Panacea is the site of a turn-of-the-century resort community. In the early 1900s, visitors traveled from across the country, and as far away as Europe, to take in the healing waters of popular Panacea Mineral Springs. As time passed, the community became known for its commercial fishing industry. The annual Blue Crab Festival, held the first Saturday in May, honors the area's fishing heritage. Today, Panacea is again becoming a vacation destination. With world-renown Wakulla Springs State Park, the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, four major river systems, the Florida Scenic Hiking Trail and the Gulf of Mexico all within a half-hour's travel time, Panacea is becoming a hub for nature-based activities. Begin your Panacea visit at the Wakulla Welcome Center overlooking Dickerson Bay. Brochures and maps available at the Welcome Center guide you to sites and services for memorable nature-based adventures. For information about Panacea and the surrounding area, contact the Wakulla Welcome Center at 850-984-3966 or visit our website at www.wakulla.org.

Retaining much of its original flavor, Apalachicola's colorful and diverse past remains visible today. Stroll along gracious tree lined streets where picturesque Victorian homes, galleries and shops display the charm of years gone by. Apalachicola's rich history and maritime culture are intertwined with the area's bountiful natural resources. Apalachicola Bay's oysters, shrimp and fish are world renowned. Dine at Apalachicola's fine restaurants and chances are you'll be served a catch that swam in local waters the night before. Explore local waterways by sail or motor boat during the day, in the evening attend a professional theatrical production at the historic Dixie Theatre. Call it a night at a comfy bed and breakfast, turn-of-the-century inn, or another of Apalachicola's inviting accommodations. For additional information, please contact Anita Grove at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce at (850) 653-9419 or visit our website at www.apalachicolabay.org.

It's no surprise that St. Andrews is the site of the original settlement in Bay County. Travelers are still drawn to the area overlooking St. Andrews Bay for the same reasons they were in earlier times ... its natural beauty and easy access to fresh seafood. Find your seafood at the end of a fishing line or, if you prefer, on a plate at one of St. Andrew's popular coastal restaurants. Fishing trips and a variety of waterfront recreation activities are offered at the St. Andrews Bay Marina where a whimsically carved Oak, dubbed 'the Pelican Tree,' greets all comers. Step from the marina boardwalk onto St. Andrew's birding trail for livelier bird sightings. Oaks by the Bay Park, another special place in which to enjoy the area's beauty is not to be outdone by the marina's natural and 'unnatural' attractions. Here, a 4-headed palm tree, rumored to be the only such tree of its type in the world, sways in the gentle breeze. For additional information on the many sites and services at St. Andrews call 850-872-7208 or visit www.historicstandrews.com.

Shhh! Port St. Joe is one of Florida's best-kept secrets. Known as the "Constitution City," Port St. Joe lives in history books as the birthplace of Florida's first State Constitution. "Old Florida," is often used to describe the feeling the city evokes. Nearby beaches are consistently described as among the best in the world, with rolling dunes and a sugar-sand coastline. If fishing is your passion, Port St. Joe is your place. From inboard motors to canoes, St. Joseph Bay is accessible to all anglers. "Skinny water," the art of fishing in the shallows and poling from spot to spot, is popular on the bay. Public boat ramps make water access available to all. No boat? No problem. Gulf County is home to several skilled "flats" guides who provide the boat as well as the expertise. For additional information on fishing and other activities in the area visit the Gulf County Welcome Center at 155 Captain Fred's Place off US Highway 98.

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Waterfronts Florida Partnership: Launched in 1997 by the Florida Coastal Management Program, this partnership provides support, training, innovative technical assistance, and limited financial assistance to communities striving to revitalize, renew and promote interest in their waterfront district. Through the development of a waterfront revitalization plan, each community creates a shared vision for the waterfront area, targeting environmental resource protection, public access, retention of the viable traditional waterfront economy, and hazard mitigation. Since 1997, thirteen communities around the State of Florida have been designated as Waterfronts Florida Partnership Communities. The State of Florida has also broadened the program to include a network of communities, agencies and other organizations working together to maintain and enhance Florida’s traditional waterfront economies.