

## 7<sup>TH</sup> BEACHES TO WOODLANDS TOUR 2010 EVENT SCHEDULE

### ALL MONTH

**Adventures Unlimited** – 8974 Tomahawk Landing Road, Milton, Fla. “Fabulous Fall Foliage” Zip Line Tours exploring the geology, local eco-systems and history of northern Santa Rosa County. Also, Canoeing, Ropes Course, Camping and Kayaking. Details: 850.623.6197 or 800.239.6864 or [www.adventuresunlimited.com](http://www.adventuresunlimited.com).

**Gulf Breeze Zoo** - 5701 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., Gulf Breeze, Fla. October’s cooler weather is a perfect time to visit the hundreds of animals at this 50-acre zoo. Take a safari train ride tour of the animals to view free-ranging herds of deer, ostrich and the lively Chimp Island. Other features include walking path, primates, large bears, colorful birds, large cats and giraffes. Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Cost: \$12 adults, \$11 seniors over age 65 and \$8 children ages 2-12. Details: Kayte Wanko 850-932-2229 or [www.gulfbreezozoo.org](http://www.gulfbreezozoo.org).

**Navarre Beach Pier** – 8579 Gulf Blvd., Navarre Beach, Fla. Fall fishing frenzy. The Navarre Beach Pier opened in May and is the longest pier along the Gulf of Mexico! Pier Shack has full line of tackle, gear, snacks and refreshments. A popular destination for fishermen – and walkers! Cost per day: Walkers - \$1; Fishing - \$7 adults, \$6 seniors or \$4 children under age 12. Details: 850-936-1794 or [www.navarrepier.com](http://www.navarrepier.com).

**Holland Farms Tour** - Homer Holland Road, Milton, Fla. Holland Farms offers hay rides, a pumpkin patch, and a hiking trail throughout October. Experience a real working farm! Participants each receive a free cup of boiled peanuts. Details: BJ Holland, 850-675-6876 or [www.hollandfarmsonline.com](http://www.hollandfarmsonline.com).

**Golf Santa Rosa County** – Time to grab the clubs and hit the links! Four Santa Rosa County golf courses are offering special rates during the October Beaches to Woodlands Tour including: Hidden Creek Golf Course, 3070 PGA Blvd., Navarre, Fla., 850-939-1939 or [www.hiddengolf.com](http://www.hiddengolf.com) and Tiger Point Golf Course, 1255 Country Club Road, Gulf Breeze, Fla., 850-932-1333 or [www.tigerpointclub.com](http://www.tigerpointclub.com) - \$35 per round Monday through Friday and after 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday throughout October; Tanglewood Golf Course, 5916 Tanglewood Drive, Milton, Fla., 850-623-6176 \$5 off regular greens fees and Stonebrook Golf Course, 3200 Cobblestone Drive Milton, Fla., 850-994-7171, \$10 off regular greens fees. You must mention the Beaches to Woodlands Tour to get these rates.

**Gulf Islands National Seashore** - Naval Live Oaks Visitor Center. 1801 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, Fla. Ongoing programs on local history and wildlife all month-long. Stop by and pick up a Beaches to Woodlands program and map. Drive the scenic seven-mile stretch of the Santa Rosa area located between Navarre Beach and Pensacola Beach, Details: 850) 934-2600 or [www.nps.gov/guis](http://www.nps.gov/guis)

**“Secrets of Santa Rosa Archeology & History in Your Own Backyard,”** - Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site, 5709 Mill Pond Lane, Milton, Fla. Historic lecture series presented by the University of West Florida, the Florida Public Archeology Network, West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc., and Arcadia Mill. Arcadia Mill is Florida’s largest antebellum industrial complex . 11 a.m., Saturdays in October, Details: 850-626-3084 or <http://www.historicpensacola.org/arcadia.cfm>.

Weekend lecture series programs include:

- Oct. 2 –Early Santa Rosa County: Blackwater, Yellow Pine, Live Oak, and Sawmills; Dr. Brian Rucker, Pensacola State College.
- Oct. 9 - The End of an Era: Ship Abandonment on the Blackwater River in the Early 20th Century, Paul Sjoldal, Southeastern Archaeological Research, Inc.
- Oct. 16 - Another Brick in the Wall: Investigations with Milton High School at the Scott Site, Jay Bixler, UWF Archaeology graduate student.
- Oct. 23 - Beyond the Mill: Searching for the People of Arcadia, Melissa Timo, FPAN Intern & UWF Archaeology graduate student.

### **Sept. 25-Oct. 31**

**Sweet Season Farms Corn Maze** - 2260 Horn Road, Milton, Fla. This agritourism event gives families the opportunity to enjoy a day on a working Santa Rosa County Farm. Visitors can spend time navigating their way through our 5-acre corn maze, playing on the farm-themed playground, enjoying hayrides, cow train rides, firing our corn cannon or have a family picnic at designated areas on the farm. Sept. 25-Oct. 31, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturdays and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Sundays. Details: Trent or Sharon Mathews 850-675-3573 or [www.sweetseasonfarms.com](http://www.sweetseasonfarms.com).

### **Sept. 30 – Oct. 2**

**Chumuckla Classic Country Music Festival** - Farmer’s Opry House, 8897 Byrom Campbell Road, Chumuckla, Fla. Weekend of food and fun with special guest performances by Tommy Griffith, Doug Jernigan, Mike Johnson, Joe Rucker, Sawmill Band, Pen Pennington, Keith Nixon, Doug Stone and a “Smokin’ Steel Guitar Show” as a tribute to Hank Lockin by Hank Adam Locklin. Breakfast and dinner served daily and will include a whole pig roast and shrimp boil. Campground on-site. Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Details: Sandy Wyatt, 850-994-6000 or [www.farmersopry.com](http://www.farmersopry.com).

### **Oct. 1 and 2**

**Moonshine Creek, "Family Reunion"** – Milton High School Auditorium, 5445 Stewart St., Milton, Fla. This toe-tappin’ musical theatre production celebrates the people of Santa Rosa County from the earliest history to today. The play features stories, song and dance. Event is a fundraiser for an effort to build a cultural center to house the arts. Presented by the Santa Rosa Arts & Culture Foundation. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Oct. 1, and 2 p.m. Oct. 3. Details: Peggy Gale 850-995-8549 or <http://sracf.org>

**Oct. 2**

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Coastal Encounters at Navarre Beach Marine Science Station** - Navarre Beach Park, 8638 Blue Heron Ct. Navarre, Fla. Kids enjoy a free interactive day of fun learning about sea life – and the importance of protecting the environment. Presented by the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Services (IFAS - Santa Rosa campus) with students from Navarre High School’s award-winning marine science program serving as event counselors. Free. Oct. 2, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Details: 850-623-3868.

**Oct. 2**

**9th Annual Santa Rosa Art Association’s “ArtFest”** – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Bagdad Recreation Center, 4591 School St., Bagdad, Fla.. Showcasing work and methods of member artists. Proceeds from food sold go to teacher grants for art programs in schools. Details: Darlene Samuels, 850-994-4070 or [www.santarosaartassociation.com](http://www.santarosaartassociation.com).

**Oct. 2**

**Holley Hill Pottery Gallery/Studio Open House** - 7505 Buckeye Dr., Navarre, Fla. The Gulf Coast Kiln Walk Society has the largest wood fueled anagama kiln and the only reconstructed wood-fueled kiln from the 1940’s in the State. Holley Hill Pottery has been making pottery in Santa Rosa County for over 30 years using local clays. Pieces capture the lifestyle, scenery and sea life of the Gulf Coast. Oct. 2, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Details: Brenda or Marty Stokes 850-939-2744 or [martyandbrenda@bellsouth.net](mailto:martyandbrenda@bellsouth.net).

**Oct. 2**

**Riverwalk 5K Run** – Downtown Milton, Fla. Race takes participants through the historic downtown area and around the Riverwalk. Post race party, goodie bags for participants. This is a USATF-certified event presented by the Milton Parks & Recreation Department. 4:30 p.m. race start from Downtown Milton. Entry fee: \$15 through Sept. 15; \$20 Sept. 16-30 or \$25 on race day. Details: Linsey Williamson, 850-983-5466, ext. 4208 or <http://www.miltonparks.webs.com/>.

**Oct. 2**

**Garden and Environmental Home Expo** – Navarre Conference Center, 8700 Navarre Pkwy, Navarre, Fla. Features lecture series , children’s fun games and activities to encourage caring for the environment and learning gardening; vendor and exhibit booths featuring items to care the garden and nurture the environment. Proceeds will go toward Navarre Garden Club Building Fund. Oct. 2, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Details: Lynn Wilson, 850-939-0329 or [www.navarregardenclub.org](http://www.navarregardenclub.org).

**Oct. 2-3**

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Jay Peanut Festival** - 3604 Pine Level Road, Jay, Fla. Celebration of one of Santa Rosa’s staple crops: the peanut. Popular annual event showcases farming life past and present and gives people a chance to experience country life. Features a 1930s Farm

Museum, food booths, games and fun. Event was started in honor of Melissa Caroline Gabbert who died 19 years ago from complications from cancer. Oct. 2 -3. Details: Brenda and Gene Gabbert, 850-675-6823

**Oct. 2**

**A Splash of Spirit**, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church, 7810 Navarre Pkwy, Navarre, Fla. Locally available wines, silent auction, local artists and more will be highlight at this fundraiser event for the church's building fund. Details: Rev. Anthony MacWhinnie 850-939-2261 <http://ww.staugustinesnavarre.com/>.

**Oct. 8-10**

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Rose of Lima International Fall Festival & 5K** - 6450 Park Avenue, Milton, Fla. This celebration of Santa Rosa's diverse culture features international foods, live entertainment, dancing, bingo, petting zoo, children's activities and raffle. Admission: Free. Oct. 8, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.; Oct. 9, Noon to 10 p.m.; and Oct. 10, Noon to 5 p.m. Details: Vendor applications 850-477-8220, 850-623-8493. Details: 850-623-3600 or

**Oct. 8-9**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Monarch Madness Butterfly Festival** - Panhandle Butterfly House, 8581 Navarre Pkwy., Navarre, Fl. Educational event highlights the monarch butterfly migration through Northwest Florida. Opportunities for self-guided tours and a chance to watch tagging of the Monarch Butterfly. Plant sale and souvenirs available. Donations. Details: Theresa Friday 850-623-3868 or [www.panhandlebutterflyhouse.org](http://www.panhandlebutterflyhouse.org).

**Oct. 9**

**Soundside Serenade at the Gulf Islands National Seashore** - Naval Live Oaks Visitor Center. 1801 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, Fla. 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Area high school symphony orchestra will perform under the outdoor pavilion overlooking the Santa Rosa Sound. Spectators should bring chair and refreshments. Details: 850) 934-2600 or [www.nps.gov/guis](http://www.nps.gov/guis)

**Oct. 9**

**17<sup>th</sup> Juana's Pagodas Charity Chili Cook-off and Volleyball** - 1451 Navarre Beach Causeway, Navarre, Fla. Some of the area's best chili chefs compete in this fundraiser for Caring and Sharing of Santa Rosa County. Volleyball registration at 11 a.m. Chili set up at Noon and tasting from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Details: Kevin Rudzki 850-939-2130 or [www.juanaspagodas.com](http://www.juanaspagodas.com).

**Oct. 9**

**West Florida Railroad Museum Depot Days Celebration** - West Florida Railroad Museum, 5003 Henry St., Milton, Fla. Now more than 100 years old, the museum is one of the last remaining L&N depots that has not been converted for commercial use and is still on the location on which is was built. The museum houses many L&N and Frisco

railroad artifacts as well as the seven railroad cars. A fun family event. Donations are encouraged. Oct. 9, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Details: George Wilson, 850-501-6249 or [www.wfrm.org](http://www.wfrm.org).

**Oct. 9**

**Munson Community Heritage Festival** - Blackwater River State Forest, Munson, Fla. Visitors young and old learn about old-time ways through hands-on demonstrations. There is a Civil War re-enactment camp; Native American displays; wood carving; basket weaving; making corn-shuck dolls; dulcimer making; shoe cobbling; cross-cut sawing; old-time circular sawmill operation, turpentine, wood shingle making, clothes washing, displays by local museums, and old logging equipment and more. Details: 850-957-6140 or [http://www.fl-dof.com/state\\_forests/blackwater/heritage\\_festival.html](http://www.fl-dof.com/state_forests/blackwater/heritage_festival.html).

**Oct. 9**

**"Making Room In The Inn"**, Pine Terrace Baptist Church, 6212 Pine Blossom Road, Milton, Fla. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tickets: \$50 (each) or Sponsor Tables: \$500 (table of 10) Guest speaker is Sue Straughn, WEAR-TV News Anchor. Event includes dinner, entertainment, silent auction and themed tablescapes. Event is a fundraiser for Family Promise of Santa Rosa, Inc., to support efforts to move children and their families from crisis to self-sufficiency by providing temporary housing and support services. Tickets: 850-623-5300 or event information: Paula Lou Mapoles, Chairman, (850) 626-9567.

**Oct. 15-16**

**Oktoberfest at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** - 4257 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., Gulf Breeze, Fla. Traditional food and live music make Oktoberfest an annual favorite on the Gulf Coast. Details: [gslcgb@bellsouth.net](mailto:gslcgb@bellsouth.net).

**Oct. 16**

**Hayes Ranch Open House and Farm Tour.** 5097 Berryhill Road, Milton, Fla. Take a tour of one of the last working cow/cutting horse ranches in Florida. Learn about horsemanship and cattle production. interactive horse feeding and barn tours from Noon to 5 p.m. Guests will get to meet Tuffy, A Real American Quarter Horse Hero. Details: 850-712-8788.

**Oct. 16**

**Holley Hill Pottery Gallery/Studio Open House** - 7507 Buckeye Dr., Navarre, Fla. Second weekend on the tour! The Gulf Coast Kiln Walk Society has the largest wood fueled anagama kiln and the only reconstructed wood fueled kiln from the 1940's in the State. Holley Hill Pottery has been making pottery in Santa Rosa County for over 30 years using local clays to create pieces capturing the lifestyle, scenery and sea life of the Gulf Coast. Oct. 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details: Brenda or Marty Stokes 850-939-2744 or [martyandbrenda@bellsouth.net](mailto:martyandbrenda@bellsouth.net).

**Oct. 16**

**Bagdad Front Porch Stroll**, Bagdad Village, Milton, Fla. Free historical walking tours of picturesque Bagdad Village located along the Blackwater River. Walking tour discusses architecture, building and gardening, tours of Bagdad Village Museum, historic boat landings and Bagdad Millside Park and features a children's art area. Oct. 16, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Details: Peggi Smith, 850-981-9915 or [www.bagdadwaterfronts.org](http://www.bagdadwaterfronts.org).

**Oct. 16**

**12th Annual Fenner McConnell/ Matt Wantz Blackwater Heritage Trail Memorial Ride** - Day of registration at 7 a.m. and ride starts at 8 a.m. at the Milton Community Center 5629 Byrom St., Milton, Fla. Options include 18, 42, 65 and 100-mile rides through the Blackwater River State Forest. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Northwest Florida and Blackwater Heritage Trail Citizens Support Organization. Early registration fee \$25 through Oct. 11 and \$35 after. Registration includes t-shirts, post-ride meal, fully supported rest stops and limited sag support. Details: Randy Bullock 850-549-3646 or [www.fennerride.com](http://www.fennerride.com).

**Oct. 16**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Run for the Reef** - Navarre Pier, Navarre Beach, Fla. This benefit for the Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary to help "Make Navarre Snorkelicious." Event features a 5K Run/Walk Race, after race party at Navarre Beach Fishing Pier deck, and a one-mile Fun Run for children ages 12 and under is 8:30 a.m. at the Navarre Park Nature Trail. Race packet pickup 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. Oct. 15 at Navarre Visitor Center Conference Room or 6 a.m. race day on-site, Oct. 16. Run begins at 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 before Sept. 17, \$25 regular registration or \$30 day of the race and includes t-shirt to first 300 participants. Children's Fun Run is \$15 and includes a t-shirt. Details: Nancy Sadler 850-939-6973 or [www.navarrebeachmarinesanctuary.com](http://www.navarrebeachmarinesanctuary.com).

**Oct. 16**

**Pet Nation 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Pet Costume Contest** - Pet Nation, 1890 Andorra St., Navarre, Fla. Popular event for spectators and owners alike! Registration through 7 p.m., Oct. 14. Event begins Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. Details: Holly Elassaad 850-936-8201 or [www.petnation.org](http://www.petnation.org)

**Oct. 16**

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Navarre Beach Car, Bike and Truck Show**, Navarre High School, 8600 High School Blvd., Navarre, Fla. More than 100 historical cars from all decades are on display in this popular event. Featuring music, food and vendor booths. Oct. 16, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Partial proceeds donated to Navarre High School. Sponsored by the Navarre Area Board of Realtors. Details: Dana Shelley, 850-939-3870 or [www.navarreacarandbikeshow.com](http://www.navarreacarandbikeshow.com).

**Oct. 22-23**

**Ghosts of Milton Walking Tours** – 6 p.m. Polka Dots, 5227 Willing St., Milton, Fla. Presented by the Santa Rosa Historical Society, this year’s theme is World War II and how it affected Santa Rosa County. Proceeds to be donated restoration efforts for the historic Imogene Theater and the Gulf Coast Honor Flight.. Details: Angela Nolan 850-529-1016 or [www.santarosahistoricalsociety.com](http://www.santarosahistoricalsociety.com).

**Oct. 22-23 and 29-30**

**Downtown Milton Haunted House** - Spooky fun and a popular event sponsored by Main Street Milton. Event will be held on Willard Street in Downtown Milton. Oct. 22-23 and 29-30. Details: Josh Wilkes, 850-626-6246 or [www.mainstreetmilton.org](http://www.mainstreetmilton.org).

**Oct. 22-24**

**The Santa Rosa Horse Assistance Council Weekend of Trail**

**Riding, Camping and Concerts**, Coldwater Recreation Area, Milton, Fla. Variety of horse breeds on display, short seminars, horseback rides for children, and a silent auction. Event includes a treasure hunt Saturday along the marked trails of the Coldwater Recreation Park with prizes for the most treasures collected. Cost is \$20 donation per person and includes breakfast Saturday and live music Friday night with the band “Trilogy” and Saturday night “Touch of Blue.” The park is reserved from Oct. 22-24 for camping (including tent camping.) Bring items or purchase at the “horsey stuff barnyard sale.” Donations of any unused or slightly used tack or barn equipment are appreciated. Proceeds go directly to helping horses and horse owners in Santa Rosa County. Saturday lunch is available for purchase from the Milton High Baseball Booster Club along with snow cones, cotton candy, funnel cakes and drinks. Details: Kim Gallagher 850-380-2278 or Russell Bloodworth 334-657-8889.

**Oct. 22-23**

**Zoo Boo at Gulf Breeze Zoo** - 5701 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., Gulf Breeze, Fla. Friday and Saturday events will feature a bit of a “scare” with haunted train rides, sideshows and other treats. Sunday afternoon Halloween event is geared toward smaller children and will feature a trick-or-treat path. Zoo Boo is 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Details: Kayte Wanko 850-932-2229 or [www.gulfbreezozoo.org](http://www.gulfbreezozoo.org).

**Oct. 22**

**Santa Rosa County Library Foundation Fall Golf Tournament** - Hidden Creek Golf Course, 3070 PGA Blvd., Navarre, Fla. Benefit to expand services and fund the Santa Rosa County Library Foundation. Fee to play is \$75. Oct. 22, 11:30 a.m. Details: Linda Hendrix, 850-623-2043 or [www.santarosa.fl.gov/libraries](http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/libraries).

**Oct. 23**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Jeans and BBQ Festival and Bull Riding Competition** sponsored by **Covenant Hospice** – 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Hayes Ranch, 5097 Berryhill Road, Milton, Fla. Event features Kiddie Korral, food, entertainment and a bull riding competition, Bucking

Series Rodeo. Festival tickets \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Proceeds help unfunded and non-reimbursed Covenant Hospice programs. Oct. 23, Details: [Leah Harrison](#) at 850-208-7122 or <http://support.covenanthospice.org/bluejeans/index.html>

**Oct. 23**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mediacom Garcon Point Bridge Run/Walk** - 7:30 a.m. start at Lowe's/Walmart 1421 Tiger Park Lane, Gulf Breeze, Fla. 4.8 mile run across Garcon Point Bridge and Pensacola Bay. Advance registration: Adults over 18, \$25; Youth Under 18, \$20. All after Oct. 22, \$30. T-shirts to first 300 who register. Event is a fundraiser for the Santa Rosa County Education Foundation. Details: 850-983-5043 or <http://www.santarosa.k12.fl.us/sref/index.htm>.

**Oct. 23**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Taste of Navarre sponsored by the Navarre Chamber of Commerce** - Navarre Park, 8513 Navarre Pkwy, Foot of the Navarre Beach Bridge. From sushi and fine cheese assortments, to jambalaya and wings, this is your chance to attend a catered event (under an open-air tent) on the waterfront in Navarre Park. Add live music and wine tasting, and you're set for a great afternoon, or a perfect start to a date night. Oct. 23, 2 p.m. Details: Betsy Soles 850-939-3267 or [www.navarrechamber.com](http://www.navarrechamber.com).

**Oct. 24**

**Ghost Chase Triathlon and Duathlon** - Navarre Beach Boat Ramp, Navarre, Fla. Entry level multi-sport event gives family and individuals a chance to compete. Super Sprint Triathlon includes a 300-yard swim, 9-mile bike ride and 2-mile run. Intermediate Distance Duathlon for youth up to age 12. Oct. 24, 8 a.m. Details: Steven Fair, 850-549-5454 or [www.racepensacola.com](http://www.racepensacola.com).

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