

Popular island activities

from sea... to shore.

For those lazy days spent on the beach, grab a boogie board or kayak and take to the water for instant energy.

For a reel good time, try your hand at surf, pier, deep-sea or fly fishing for redfish, pompano, cobia, grouper and other tasty treats.

Ride the wave of fun by testing your luck on a long board or paddle your way through paradise with a paddleboard. Summer surf camps are for young and old alike and typically run from June–August.

Fly high for the best view of the Island with a parasailing adventure.

Snorkel with guides or park rangers for a chance to spot starfish, hermit crabs, baby flounder and other marine creatures.

Known for its clean, gulf-fed waters, the area is the ideal playground for cruising, sailboat racing and of course, sunset tours with a bit of history.

Dive right in to discover Pensacola Beach beneath the surface by scuba diving one of our many wrecks from the Pete Tide II to the Russian Freighter. For more experienced divers, try the world's largest artificial reef, the *USS Oriskany*.

Check out pods of bottlenose dolphins in their natural environment by going out with the experts on dolphin tours.

Learn how to wind surf!

Walk along the coastline to find island treasures floating in the surf or washed ashore such as a mermaid's purse (skate egg case) or shells including lightning, tulip, pear or channeled whelks.

Cruise the Island on bikes that seat up to 8 people! Or pedal a more typical beach cruiser, coast on roller-blades, walk or run along the wide-paved multi-use recreational path parallel to the island's beach roads.

Score a hole-in-one on miniature golf courses.

Go-cart alongside friends and family in single or double cars.

Explore the sights and sounds of the beach in an electric motorized car.

Experience a local tradition and watch the sunset from the Pensacola Beach Gulf Pier—one of the longest in the Gulf of Mexico.

Savor a taste of the state with homemade key lime pie. This recipe, layered with both yellow and green, and topped with a squeeze of fresh lime, has been served at a popular beach restaurant since 1979.

Camp at Ft Pickens and while you're there, discover the wild side of Santa Rosa Island with ranger-led tours including full moon walks, barrier island hikes and birding adventures.

Check the calendar of events for parades by land and sea. Mardi Gras, Fiesta Days and Christmas parades are sure to bring sweet treats, beads and other "throws."

See the wonders of the sky at star gazing events hosted by the Escambia Amateur Astronomers Association throughout the spring and summer near the Gulfside Pavilion and at Ft. Pickens.

Scan the brilliant, white sand for sea turtle tracks. Loggerhead, green, Kemp's Ridley and leatherback turtles nest along our shores from May through October.

Did you know that two thirds of Gulf Islands National Seashore is under water? The largest, most common, mammal in this underwater realm is the Atlantic bottlenose dolphin.

