



Carrabelle is considered the Gateway to the Gulf for its easy access to

offshore fishing and boating. Those arriving by vessel call it "the best jumping-off spot in the Panhandle" before crossing the Big Bend toward southern ports. Carrabelle is a naturalist's paradise and a "walkable community" with daily conveniences close by. Uncrowded, white-sand beaches are perfect for family vacations, river and gulf fishing is unsurpassed. Unpretentious and friendly, experience Carrabelle's small town nostalgia.

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Carrabelle, located along the Gulf of Mexico in Florida's Panhandle along the Central Coastal Trail of the Big Bend Scenic Byway, is 80 miles southwest of Tallahassee and 75 miles southeast of Panama City.



Snapshot TOUR



Walk, Cycle or Drive Sights & Landmarks Along Carrabelle's Scenic Coast



A Snapshot Tour of Carrabelle - Walk, Cycle or Drive This Scenic Coastal Town

1 Carrabelle River Walk and Wharf and Marine Street Pavilion are located along the Carrabelle River front near the end of Marine Street. It features informational kiosks outlining Carrabelle's waterfront history, a unique fish display, wildlife sculptures, a restroom, a concrete boat launch ramp, handicap accessible fishing piers, fish cleaning stations and shaded pavilion with picnic tables to enjoy the riverfront lifestyle.

2 Carrabelle Bottle House 604 SE Ave F-Started in 2012 by a local artist who continues to add elements as weather, age, and money allows. Other structures featured are a lighthouse. (850) 653-7201 www.carrabellebottlehouse.com.

3 The Carrabelle History Museum 106 Avenue B S.E.-Housed in the original Marvin Justiss-built City Hall, the museum was implemented by the Carrabelle Historical Society with the Waterfronts Florida program in cooperation with the City Commission in 2009. The museum features area and community history displays. Ancient fossils, pottery fragments, lumbering trade tools, nautical artifacts and history, Civil war maps and displays, famous local citizens, newspapers, city documents, maps, school yearbooks, family albums, and photographs. Shop the gift shop for Carrabelle bears! (850) 697-2141 www.carrabellehistorymuseum.org

4 Camp Gordon Johnston WW II Museum 1001 Gray Ave (City Municipal Complex)-Dedicated to the Amphibious World War II Soldiers who trained for the D-day invasion at Camp Gordon Johnston from 1942-1945. This is one of the largest WW II museums in the southeast and the

only one in Florida. Walk through barracks displays, see a movie or ask for a guided tour. ADA accessible. (850)697-8575 www.campgordonjohnston.com.

5 Will S. Kendrick Park & Sports Center East of Carrabelle on Hwy 98, accessible by sidewalk from town center. Enjoy the walking/running path around the park perimeter. State-of-the art sports facility with three softball fields, basketball court, restrooms, and playground. Ample public parking. Features the John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil, Jr. Memorial-Home of the Negro Baseball League Standout and Recipient of Baseball's Lifetime Achievement Award.

6 World's Smallest Police Station-Hwy 98 across from the Chamber/Visitor Center Beginning on March 10, 1963. Carrabelle's police phone rang in the outside highway booth so that Chief Albin Westberg could answer calls and watch for speeders. A replica of the booth is on display and was featured on a variety of television shows. Stop by and take a souvenir picture for your friends and family!

7 Veterans Park Hwy 98 between 3rd & 4th Street W- Memory park honoring local veterans who served our country. Located in the center of Carrabelle on Hwy 98 at 4th Street, the park features several other memorials as well as the town clock. Please visit and pay your respects.

8 12th Street Fishing Pier Southern end of West 12th Street (north side of Hwy 98 under Tillie Miller bridge in front of Pickett's Landing Condominiums.) Gazebo, boardwalk, fishing pier, marsh grasses and Carrabelle River vistas. Parking and sidewalk access. ADA accessible.

9 Carrabelle Beach This easily-accessed, curving, white-sand beach is located just west of the City of Carrabelle on Hwy 98 across from the RV Park. Convenient parking, outdoor showers, 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. A sidewalk connects the

beach and RV Park to the Lighthouse.

10 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 on weekends. The park picnic area features a 70 foot wooden Pirate Ship, The Carrabella, which can provide hours of fun and fantasy for children of all ages. (850) 697-2732 www.crookedriverlighthouse.org.

11 George Sands Park (named for Carrabelle's first on-site physician) Located on Hwy 98 between SE 3rd and 5th Street has a fenced-in young children's playground, walking paths, a lovely pond with fountains, picnic tables, restrooms and a shelter often used for birthday parties.

12 Tillie Miller Park Corner of Avenue F North and between 1st & 2nd Street is across from the Franklin County Senior Center. A centerpiece of town featuring tennis courts, basketball court, kiddie playground, restrooms and a gazebo.

13 John David Patton Wildlife Park Hwy 67 North-Amenities include nature trails, educational signage, picnic facilities and restrooms. This park offers birders and nature enthusiasts a perfect place to relax and watch for the native gopher tortoises that inhabit the area. "In wilderness, I sense the miracle of life..." Charles Lindbergh (850) 697-2727 www.mycarrabelle.com.

14 Frog Pond Located on private land on the Scenic Byway (SR 30 A, Gulf Avenue) it is a favorite birdwatching spot where several upland creeks flow into a tidal pond at the top of St. George Sound. Spot local and migrating species.

15 Tate's Hell State Forest Approximately 202,500 acres. Local legend explains the name. Offers camping, hiking, kayaking, off-road trails, fishing, picnic areas and boat launch. The forest features the unique dwarf cypress trees, pitcher plants and wildflower prairies, and of course, wildlife. (More detailed brochure available at Carrabelle Visitor Center.) (850) 697-3732 www.tateshellstateforest.com

16 Bald Point State Park 146 Box Cut Rd, Alligator Point-This park offers a large array of habitats. Beautiful beach, birding, picnic areas and nature. www.baldpointstatepark.com

17 Lanark Village Golf Course East of Carrabelle in Lanark Village-Six holes for public play overlooking the beautiful Gulf of Mexico at the Lanark Boat Club launch and dock facilities.

18 St. James Bay Golf Resort East of Carrabelle 151 Laughing Gull Lane-The area's only Audubon Signature Sanctuary golf course with GPS Carts. Practice facility features a full driving range, chipping green, bunker, and two putting greens. Two tennis courts, two pools, an aerobics center, restaurant, rental accommodations and bay access. Amenities open for daily fee. (850) 697-5050. www.stjamesbay.com

19 Evergreen Cemetery Located at the intersection of Gray Avenue and between 5th Street E and 3rd Street NE is the original City Cemetery. Founding families, sons of the Confederacy, antique headstones and fascinating funeral art are found throughout.

20 Isle of Rest Located on Hwy 98 at the eastern city limits is the final resting place for numerous generations of local African American families.

Learn more about Carrabelle at Carrabelle.org. Visit countywide amenities of Franklin County at SaltyFlorida.com

