

## **Navarre Beach Story Ideas**

### **From the Turquoise Waters and Tall Pine Forest of the Parks of Santa Rosa County Florida**

[Navarre Beach](#) is known for being one of Florida's most undiscovered and untouched destinations, is the perfect place to visit for a holiday that provides both peace of mind and inner peace.

### **A Quiet National Seashore Where Clear Salt Water and Warm Breezes Invigorate the Soul**

This extraordinary oasis which offers adventures at its many parks is located just 17 miles from Fort Walton Beach to the east, and 17 miles from Pensacola Beach to the west, but somehow the destination seems a lot farther away than that. Navarre Beach, located in northeast Florida on a slender stretch of land known as Santa Rosa Island, will become your own private Florida beach — open to the public. That's because, regardless of the season, [Navarre Beach's](#) four miles of pristine shoreline along the crystalline blue-green waters of the Gulf of Mexico, does not get crowded and never has you searching for a safe place to set down your beach blanket and umbrella. Imagine arriving, beach gear in tow, and staking out an ample piece of real estate on sands that are somehow a whiter shade of white. Sure, some other folks may be within a stone's throw, but essentially you'll have a lovely piece of paradise all for yourself and your family. Gaze out at the crystalline blue-green waters. Go for a swim, relax on a float, or simply frolic. If that doesn't make you decompress, what will?

If you get the urge to explore, Navarre Beach County Park borders to the east, and to the west is a portion of the [Gulf Islands National Seashore](#), with its rustic landscape and dunes. There is no bustling boardwalk, but do check out the [Navarre Beach Fishing Pier](#), which at more than 1,500 feet is the longest pier in Florida. With its wood-planked walkway, the Pier is basically free of attractions and vendors. It's a place to stroll, mingle, fish (folks have been known to reel in some prize catches), soak up the sun and breezes, and take in gorgeous views. Then check out the [Navarre Beach Marine Park](#), with an educational marine science station, sea turtle conservatory, and near shore reefs.

### **Beyond The Beaches, Visitors Get To Experience Two Florida Holidays In One—From The Salty Turquoise Gulf To A Clear Freshwater River With Private White Sand Beaches.**

Paddle or tube down a pristine, winding river, taking in the foliage, wildlife and soothing sounds of nature — then pull over, unfurl a blanket and relax on the white, sands of your own private beach. That's a recreational scenario you don't often hear about, but it is quintessentially the [Blackwater River State Park](#) in Santa Rosa County, Fla.

For eons, people in kayaks and canoes have basked in the natural splendor and isolated surroundings of one of Florida's most picturesque sandy-bottom waterways. A key part of the experience is to pull up your craft and spend time on one of the river's many mini-beaches — all with gleaming white sand.

Blackwater River gets its name from the brackish quality of its water, which gives it a tea color. So no, it's not black — and, yes, it's definitely swimmable. The Blackwater River State Park consists of more than 600 acres, most of it untouched, 15 miles northeast of Milton, the county seat. The river is the big attraction, but the park also includes miles of nature trails winding through undisturbed habitats. Shaded campsites (30 in all) are just short walks from the water, and a picnic pavilion overlooks the river.

Blackwater River State Park has several access points from roadways. But outdoorsy folks might want to embark from Milton and paddle the gorgeous 10-plus miles to get there. It is also a hikers and cyclists dream. Miles of accessible trail wind through the longleaf pine forests of Santa Rosa County. Many bring travelers out to the Blackwater River and provide the perfect midway respite for a quick lunch on the shore of the river, before heading back on the trail.

The state park is less than an hour's ride from both Pensacola Beach and Fort Walton Beach. A relaxing paddle and a bit of lounging on a stretch of riverside sand — with hardly another soul in sight — could be the ideal side trip from the more bustling tourist spots in the Florida Panhandle. And two of the areas' camping and glamping grounds offer travelers some of the destination's most unique and beautiful accommodations. The Modern Treehouse at [Coldwater Gardens](#) is a stately piece of modern architecture set among a dense magnolia canopy. It's made of rich woods, inside and out. And [Katie's Kaboose](#), a one-of-a-kind accommodation at Adventures Unlimited, is a renovated train caboos equipped with a full-sized bed and single trundle bed.

Destination images [here](#).

*Located between Pensacola and Destin/Fort Walton Beach, Florida's Most Relaxing Place — whose communities include Navarre Beach, Gulf Breeze, historic Milton — is an easy drive from most anywhere in the Southeast. Santa Rosa County features Florida's most relaxing beaches that have soft, pearl white sand and emerald waves, breathtaking sunsets and inland waterway adventures to savor at an unrushed pace in a laid-back atmosphere. Pensacola International Airport is just 30 miles away with air service provided by American, Delta, United, US Airways and Southwest, while Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport is 25 miles away and is serviced by Allegiant Airlines, American and Delta. Accolades: **FamilyVacationCritic.com** ranks Navarre Beach #2 of "10 Best Family Beaches for 2019," and included it in their 2019 ranking of "10 Secret Florida Vacation Spots You Never Knew About." **TripAdvisor 2020 Travelers Choice** award winner and TripAdvisor also included Navarre Beach in its "25 best beaches in the US 2019" list at #12, **MSN** calls Navarre Beach a "Spring Break Destination to Escape the Crowds" 2018; **USA Today** cited it among "The Best Uncrowded Snorkeling Beaches in Florida." **TravelLemming.com** honored Navarre Beach as one of the Top 30 Emerging Destinations globally for 2020. In 2017 Navarre Beach rated #6 out of 365 worldwide beaches by **Travel+Leisure** magazine, and was also listed as one of "The South's Best Tiny Towns" by **Southern Living Magazine**.*

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