



All event names, dates, and venues are subject to change.

Many people think of the beach as a summertime place, but South Walton, offers four seasons of beautiful weather and a year-round list of events and festivals. Whether you like music or art, wine or beer, fashion or films, we've got an event tailor-made for your taste.

30A Songwriter Festival- January

This multi-day festival features over 250 performances in venues ranging from intimate restaurants and bars to outdoor amphitheatres. Every year more than 175 talented artists join acclaimed songwriters to share their music amid a backdrop of turquoise waters and white sand beach.

30A Wine Festival- February

Alys Beach hosts this four-day event featuring a special wine dinner, Bourbon, Beer & Butts event, seminars and finishes the festivities with a Sunday brunch. More than 80 wines will be featured during the event, and proceeds benefit the Children's Volunteer Health Network.

Sandestin Gumbo Festival- February

Local restaurants and businesses compete for who makes the best gumbo and other prizes. Bring your appetite for this 2-day event featuring a seafood boil kick-off party and a day full of gumbo from over 20 restaurants on Saturday.

Seaside School Race Weekend- March

This 3-day event kicks off with Taste of the Race, a foodie paradise featuring local celebrity chef demonstrations, samplings and live music. On Saturday, local businesses gather for the race expo before Sunday's final event, the race through the picturesque neighborhood of Seaside. Race partner, Vera Bradley, provides a gift at the finish line for all who complete the race.

Sandestin Wine Festival-April

Known as the "Kentucky Derby of Wine Festivals" and named "Best Annual Event" by Destin Magazine, the Sandestin Wine Festival gets underway with a Kickoff Party on Thursday night. Throughout the course of the 4-day event guests can participate in seminars, dinners and tastings from local and international sources. Enjoy more than 500 domestic and international wines all while benefitting The Fisher House and Sandestin Foundation for Kids.

South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival-April

A dazzling roster of dozens of celebrity winemakers, distillers, chefs, brew masters and entertainers converge in South Walton for four-days of food and wine filled celebration. Participants can indulge in over 800 wines, take a stroll down Spirits Row, visit the Rosé All Day Garden or savor the South Walton Culinary Village, Nosh Pavillions and more!

Digital Graffiti-May

A one-of-a-kind projection art festival, Digital Graffiti combines the latest digital technologies with unique pieces of art to paint the iconic white walls of Alys Beach in vibrant hues. Each year the festival attracts digital artists, filmmakers, producers, celebrities and guests from all over for this astounding arts festival. The event features all-inclusive food and drink experiences as well as á la carte options.

Emerald Coast Blue Marlin Classic- June

The Emerald Coast Blue Marlin Classic (ECBC) is a premier sport-fishing tournament which draws record crowds. Big fish and big money prizes have made the ECBC an event you don't want to miss. Nightly entertainment, fireworks, live cooking demonstrations and big fish weigh-ins await you at this one-of-a-kind event. Admission to the event is free and fun for the whole family!

Seaside 4th of July Parade- July

This small-town parade runs from Seagrove to Seaside and features decorated bikes, golf carts, boats and even dogs! Gather the family and head over to Scenic Hwy 30A for this annual can't-miss event!

Sandestin Triathlon- September

Starting with packet pick-up and expo this extraordinary display of athleticism has been an annual Sandestin staple for over 30 years. The event includes a half-mile swim in the Gulf of Mexico, a 20-mile bike ride along the coast and a 4-mile run through Sandestin's beach and bayside community on Saturday followed by a Post-Race Party at The Beach House pool.

Harvest Food & Wine Festival- October

Hosted by the Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation, this new wine and food festival features renowned wine makers and local restaurants offering a chance for attendees to sip and savor some of the world's finest culinary and wine selections. The three-day event is hosted in the South Walton community of WaterColor with three of their venues hosting the various experiences.

30A Blue Crab Festival- October

A 3-day celebration of the 30A lifestyle and local culinary favorite, Blue Crab. The festivities begin with a crab & wine walkabout featuring energetic jazz music, enjoy multiple live bands with sampling traditional crab inspired dishes, local art and goods at the headlining festival event. Wrap up the delicious weekend with the 30A Jazz Brunch showcasing crab features and traditional brunch favorites.

30A Half Marathon & 5K- October

Hosted by The Sonder Project, this 3-day event starts with a bang and a BBQ with the 30a BBQ festival where local businesses and organizations compete for Best BBQ on the Coast! Saturday holds the Packet Pickup and Expo featuring local businesses with silent auctions and special offerings. Sunday, race day begins with the half marathon then 5K followed by awards and entertainment at Gulf Place.

Baytowne Beer Festival- October

Gather at Baytowne Wharf in Sandestin for a weekend of sampling unique brews from over 40 breweries. The Baytowne Beer Festival is a 2-day event featuring more than 200 domestic and international craft beers with representatives from each brewery available for discussion. Enjoy a local beer kick-off event, an exclusive VIP ticketed dinner and more!

Flutterby Festival- November

The Flutterby Festival is an arts, crafts and science festival for the entire family that celebrates the migration of the Monarch Butterfly through the area with art activities, live music, and theatre and dance performances.

Old Florida Holiday and Winter Market- November/December

The community of Watercolor will be covered in dazzling lights, feature horse-drawn carriage rides, visits with Santa and so much more at this holiday season kick-off event! Enjoy falling snow while snacking on s'mores and a winter market for that perfect Christmas gift! This event is free and open to the public and features bonfires, carriage rides and more!