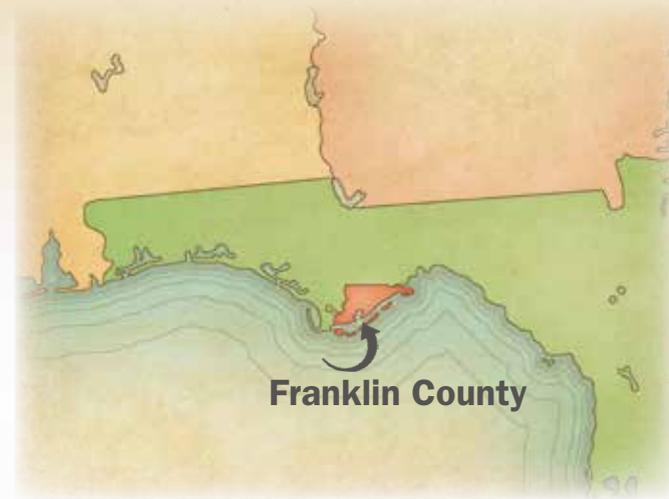


# Welcome!

The Franklin County Tourist Development Council welcomes you to Franklin County and the coastal communities of Alligator Point, Apalachicola, Carrabelle, Eastpoint and St. George Island. With more than 250 miles of award-winning pet-friendly beaches, world famous seafood and maritime history and culture, we're your salty alternative to the traditional Florida vacation! You can download a complete visitor guide to Franklin County by visiting [SaltyFlorida.com](http://SaltyFlorida.com).

## Accommodations

Franklin County offers a variety of lodging options set amidst an authentic, Old Florida landscape. Whether it's a quaint beach cottage, a luxurious beachfront villa, hotels, B&Bs, inns or campgrounds, accommodation providers offer a full selection in a wide range of prices. Scan your smartphone to see current specials and discounts or visit [SaltyFlorida.com](http://SaltyFlorida.com).



Franklin County is located along the Gulf of Mexico in Florida's panhandle, 80 miles southwest of Tallahassee and 70 miles southeast of Panama City.

## TRANSPORTATION:

**Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (Panama City)** 850-763-6751 Approximately one hour and 30 minutes, by car, from Franklin County.

**Tallahassee Regional Airport (TLH)** 850-891-7800 Approximately one hour and thirty minutes by car to Franklin County.

**Apalachicola Municipal Airport (AAF)** 850-653-1366. Located two miles northwest of downtown Apalachicola.

**Carrabelle-Thompson Airport (X13)** 850-697-3919 Located three miles west of Carrabelle.

**Dog Island Airport (FA43)** 850-697-4702 Private airport located on Dog Island.

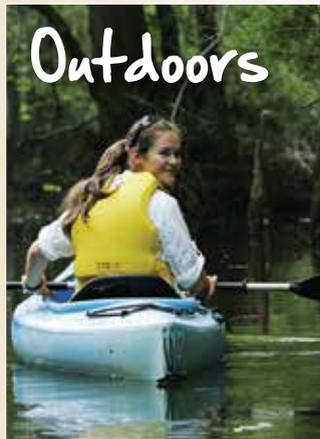
**St. George Island Airport (F47)** 850-927-2362 Airport located on St. George Island in the St. George Plantation development.

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## Outdoors

Eighty-one percent of Franklin County is publically owned, giving us a huge back yard to share with you. If your adventure involves camping, hiking and paddling, you have come to the right place. Visit [SaltyFlorida.com](http://SaltyFlorida.com) for a complete list of camping, hiking and paddling sites as well as boat rental businesses.



## Beaches

Franklin County has more than 250 miles of white-sand beaches featuring gently rolling surf, nature and privacy. Some beaches are perfect for families and some are great for fishing. The St. George State Park is an awarding winning beach - ranked as a top 10 beach in America by "Dr. Beach."



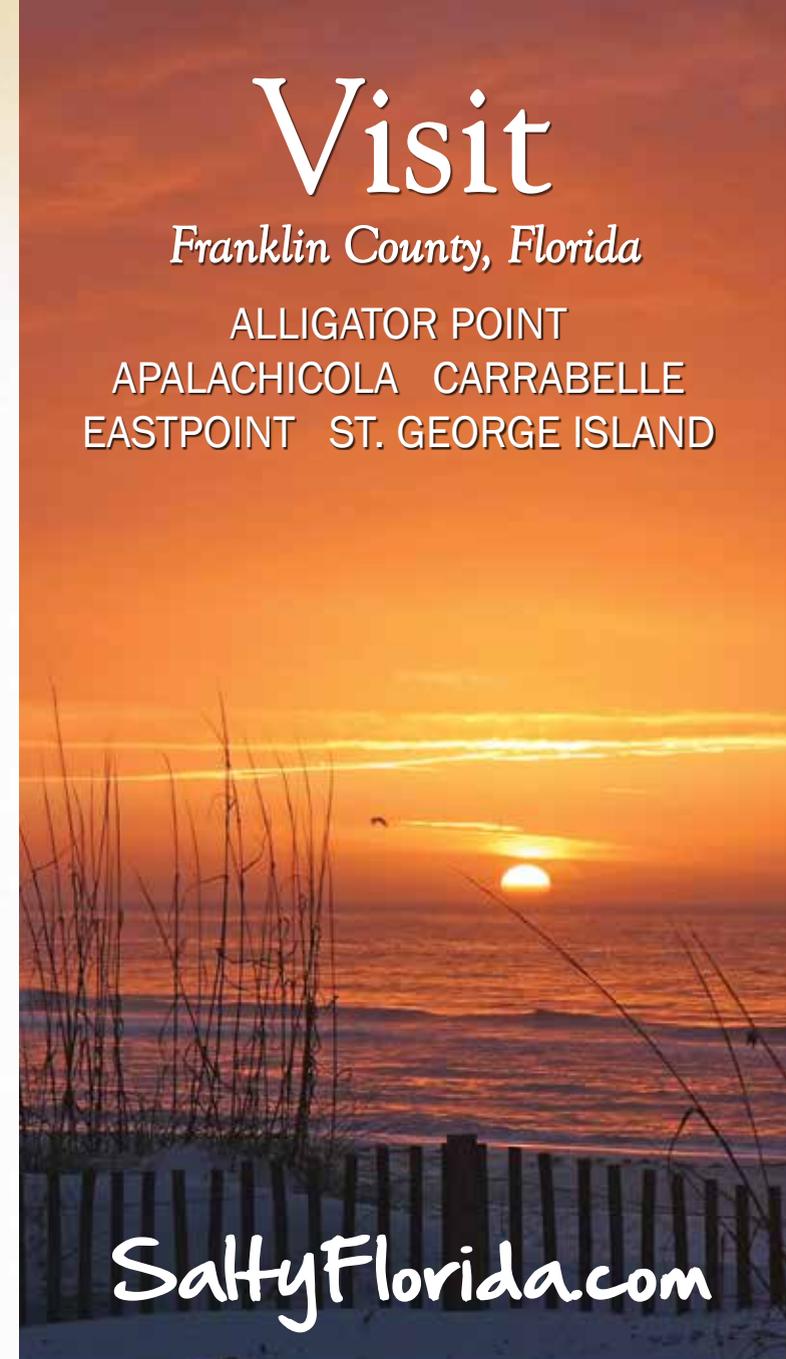
## Birding

Franklin County offers outstanding birding year round. In the spring this is first land for the trans-gulf migrants and the different species of shore birds. During the summer the diversity in habitat provides for species from rails in the salt marsh to osprey and eagles in the highest trees. The fall brings the migration as the cool weather pushes masses of birds to the south. Franklin County is the winter home of many species including ducks, loons and other water birds.



## Fishing

Come wet a hook and get salty in one of Florida's best fishing spots. The Apalachicola River and Bay system, along with the county's gulf coast location, provides diverse marine habitats and some pretty interesting fishing! Visit [SaltyFlorida.com](http://SaltyFlorida.com) for a list of fishing and tour-based charters as well as a comprehensive list of marinas, boat ramps and tackle supplies.



# Visit

Franklin County, Florida

ALLIGATOR POINT  
APALACHICOLA CARRABELLE  
EASTPOINT ST. GEORGE ISLAND

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# Apalachicola

Apalachicola offers maritime history and a working waterfront plus plenty of restaurants serving the freshest seafood on the coast. Tour the historic district and shop in unique boutiques. There are more than 900 historic sites in the city. Apalachicola is considered a “distinctive destination” based on its charm and dedication to historic preservation.

Apalachicola’s maritime culture is best reflected along its working waterfront. There you’ll see bustling seafood houses, weather-worn shrimp boats and stately brick buildings that once served as 19th century chandleries, net factories and warehouses. The town features meticulously restored hotels and B&Bs as well as luxury waterfront accommodations.



# Carrabelle

With a natural deep-water harbor and easy access to three rivers, Carrabelle attracts sailors, kayakers and boaters of all ages. Considered the Gateway to the Gulf, Carrabelle provides easy access to offshore fishing and boating. Nearby uncrowded, white-sand beaches are perfect for family vacations. Visit the Camp Gordon Johnston Museum that tells the story of how our troops trained here for the D-Day Invasion of Normandy in World War II. The nearby Crooked River Lighthouse reminds you of the town’s maritime importance.

St. James Bay Golf Resort, located east of Carrabelle, is an 18 hole championship golf course blending nature and life-style into a unique coastal golf experience.



# St. George Island

St. George Island is a 22-mile barrier island that hosts some of Florida’s most beautiful and serene beaches. With no high rises anywhere, SGI is an unspoiled island with a laid-back attitude. There are beaches on the gulfside and miles of marsh, inlets and oyster bars on the bayside. The uncrowded beaches are perfect for sunning and shelling, the clear gulf waters invite swimming and fishing, and the pristine bay marshes



feature extraordinary wildlife and sunset viewing. Rent a kayak, boat, bicycle or scooter.

St. George Island is one of the few beaches that allows pets, and many of the vacation homes are pet-friendly. Some restaurants permit you to dine outside with your pet.

The St. George Island State Park occupies the far eastern end of St. George Island. There you will find nine miles of undeveloped shoreline, majestic dunes, a bay forest and salt marshes. The park has a series of hiking trails, boardwalks and observation platforms. Since 2011, the St. George Island State Park has ranked among the Top 10 Beaches of America.



# Eastpoint

Eastpoint is the seafood central hub of Franklin County. This narrow sliver of coastline just across the bay from Apalachicola and St. George Island is lined with rustic seafood houses. In Eastpoint, you can buy fresh local seafood from family-owned markets and eat a fresh seafood meal from restaurants operated by families four generations deep. Eastpoint is considered the Gateway to St. George Island. The area features a popular fishing bridge that parallels the bridge to St. George Island. Eastpoint is also home to the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve and Visitor Center, a popular stopping point for families and nature enthusiasts.



# Alligator Point

Alligator Point is nestled between the Gulf of Mexico and Alligator Harbor, a pristine estuary known for its clam harvesting. The “Point” features a range of vacation rental options as well as a full service marina with fishing charters. There are several public access areas along the beach and two boat ramps on the bay side. The area features the Bald Point State Park, an annual stopover for migrating birds and butterflies.

