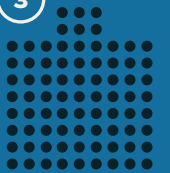


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GULF OF MEXICO



GULF SNORKEL REEFS

This public underwater park has been established to enhance protection for the snorkeling reef ecosystem and to provide for compatible use by paddle craft, swimmers and beach visitors. The Navarre Beach Marine Park Gulf Snorkel Reefs are an artificial reef system which provides habitat to the shallow and sandy bottom waters of Florida's Gulf of Mexico ecosystem. These near to the shore reefs are in a depth range of 9 to 15 feet of water, approximately 100 yards from shore. To be safe, always take a flotation device. Visitors should always pay attention to beach warning flags, weather and respect the power of the Gulf of Mexico

- **YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN SNORKELING/DIVING EQUIPMENT**
- **DIVE FLAG REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES WHILE DIVING OR SNORKELING**
- **SPEARFISHING NOT ALLOWED MARCH 1-OCTOBER 31 PER COUNTY ORDINANCE 94-19**

1 EAST SOUND SIDE REEF

The East Sound Side Reef is the smallest of the reefs, located to the north-west of the Sandpiper Pavilion. The East Sound Side Reef is marked on all four corners with pilings marked with signs reading "Snorkeling reef, no motorized vessels."

2 WEST SOUND SIDE REEF

The West Sound Side Reef is the largest of the sound side reefs with a footprint approximately equal to a football field. The West Sound Side Reef is marked on all four corners with pilings marked with signs reading "Snorkeling reef, No motorized vessels."

3 GULF SIDE REEF

The Gulf Side Reef is located in the Gulf of Mexico. The Gulf Side Reef is located directly south of the Sea Oat Pavilion. The reef is marked by two large PVC posts positioned on the sand dune and is 340 ft. south of the mean tide line.

4 DEEPWATER "NEARSHORE" ARTIFICIAL REEFS

The reefs are located about one mile off of Navarre Beach. More than 500 modules were deployed to create 27 individual reef sites or patch reefs. The reefs objective is to enhance long-term recreational fishing and diving to Navarre Beach. The nearshore reefs contain many different sized modules to attract fish, from 15-ft tall tetrahedrons (also known as "super reefs"); 8-ft tall tetrahedron pyramids and 6-ft tall ledge and dish modules (grouper boxes).



NAVARRE BEACH MARINE SCIENCE STATION

The mission of the Navarre Beach Marine Science Station is to utilize education and service to promote the appreciation, conservation, and understanding of the marine ecosystem of coastal Florida. The station focuses on education for Northwest Florida K-12 students, 4-H and the community. It is open to visitors during special events or open hour tours. Visit the Navarre Beach Marine Science Station online at navarrebeachmarinesciencestation.com.

NAVARRE BEACH SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION CENTER

The Navarre Beach Sea Turtle Conservation Center is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization working to save threatened and endangered sea turtles through public outreach, conservation and research. The NBSTCC is open to the public with an admission fee. Here you can meet a sea turtle, along with various other marine and terrestrial animals that are found on the Gulf coast. The center uses unique displays, interactive exhibits, aquariums, tanks, and public events to educate on local wildlife. Visit the Navarre Beach Sea Turtle Conservation Center online at navarrebeachseaturtles.org.

NAVARRE BEACH ADA ACCESSIBLE KAYAK LAUNCH AND WALKOVERS

Within the Navarre Beach Marine Park, there are numerous ADA access points: two on the Soundside behind Snowy Plover Ct. and three ADA access points on the Gulf side, 40B, 40D & 40E. Additionally, one ADA accessible kayak launch lies on the Soundside behind the Red Drum pavilion.

PAVILIONS AND RESTROOMS

Enjoy a picnic, family reunion, wedding & reception, or just take a break from the sun at one of the Navarre Beach Marine Park's many pavilions. There are several on the Soundside as well as the Gulf side in various sizes. All are open to the public and available for private reservation or first come, first served. For more information, call 850-981-8888 or visit santarosa.fl.gov/reserve to make a reservation. All pavilions have restrooms, tables and rinse stations. The larger pavilions have charcoal grills available. No glass, pets, balloons or fireworks, please.

BEACHES AND WILDLIFE

Abundant parking and public beach access points are available throughout the Marine Park. There are also many opportunities for fun and relaxing recreation. Check out the educational shorebird signage and overlook binoculars at the Sea Oat pavilion. Many birds make their homes here during the spring and summer nesting season, or migrate through the fall and winter. You can see Black Skimmers, Least Terns, Great Blue Herons, Brown Pelicans, Red-Winged Black Birds and so many more critters in their natural habitat.

BEACH WHEELCHAIRS

Beach wheelchairs are available on a first come, first served basis at the Navarre Beach Fire Department and Windjammers. There are no fees and you must pick up.

MARINE PARK MAP REVISED 2023

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