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EVENT.....4<sup>th</sup> 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

Aug. 6, 2007

***BEACHES TO WOODLANDS TOUR 2007***  
*Santa Rosa County Showcases Diversity*

**Santa Rosa County, Fla. ---** Visitors and locals will have a chance to discover the diversity, arts, culture, heritage and nature of Santa Rosa County at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Beaches to Woodlands tour to be held each weekend in October 2007.

The popular fall tour features family-friendly special events held throughout the county from the sugar-white sands and emerald green waters of Navarre Beach through historic riverfront districts in Florida's Canoe Capital and into vast farmlands surrounded by one of Florida's largest state forests, Blackwater River State Forest, gateway to a million acres of woodlands.

The self-guided tour provides guests an opportunity to choose their own routes and experience venues of their choice from a hands-on coastal awareness festival with kayaking and marine life displays to guided living history tours through historic villages, and much more.

A sampling of signature tour venues include: the Jay Peanut Festival, Bagdad Village Front Porch Art Stroll, Munson Community Heritage Festival, Navarre Beach Fall Festival of Arts, and Historic Milton's Ghost Walk.

To request a free Tour brochure featuring detailed venue information and maps, call 800.480.SAND (7263) or visit [www.beaches-rivers.com](http://www.beaches-rivers.com) and click on the "Beaches to Woodlands Tour" logo.

# SIGNATURE TOUR VENUES

*\*Please note – the following listings are large-scale festivals which draw thousands of visitors or key venues unique to Santa Rosa County. There are many additional arts & culture, heritage, nature-based, and special events along the route, and we appreciate the participation of them all! \$ - denotes an admission fee (in addition to optional costs such tickets, etc).*

## WEEKEND ONE – Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

**Jay Peanut Festival** - Gabbert Farm, located at 3604 Pine Level Church Road in Jay  
850-675-6823.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> & Sun., Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Huge farming festival attracting thousands to the small agricultural Town of Jay; features many vendors, hay rides, gospel singing and, of course, fresh peanut products.

**Old Spanish Trail Sale** - various sites along Highway 90 corridor  
850-626-4492.

Sat., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, all day

Antique treasure hunting at local antique stores, flea markets, and various sites along Highway 90!

**Coastal Encounters Festival** - Navarre Park, located at 8543 Navarre Parkway in Navarre

850-623-3868

Sat., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Family-oriented coastal awareness event includes lots of hands-on activities including: fishing, kayaking, fish painting, live marine life, games, arts & crafts, natural resource displays and more.

## WEEKEND TWO – Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

**Munson Community Heritage Festival** - Blackwater River State Forest in Munson  
850-957-6140

Sat., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> & Sun., Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Held at scenic Krul Lake Recreation Area, this festival features heritage artisans, live bluegrass music, and living history exhibitions on old-time ways of life in the rural Florida panhandle; nearby Red Rock Masonic Lodge and Munson Community Volunteer Fire Department also provide festival activities.

**St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church's Fall Festival** - 6451 Park Avenue in Milton  
850-623-3600

Fri., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 5-10 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 12-10 pm; Sun., Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 12-5 p.m.

Fair rides & games, international food vendors, entertainment, and arts & crafts abound at this fun-filled carnival.

**Navarre Beach Fall Festival of the Arts** – located at Navarre Beach Pier Parking Lot on Navarre Beach

800-480-SAND (7263) or [www.gnbaa.org](http://www.gnbaa.org)

Fri., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 6-10 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Greater Navarre Beach Arts Association hosts up to 80 arts & crafts vendors with food, kids activities, music, and entertainment featuring Latin night on Friday and Parrotheads music on Saturday evening.

## **WEEKEND THREE – Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Bagdad Village Front Porch Art Stroll** – starts at Bagdad Museum, located at 4512 Church Street in Bagdad

850-981-9915 or [www.BagdadWaterfronts.org](http://www.BagdadWaterfronts.org)

Sat., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>

Artists, crafters, food, music, museum tours, and historical walking tours of historic village and cemetery.

### **Depot Day**

L & N Depot - 5003 Henry St.

850-623-3645

Sat., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>

Just across the railroad tracks from historic Bagdad Village, this open house features heritage artists, a kids train ride, and much more; concessions available.

**Gulf Islands National Seashore** – located on U.S. Hwy. 98 in Gulf Breeze

850-934-2600

Visitors center/gift shop open daily 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (park closes at sunset)

The Naval Live Oaks Reserve is home to three historic sites listed on National Register of Historic Places, including the “First American Road” built from Pensacola to St.

Augustine by Andrew Jackson and his troops and a prehistoric archaeological site from a Cultural Mississippian domestic village dating from 490 AD.

## **WEEKEND FOUR – Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

**(\$) The Zoo's "Zoo Boo"** - 5701 Gulf Breeze Parkway in Tiger Point  
850-932-2229

Sat., Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Enjoy over 1400 animals and special family-friendly Halloween activities!

**Chumuckla Farmer's Opry** – 8897 Byron Campbell Road in Chumuckla  
850-994-6000

Fri & Sat evenings: dinner starts 4:30 p.m.; show starts 7 p.m.

Enjoy classic southern cuisine followed by the entertaining county music sounds of Sawmill Band.

**(\$) Historical Society's "Ghost Walk"** – starts at Imogene Theatre, located at 6866  
Caroline St. in Milton  
850-626-9830

Fri., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> & Sat., Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

Local ghost tales come to life in this Santa Rosa Historical Society guided downtown tour.