



# SOUTH WALTON FLORIDA

## 16 Beach Neighborhoods

A 26-mile stretch located along the Gulf of Mexico in Northwest Florida, South Walton encompasses a strand of 16 beach neighborhoods, each with unique personality, architecture and energy. Find your perfect beach in neighborhoods renowned for scenic beauty, sugar-white sand beaches and turquoise water. An upscale, yet casual place to unwind, South Walton rejuvenates and builds lasting memories.

### Miramar Beach

A stroll down memory lane, this beach neighborhood brings back the feel of classic coastal enclaves with scenic beach roads, surf shops, fabulous restaurants, beachfront homes, beachside resorts and condos boasting panoramic views of the Gulf of Mexico. Just as nostalgia sets in, Miramar Beach offers modern amenities and activities ideal for family fun. Spend the day enjoying jet-ski rentals, parasailing or exploring endless shopping opportunities at one of the nation's largest designer outlet malls, [Silver Sands Premium Outlets](#).

### Seascape

In [Seascape](#), natural beauty meets beachside luxury and outdoor adventure. This upbeat beach neighborhood boasts 2,000 feet of sugar-white sand to relax on and enjoy – and plenty of opportunity for active exploration. With eight lighted tennis courts, five swimming pools, a world-class golf course, miles of bike trails, and a fully equipped fitness facility, Seascape is designed for the active vacationer. Paired with upscale and comfortable accommodation options, Seascape is the perfect place to embark on an athletic adventure or retreat and rest for the next day of fun. A new addition, [Seascape Towne Center](#) complete with restaurants and food vendors, live entertainment, arcade and laser tag, boutique shops and markets, and a multitude components including a ropes course, climbing walls, golf chipping, etc. opened in Spring of 2017 and continues to grow with the new Village Door restaurant and lounge opening in 2018.

### Sandestin

Championship Golf courses and world-class tennis facilities, full service spas, and outdoor adventure activities make Sandestin perfect for a romantic beach getaway or an all-inclusive family vacation. Home to the vibrant [Village of Baytowne Wharf](#) and South Walton's sole marina- [Baytowne Marina](#), Sandestin hosts numerous festivals and events year-round. Surrounded by the stunning turquoise Gulf of Mexico, rare coastal dune lakes and the historic Choctawhatchee Bay, Sandestin offers a beachfront resort, lakeside villas and bayside townhomes. To engage in retail therapy or to savor delicious culinary creations, explore the lively [Grand Boulevard Town Center](#), which is also home to a state-of-the-art 10-screen theater, featuring IMAX and dining club options.

### Dune Allen

In Dune Allen, you don't have to search for serenity– because you're completely surrounded by it. One of South Walton's most stunning beach neighborhoods, Dune Allen boasts three [rare coastal dune lakes](#), an abundance of walking [trails](#), and several [beach accesses](#). The raw, untouched ambiance of Dune Allen draws photographers, birdwatchers, fishermen and nature lovers from around the world. Of course there's more to Dune Allen than its gorgeous landscape. This beach neighborhood also has



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colorful beachfront homes, cozy beachside cottages, and casual yet iconic seafood-focused dining spots to complement your naturally refreshing vacation.

### **Gulf Place**

A pristine and beautiful respite, Gulf Place is known for its brightly colored European style town center, [vibrant artist colony](#), an amphitheater with precisely manicured lawns, and sidewalks lined with lush native plants and towering palm trees. Gulf Place is quickly making a name for itself as a complete vacation experience. With more than 200 options for vacation rentals, you're almost guaranteed a unique view of turquoise Gulf water, tranquil ponds or one of the several beautifully-designed swimming pools. A short walk in this community will satisfy almost any desire- shopping, dining, or entertainment; even a pharmacy is located in the town center. Gulf Place is ideal for families looking to eat, drink and relax while soaking up the Florida sun in an easygoing beach neighborhood.

### **Santa Rosa Beach**

Founded in 1910, Santa Rosa Beach was [the start of South Walton](#) as we know it today. This community that's home to [luxury beach houses](#), [upscale dining](#) and the beautiful [Eden Gardens State Park](#) is certainly not a relic of the past. Recently listed on Travel + Leisure's "Secret Beaches for a Non-crowded Florida Getaway," Santa Rosa Beach is praised by Expedia for giving "private island vibes" with "empty stretches of Caribbean-like turquoise water." There is an endless array of indoor and outdoor activities offered in this historic beach neighborhood— such as kayaking Choctawhatchee Bay, playing a round of golf on a championship course, exploring the [eclectic artistic community](#), and dining in 4-star restaurants.

### **Blue Mountain**

Blanketed with native [blue lupine flowers](#) and some of the highest dunes on the Gulf Coast, Blue Mountain is a naturally laidback beach neighborhood that stands out along the South Walton coastline. Centrally located, Redfish Village is the hub of Blue Mountain, offering great shopping and dining without ever leaving the neighborhood. Families can cool down from a day in the sun, with an old-fashioned hand-dipped ice cream cone at [Blue Mountain Beach Creamery](#) or stay active with adventures such as hiking through cypress swamps and pine groves in [Point Washington State Forest](#) or biking the scenic [Timpoochee Trail](#), all of which will surely stand out when recollecting on memories of your perfect beach vacation.

### **Grayton Beach**

With a neighborhood motto of "Nice Dogs, Friendly Folks", Grayton Beach is laidback and organic. From the narrow neighborhood streets lined with live oaks and the old- style wooden beach bungalows to the "bohemian kitsch" feel of the iconic [Red Bar](#), it's easy to fit in and feel at home. More than just a cool beach town, [Grayton Beach State Park](#) was named by Dr. Beach as one of the top 10 U.S. beaches for 2016 and is also home to a vastly diverse coastal ecosystem, specifically around [Western Lake](#)- the most well-known of South Walton's 15 coastal dune lakes. Grayton Beach is a haven for [fishermen, boaters](#) and beachcombers alike.



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### WaterColor

With nearly 500 acres dedicated to natural beauty and preservation, WaterColor is a place where breathtaking views abound. WaterColor seamlessly weaves award-winning restaurants, shops, and more amidst its natural landscape, creating a perfect mix of indoor and outdoor adventure. In WaterColor, you can get away from it all in a cozy cottage or quiet resort or check out the [Boathouse Paddle Club](#) for an outdoor adventure. Bask on this beach neighborhood's sugar-white sand or enjoy a relaxing treatment at one the [WaterColor Inn Spa](#).

### Seaside

When it comes to New Urbanist towns, there's no place that holds a candle to the shining example that is Seaside. Hailed as one of Travel + Leisure magazine's "Best Beaches on Earth" for families, this picture-perfect community lit up the big screen in [The Truman Show](#). This beach neighborhood has plenty of personality to go with its beautiful design. There's a profound sense of community, a [family-friendly feel](#), and a whimsical sense of fun that will permeate not only your visit, but also your heart. . An [outdoor amphitheater](#), nationally acclaimed [wine festival](#), a collection of charming airstream trailer restaurants, and a local [repertory troupe](#) make Seaside unforgettable.

### Seagrove

Named for the thick grove of windswept trees that surround it, Seagrove has stayed [true to its roots](#) by preserving the same green canopy of oaks, magnolias, hickories and sand pines that came to define it half a century ago. An eclectic mix of old beach homesteads and newer cottages, Seagrove has a well-balanced menu of beyond-the-beach activities that include biking along Scenic Highway 30A, browsing beach shops and locally owned restaurants, and exploring two of South Walton's rare [coastal dune lakes](#).

### WaterSound

Watersound is a community designed to enhance South Walton's environment while creating spaces for recreation and leisure. Hidden in an undeveloped stretch of Scenic Highway 30A, lay a [local gathering spot featuring a live music venue, delicious dining options, and various upscale boutiques](#). Experience the serenity of biking [Deer Lake State Park](#) boardwalk that winds between sugar white sand dunes or bike a more rugged trail for an up-close look any of Watersound's three rare [coastal dune lake ecosystems](#). Drive a ball on a [golf course designed by the renowned Tom Fazio](#) that highlights the area's native ecosystem with flawless landscape design and zero view of residential or commercial development. WaterSound gives its visitors an exclusive peak into everything South Walton has to offer, allowing guests to enjoy relaxing beach getaways at their own pace.

### Seacrest

With an up-and-coming culinary and shopping scene, Seacrest's heart is [Peddler's Pavilion](#), a town square with boutique shopping, upscale dining, a self-serve candy shop, and dozens of beach cruiser rental bikes that aide exploration of palm-lined streets and Seacrest's 1.3 miles of unmarked trails. The turquoise Gulf of Mexico and sugar-white sand is directly across the street from a luxurious 12,000 sq. ft. lagoon pool that contains 378,000 gallons of cool, refreshing water. Wide-open green spaces and



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plenty of [outdoor adventure opportunities](#) make this beach neighborhood the perfect place to relax or explore.

### **Alys Beach**

[Dramatic architecture](#) and casual culture create a fusion of simplicity and luxury in Alys Beach. This beach neighborhood's striking palm trees, lush green spaces, and intimate walkways make visitors feel relaxed and at home. A bustling coffee shop, breathtaking swimming pool, and two upscale restaurants bonds Alys Beach's tight-knit community together. Alys Beach was carefully crafted with a focus on walkability, sustainability, and artistic detail. The result is a welcoming beach neighborhood characterized by beauty, both naturally and architecturally. Experience the high-end yet low-key feel of this beach neighborhood as you explore the secrets found between the elegant white stucco Mediterranean style buildings.

### **Rosemary Beach**

Settle into a relaxing routine of [beachside strolling](#), patio dining and boutique shopping. Unwind at the high-end spa, farm-to-table restaurants, and tranquil swim spots. Rosemary Beach has everything you need to rejuvenate and reconnect. Rosemary Beach delights visitors with more than 100 acres of lush greenery and wide sidewalks. Local shops and luxurious restaurants line bike-friendly boardwalks and pedestrian paths. This French-Quarter-feel creates a sense of both intimacy and community – making it the perfect place to get away from it all, and then jump back in again.

### **Inlet Beach**

Inlet Beach has a laid-back vibe that makes locals and visitors alike want to linger. Unwind on Inlet Beach's peaceful stretch of sugar-white sand or stroll down quiet streets. You'll spot rustic beach cottages mixed in with modern multi-story homes – creating an eclectic, welcoming atmosphere. A handful of casual eateries, fine-dining restaurants, and the white European-style stucco walls of [30Avenue](#)- the nearby budding shopping center, serve as neighborhood icons where locals share stories over cold drinks and fresh seafood. Inlet Beach's impressive [regional beach access](#) is the largest in South Walton and welcomes visitors from around the world.