

Navarre Beach

MARINE PARK



4 LOCATED APPROX. 1 MI OFF NAVARRE BEACH



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 9-15 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 4 corners with pilings, the pilings are 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 4 corners with pilings, the pilings are 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 340ft 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-foot 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 promote the appreciation, conservation, and understanding of the marine ecosystem of coastal Florida through education and service. The station focuses on the education for Northwest Florida K-12 students, 4-H and the community. It is open to tourists during special events or open hour tours. Visit the Navarre Beach Marine Science Station online at www.navarresciencestation.org

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 conservation and education. The Navarre Beach Sea Turtle Conservation Center is open to the public with an admission fee. Here you can meet a sea turtle along with various displays, interactive exhibits and aquariums featuring Gulf of Mexico inhabitants. Visit the Navarre Beach Sea Turtle Conservation Center online at www.navarrebeachseaturtles.org

NAVARRE BEACH ADA ACCESSIBLE KAYAK LAUNCHES AND WALKOVERS

Within the Navarre Beach Marine Park, we now have 4 ADA access points, two on the Sound side and two on the Gulf side. In addition, two ADA accessible kayak launches, one on the Sound side and one on the Gulf side.

PAVILIONS AND RESTROOMS

Have a picnic, family reunion, wedding & reception or just take a break from the sun at one of the Navarre Beach Marine Parks many pavilions. All are open to the public and also available for private reservations, please call 850-981-8888 for more information. All have restrooms, water fountains and wash off stations. The larger pavilions have charcoal grills available.

MULTIUSE PATH

Enjoy the natural beauty of the Navarre Beach Marine Park by walking, running or biking on the multiuse path. The path runs through the Navarre Beach Marine Park and then continues on down Gulf Blvd.

BEACHES AND WILDLIFE

The Navarre Beach Marine Park has ADA access to both Sound side and Gulf side beaches, abundant parking and many recreational opportunities. Many seashore birds make their home during the spring and summer nesting season. You can see Black Skimmers, Least Terns, Great Blue Herons, Plovers and so much more.

BEACH WHEELCHAIRS

Navarre Beach Marine Park has two PVC beach wheelchairs available to rent at the Navarre Beach Fishing Pier. For rental information, call (850) 710-3239



The Navarre Beach Marine Park is operated by the Santa Rosa County in a partnership with Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, a non-profit membership organization dedicated to the preservation of the Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary. Please visit NavarreChamberFoundation.org and NavarreBeachMarineSanctuary.org

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