



EVENT.....4th Annual Beaches to Woodlands Tour
DATE.....Each weekend in October 2007
LOCATION.....Venues located throughout Santa Rosa County
COST.....Most venues are free; some have admission fees or options at additional costs

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BEACHES TO WOODLANDS TOUR 2007 Santa Rosa County Celebrates Rich Heritage

Santa Rosa County, Fla.-- - Step back in time and discover Santa Rosa County's rich heritage each weekend this October during the 4th Annual Beaches to Woodlands Tour.

The self-guided journey highlights arts & culture, heritage, nature and special events venues throughout the county and showcases local historical sites on the National Register of Historic Places, including the "First American Road" built by Andrew Jackson and his troops.

A signature tour event is the Munson Community Heritage Festival held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Oct. 13-14 at the Blackwater River State Forest's scenic Krul Recreation Area. Always popular are the living history exhibitions which showcase old-time ways of life in the rural Florida panhandle, including turpentine, a water-powered grist mill, making cane syrup, cooking on a wood stove, milking a cow, moonshining, and more on forest education and information displays, heritage artisans, bluegrass and old-time country and gospel music, and living history exhibitions. Nearby Red Rock Masonic Lodge and Munson Volunteer Fire Department also provide festival activities.

"This heritage celebration is the work of country folks from the rural Deep South, who gather each year to show and tell about history and how life was lived and enjoyed fifty to a hundred years ago," said Ben Wolcott of the Florida Division of Forestry. "We're excited about having added more new living-history demonstrations, more musicians, and more educational displays. As always, the event is free to the public."

A sampling of other heritage venues on the Tour include: Historical presentations and walking tours in Bagdad Village, Arcadia Mills, Archeological Site, Historic Milton's Ghost Walk, and Depot Day at Louisville & Nashville Depot and Railroad Museum.

To request a free Beaches to Woodlands Tour brochure featuring detailed venue information and maps, call 800.480.SAND (7263), stop by a Santa Rosa County Visitor Information Center, or visit www.BeachesToWoodlands2007.com.