

**Carrabelle is considered the Gateway to the Gulf**



and is the area's only deep-water port. Those arriving by sailing vessels call it "the best jumping-off spot in the Panhandle" for access to the Gulf's Big Bend and southern ports and is known for its numerous marinas and easy access to offshore fishing and boating. The town is a "walkable community" with daily conveniences, shopping and restaurants close by. Located in Franklin County, Carrabelle is surrounded by over 200,000 thousand acres of parks and forests and more than 200 miles of lightly developed shoreline which includes four barrier islands: St. George, Dog Island, Little St. George, and St. Vincent Islands. (The last three are accessible privately.) Affordable accommodations provide a centrally located base where you can stay to enjoy the region's many outdoor activities. Uncrowded, white-sand beaches are perfect for family vacations. River, bay and gulf fishing is unsurpassed. Unpretentious and friendly, experience Carrabelle's small-town nostalgia. Unwind, stick your toes in the sand or waters, and feel the stresses of life fade away.

**GET HERE!**

Carrabelle is located along the Gulf of Mexico in Florida's Panhandle on the Central Coastal Trail of the Big Bend Scenic Byway, 55 miles SW of Tallahassee, the State's Capitol. By air, Carrabelle can be reached through commercial airports in Tallahassee and Panama City and by charter or private flights to smaller airports in Apalachicola, Carrabelle and on St. George Island.




**Snapshot  
TOUR  
Carrabelle  
Florida, USA**


**Walk, Cycle or Drive  
Scenic Coast Sights & Landmarks**




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# A Snapshot Tour of Carrabelle - Walk, Cycle or Drive to Explore Carrabelle - A Scenic Coastal Town


**1 World's Smallest Police Station** across from the Chamber/Visitor Center - 106 Hwy 98-Beginning March 10, 1963, Carrabelle's police department phone rang in the phone booth where long-time Chief Albin Westberg could answer calls and watch for speeders along Hwy 98. The World's Smallest Police Station has been featured on many television shows and can also be seen on YouTube. Take a souvenir picture for friends and family, then share it on the World's Smallest Police Station's Facebook Page! *(Please use special caution when crossing this highway and/or taking pictures.)* The original booth may be seen in the Carrabelle History Museum (# 4). 

**2 Carrabelle River Walk and Wharf** Marine Street Pavilion-Marine Street-Featuring informational kiosks outlining Carrabelle's waterfront history, a unique fish display, wildlife sculptures, restroom, concrete boat launch ramp (small fee), boat and trailer parking, fishing docks, fish cleaning stations and shaded pavilion with picnic tables to enjoy the riverfront lifestyle. 


**3 Carrabelle Bottle House** 604 SE Ave F-Art through recycling started by a local artist in 2012. One of the most unusual houses in Carrabelle; the Lighthouse will "show you the way" for several hours after dusk. (850) 653-7201 [www.carrabellebottlehouse.com](http://www.carrabellebottlehouse.com). 


**4 Carrabelle History Museum** 106 SE Ave B-Housed in the historic Marvin Justiss-built building, Carrabelle's City Hall for 75 years. The museum's mission is to preserve the history and culture of Carrabelle and the surrounding Forgotten Coast. Features gift shop, area and community displays, ancient fossils, Native American pottery shards, lumber trade tools, nautical artifacts and history, Civil War display, notable local citizens, and the original World's Smallest Police Station (#1). (850) 697-2141 [www.carrabellehistorymuseum.org](http://www.carrabellehistorymuseum.org). 


**5 George Sands Park** 607 S Ave B- Named for Carrabelle's first on-site physician with fenced-in young children's playground, walking paths, pond with fountains, picnic tables, restrooms and a shelter often used for birthday parties. 

**6 Veterans Park** 402 NW Ave A-Memory park honoring local veterans who served our country. Located in the center of Carrabelle, the park features other memorials as well as the town clock and fountain. *Please visit respectfully and use the designated crosswalk.* 

## West of Downtown


**7 Carrabelle Beach** This easily-accessed, curving, white-sand beach is located just west of the City of Carrabelle at about 1874 Hwy 98 W. Convenient parking, outdoor showers, grills, bathroom facilities and covered picnic tables encourage visitors to enjoy the best of sun, sea and nature. See the historic marker commemorating the Camp Gordon Johnston training site. Stroll on the paved walking path across from the beach connecting the Camp Gordon Johnston WW II Museum and the Crooked River Lighthouse. 

**8 Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum** 1873 Hwy 98 W (Across from Carrabelle Beach training waters.) Dedicated to the World War II soldiers who trained for the D-day invasion at Camp Gordon Johnston from 1942-1945. Exhibits tell of the quarter million troops who passed through the camp. Also shown is the broader story of WW II, especially the contributions of home front communities. The museum's exhibits feature extensive histories of the various units that trained here, photographs, artifacts, uniforms, trench art, equipment & souvenirs. A 1/2 scale Higgins Boat is also on display. Special topical exhibits throughout the year. This is one of the largest WW II museums in the southeast and the only one in the Florida Panhandle. (850) 697-8575 [www.campgordonjohnston.com](http://www.campgordonjohnston.com). 


**9 Crooked River Lighthouse and Keeper's House Museum** 1975 Hwy 98, west of Carrabelle Beach. Moved inland from Dog Island after two destructive hurricanes, the 1895 Lighthouse and Keeper's house museum/gift shop now stand restored. Gift shop, educational movie, museum and restrooms on site. Nestled in a north Florida forest habitat, the lighthouse beams nightly once again as a navigational light. Enjoy a climb to the top! (850) 697-2732 [www.crookedriverlighthouse.org](http://www.crookedriverlighthouse.org). 


## East of Downtown


**10 Isle of Rest** Located on Hwy 98 (FL-30) 1400 ft. east of City Hall-The final resting place for numerous generations of local African-American families. *Please show respect at these final resting places of our community members.*

**11 Will S. Kendrick Park & Sports Center** 1601 Ken Cope Ave-(Named for a four-term local member of Florida's House of Representatives) Enjoy the walking/running path around the park perimeter. Sports facility with softball and soccer fields, basketball and volleyball courts, restrooms, and playground. Features the **John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil, Jr. Memorial** (Born in Carrabelle 11/13/1911) commemorating the home of the Negro Baseball League Stand-out, Recipient of Baseball's Lifetime Achievement Award. 

**12 Lanark Village Golf Course** 156 Heffernan Dr-Six holes for public play overlooking the Gulf of Mexico at the Lanark Boat Club launch and dock facilities. Honor fee for use to support course maintenance and emergency helipad.


**13 St. James Bay Golf Resort** 151 Laughing Gull Lane, St. James-Audubon Signature Sanctuary Golf course featuring GPS Carts and practice facility, a full driving range, chipping green, bunker, and two putting greens. The Resort also offers two tennis courts, two pools, fitness center, restaurant, Pro shop, Spa, rental accommodations and bay access. Amenities available for a fee. (850) 697-9606. [www.stjamesbay.com](http://www.stjamesbay.com). 


**14 Florida State University Coastal & Marine Lab** 3618 Coastal Hwy 98, St. Teresa-The lab is surrounded by 1.2 million acres of conservation lands and allows easy access to a mosaic of oyster reefs, seagrass meadows and salt marshes, nearshore sponge reefs, and offshore drowned patch reefs, providing scientists a living laboratory. Free public lectures, workshops, and tours of the Lab on Fridays 11 am-4 pm, groups welcome! The third Friday of every month, tours of the R/V Apalachee (when in port). The tour includes a short video depicting life on a research vessel, tour of the boat, and of the lab. (850) 697-4120 or email [fsuicml@fsu.edu](mailto:fsuicml@fsu.edu). [www.marinelab.fsu.edu](http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu). 

**15 Bald Point State Park** 146 Box Cut Rd, Alligator Point-More than 4,800 acres of coastal wilderness dotted with freshwater ponds and tidal marshes. This park hosts more than 360 species of plants and 230 animal species. Seasonal wildflowers bloom throughout the park; discover sea turtle crawls and nests, migrating falcons and monarch butterflies. Picnic areas with pavilions, grills, restrooms and easy beach accessibility. Canoeing, kayaking, fishing, swimming and hiking trails and paths. *(Pets not allowed on the beach.)* Movi-mat from parking lot to beach. Tours or beach wheelchair are available upon request at least two weeks in advance. (850) 349-9146 [www.baldpointstatepark.com](http://www.baldpointstatepark.com). 

## North of Downtown

**16 Evergreen Cemetery** 211C 5th Street-The original City Cemetery. Founding families, Sons of the Confederacy, antique headstones and examples of funeral art are found throughout. *Please show respect at these final resting places of our community members.*

**17 Tillie Miller Park** 102 NW Ave F-(Named for a Carrabelle midwife and the only quasi-medical practitioner for many years) Features tennis courts, basketball court, kiddie playground, restrooms and a gazebo. A great place to enjoy a day of fun with your kids. (Special note: The Tillie Miller Bridge over the Carrabelle River was also named in her honor). 

**18 John David Patton Wildlife Park** Tallahassee St/Hwy 67 North-(Named in honor of the only Carrabelle Police Officer killed in the line of duty) Amenities include nature trails, butterfly garden, educational signage, picnic facilities and restrooms. This park offers birders and nature enthusiasts a perfect place to watch for area wildlife. 

**19 Tate's Hell State Forest** Approximately 202,500 acres-Local legend and music explains the authentic name. Offers camping, multiple access points for hiking and kayaking, off-road trails, fishing, and boat launches. Numerous recreation sites include picnic areas and primitive campsites which may be reserved in advance. The forest features the unique dwarf cypress trees, an artesian well, pitcher plants, wildflower prairies, and local wildlife. (850) 697-3734 [www.tateshellstateforest.com](http://www.tateshellstateforest.com)

Learn more about Carrabelle at [Carrabelle.org](http://Carrabelle.org). Visit countywide amenities of Franklin County at [Floridasforgottencoast.com](http://Floridasforgottencoast.com)

