglin Air Force Base Recreation Area

There are 464,000 acres of diverse habitat in Eglin, with miles of trails and canoe routes. Eglin Trail alone provides over 70 miles of outdoor enjoyment. Eglin AFB has the most old-growth longleaf pines left in the world, some over 500 years old.

19. Timberlake Mountain Bike Trail System - 26 miles   A mountain biker's dream. Although hikers and runners are permitted on the trail system, horses are not, and right-of-way is given to cyclists.

20. Yellow River Canoe Trail - 56 miles  The upper portion of the Yellow River is a fast-flowing stream draining the Western Highlands and Florida's highest elevation. Downstream, the river deepens and slows as it passes through cypress and gum swamps.

21. Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park
The park is noted for its forest where large, mature sand pines tower over other scrub vegetation such as rosemary, reindeer moss and scrub oaks. With one mile of shoreline running within the park, it's the perfect location for fishing, boating and nature study.

22. Eglin Trail - 70+ miles   This hiking trail winds through longleaf pine forests, crossing numerous spring-fed creeks. Also, catch a glimpse of rare steepheads and bogs of pitcher plants and other carnivorous plants.

23. Shoal River Canoe Trail - 27 miles  A nature lover's dream, the Shoal River is surrounded by maple, birch, oak, gum, and cypress forests, and passes by high sandy hills and broad sandbars.

24. Yellow River Ravines Trail   This trail winds through the Yellow River Ravines, known for a unique natural community called steephead ravines. Access and parking available just west of the Harold Store along Highway 90.

Gulf Islands National Seashore

One of the top five most-visited National Parks in the United States, the National Seashore showcases 52 miles of protected, snowy-white beaches with fertile coastal marshes, 19th century forts, shaded picnic areas, winding nature trails, abundant wildlife, and comfortable campgrounds.

25. Naval Live Oaks Area
This mainland forest offers hikers and bikers a likely encounter with wildlife. Commonly spotted animals include five-line skinks, gray squirrels, and a variety of birds such as osprey, belted kingfishers, and woodpeckers.

26. Opal Beach Area
A part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, Opal Beach provides a great stop along the seashore trail to enjoy wildlife, take a dip in the Gulf waters and take a picture.

27. Perdido Key Area
Perdido translates to "lost," and that is the magic of this tranquil beach area. Take pleasure in 247 acres on the barrier island, located about 15 miles west of Pensacola.

28. Seashore Trail - 29 miles    Enjoy the beginning of the Florida National Scenic Trail at historic Fort Pickens in the Gulf Islands National Seashore. The trail winds through large sand dunes, coastal scrub and stunted forests, with striking views of the Gulf of Mexico. Paved portions are multiple use.

29. Historic Fort Pickens Area  The perfect getaway for fishing, diving, and camping, this area also offers a memorable experience for hikers and bikers. Stroll along Blackbird Marsh and Dune Nature Trails, and discover the variety of island life.

30. South Santa Rosa Loop Trail - 40 miles    Created for experienced joggers, cyclists, inline skaters, and hikers, this route includes multiple use trails and paved shoulders. It begins at the Navarre Beach Nature Walk, traverses through scenic Gulf Islands National Seashore, crosses the Pensacola Beach Bridge, and returns through Gulf Breeze along U.S. Highway 98 and Soundside Drive (399) to Navarre.

31. Navarre Beach Marine Park
Explore this park to see three attractions above and below sea level: Navarre Beach Marine Science Station, Navarre Beach Sea Turtle Conservation Center, and the Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary and Artificial Reefs. There are three artificial reefs (East Sound Side Reef, West Sound Side Reef and the Gulf Side Reef), each perfect for snorkeling and diving around.

32. Big Lagoon State Park
Covering more than 700 acres, Big Lagoon offers camping, hiking, swimming, boating, fishing, and crabbing. Take advantage of guided walks, campfire programs, recreational skills instruction and a 40-foot coastal observation tower.

33. Garcon Point Trails/Yellow River Marsh Preserve State Park - 2.7 miles  These two short hiking trails, including a 1.5 mile loop trail and a 1.2 mile spur trail, wind through a wet prairie system and feature orchids, endangered white-top pitcher plants, other insect eating plants, and abundant birds.

34. Scenic Highway Bike Route  This beautiful roadway is noted for its striking vista of Escambia Bay viewed primarily through natural wooded landscapes, varying from wetland areas to upland bluffs.

35. Avalon Bike Route  This paved shoulder bike lane begins at Interstate 10 south of Milton at the Avalon exit and crosses south over Garcon Point. Stop and enjoy the Garcon Point Hiking trails along the way. Continue south over East Bay to connect to Tiger Point in south Santa Rosa County.

36. Highway 87 Bike Route  This paved shoulder bike lane along the highway connects Santa Rosa County Blackwater River State Forest and Navarre Beach. Take your time and enjoy the many trails along the way.

37. Perdido River Canoe Trail - 9 miles  This trail gently curves past forests of pine and cypress. The sand bottom is visible through the clear water, and large white sandbars are numerous along bends in the river.

38. Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail  Enjoy a part of Florida's longest and most ambitious sea kayaking trail, stretching 1,515 miles along the entirety of Florida's coast. Explore the shores of Gulf Islands National Seashore as a special treat.

39. UWF Multi-Use Nature Trails      Catering to hikers, joggers, cyclists, and equestrians alike, the University of West Florida offers miles of paths for public use. The Edward Ball Nature Walk meanders through a tree-shaded bayou filled with fish and turtles.



Red-Cockaded Woodpecker

Northwest Florida's open pine forests provide a superb habitat of one of the largest population of the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker in the world. This endangered bird requires old-growth longleaf pine and open understory for nesting and foraging.



Florida National Scenic Trail

The Florida National Scenic Trail is one of eleven National Scenic Trails designated by Congress. These National Scenic Trails are America's premier hiking trails for outdoor enthusiasts. When completed, the trail will stretch 1,300 miles through natural diversity and wonders of Florida.



Pitcher Plant

In all of the United States, the south-eastern coastal plain has the highest concentration of different species of carnivorous plants, and Northwest Florida is the center of this diversity. It's fresh water bogs, swamps, moist pinelands, and wet areas inhabit more than 35 species—mostly, Florida's rare and endangered pitcher plant.



Florida Canoe Trail

In 1979, Florida established a network of recreational canoe trails as a way for people to explore Florida. Many of the 38 public canoe trails, which cover more than 1,000 miles of scenic waterways, are situated in Northwest Florida. For this reason, the region has become known as "Florida's Canoe Capital."



Our White Sand

Northwest Florida boasts some of the world's whitest beaches. Composed of pure quartz crystal washed down from the Appalachian Mountains, the sand accumulates in sand bars along river bends and streams on its way to the emerald waters of the Gulf of Mexico.



Greenways

Toward creating a more sustainable Florida, efforts are in place to designate and connect greenways and trails throughout the state. Greenways are open spaces along natural corridors such as rivers converted to recreational use; natural or landscaped passages; or open space connectors linking ecosystems.



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