

BEACHES TO WOODLANDS EVENT SCHEDULE

ALL MONTH

Adventures Unlimited Fall Foliage Zipline Tours, Canoeing, Ropes Course, Camping and Kayaking - Fall is a great time to enjoy the many natural attractions at Adventures Unlimited located just north of Milton, Fla., in the Blackwater River State Forest. October is a great month to absorb the changing colors through a Fall Foliage Zipline Tour. Weekend stays at the resort's camping sites or wooded cabins are available along with the ropes challenge course, canoeing and kayaking majestic Coldwater Creek. Details: (850) 623-6197 or (800) 239-6864 or www.adventuresunlimited.com.

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

Avalon Landing RV Park Free Saltwater Fishing - Sundays in October, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 2444 Avalon Blvd., Milton, just south of I-10. The park provides loaner fishing poles and bait and lures for visitors to explore the inlets and marshes at the resort. Also offers special Beaches to Woodlands RV rates in October. Details: Wendy Behnke (850) 995-5898 or www.avalonlandingrvpark.com.

Birding Gulf Breeze Zoo – 5701 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., Gulf Breeze, Fla. Explore the Gulf Breeze Zoo's Walk-in Aviary and native bird observation area. Enrichment programs and meet-and-greet events scheduled throughout the month. Details: (850) 932-2229 or www.gulfbreezozoo.org.

Sweet Season Farms Corn Maze - Sept. 24 – Nov. 6, Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. at 2260 Horn Rd., 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 the 5-acre corn maze, playing on the farm-themed playground, enjoying hayrides, cow train rides, firing a corn cannon or have a family picnic at designated areas on the farm. Details: Trent or Sharon Mathews (850) 675-3573 or www.sweetseasonfarms.com.

Florida Trails Association Hikes - throughout the month of October. Hikers of all skill levels are invited to join adventures through some of Northwest Florida's most beautiful terrain.

- Oct. 1 - Bike/Walk on Blackwater Heritage Trail, Time TBD. Details: Randy Creel (850) 736-7534
- Oct. 7 - Milton Dinner Hike, 6 p.m. Meet at River Walk Memorial Park in Milton. Details: Peggy Grantham, (850) 776-5147
- Oct. 9 - Tarkiln Bayou Preserve Hike, Tarkiln State Park, meet at 8:30 a.m. at the entrance to the park off Bauer Rd., Details: Kean Engie (850) 366-2328.
- Oct. 15 - Juniper Creek Trail Hike. 9 a.m. Trail head at Red Rock Rd., meet Peggy Grantham for a 5-mile hike to Indian Ford Rd. Details: (850) 776-5147.
- Oct. 23 - Paddle Blackwater River, 9 a.m., meet at Kennedy Bridge, Milton Fla. Details: Cheryl Gardner, (850) 516-9038.

For information on the Florida Trails Association's monthly events, (850) 725-4408 or www.meetup.com/ftawesterngate/

Golf Santa Rosa County - Special rates at participating golf courses throughout the month. Details: www.floridabeachestorivers.com.

Gulf Islands National Seashore, Naval Live Oaks Visitor Center - 1801 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, Fla. Ongoing programs all month long. Be sure to stop by and pick up a Beaches to Woodlands program and map. Details: (850) 934-2600 or www.nps.gov/guis

Haystackular - Fridays 4 to 9 p.m, Saturdays noon to 9 p.m. and Sundays the first four weekends in October, noon to 6 p.m. Spooktacular events Oct. 28 and 29 from 8 p.m. to midnight, at S.S. Dixon Primary School P.E. Field, 4560 Hwy. 90, Pace, Fla. Details: Krista Donohoe (850) 982-8499 or (850) 994-2089.

Holland Farms Tour - Homer Holland Rd., Milton, Fla. Open through November for tours. Pumpkin patch and hay rides. Participants each receive a free cup of boiled peanuts. Details: BJ Holland, (850) 675-6876 or www.hollandfarmsonline.com.

Holley Hill Pottery Gallery/Studio Open House - Oct. 1, 8 and 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 7505 Buckeye Dr., Navarre, Fla. Open three weekends on the Tour! The Gulf Coast Kiln Walk Society has the largest wood-fired Anagama kiln and the only reconstructed wood fueled kiln from the 1940s in the state. Holley Hill Pottery has been making pottery in Santa Rosa County for over 30 years using local clays capturing the lifestyle, scenery and sea life of the Gulf Coast. Details: Brenda or Marty Stokes (850) 939-2744 or martyandbrenda@bellsouth.net

Navarre Beach Pier – Kid's Fish Free Weekends in October! Gulf Coast's longest pier invites anglers and walkers. Live entertainment, bait and tackle store and café and bar on-site. Details: (850) 936-1794 or www.navarrepier.com.

Santa Rosa County Historical Museum – Saturday's 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in October. Learn about the history and culture of one of Florida's most unique counties. Set in Historic Downtown Milton within walking distance of many attractions. 5234 Willing

St., Milton, Fla. Details: Josh Wilks 850-485-4998 or www.santarosahistoricalsociety.com.

Week 1

Sept. 28-Oct. 1

Classic Country Music Festival - Farmer's Opry House, 8897 Byrom Campbell Rd., Chumuckla, Fla. Weekend of food and fun with beginning and intermediate country music performers. Nashville background artists Brent Mason, Doug Jernigan, Charlie McCoy (Hee Haw) "leaders of a group known as the best country music band to ever play" among others over the weekend. Tickets: \$20 per day or \$50 for all three days. Serving homestyle breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Camping Goodtimers of Alabama will be hosting camping groups will help greet and meet and park campers. Campground on-site. Details: Sandy Wyatt, (850) 994-6000 or www.farmersopry.com.

Oct. 1

5th Annual Blue Jeans and BBQ Festival and Bull Riding Competition sponsored by Covenant Hospice – 4 to 9 p.m. Round'em up for a good cause at the Santa Rosa Soccer and Horse Complex, 3360 Joppa Rd., Pace, 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. Details: [Leah Harrison](mailto:Leah.Harrison@covenant.org) at (850) 208-7122 or www.eventsatcovenant.org.

Oct. 1

Annual "Making Room In The Inn" - 5:30 to 6 p.m. - hors d'oeuvres reception; 6 to 9 p.m. - sit-down dinner and program. First Baptist Church of Milton - Family Activities Building 6797 Caroline Street, Milton, Fla. Fundraiser for Family Promise of Santa Rosa, Inc. Event features a guest speaker, silent auction, tablescape designs and a decorated Christmas tree live auction. Tickets are \$50; sponsored tables are \$500 (8 tickets plus 2 for pastor/spouse, total of 10 tickets) Details: (850) 623-5300 or Paula Lou Mapoles (850) 626-9567.

Oct. 1

8th Annual Coastal Encounters at Navarre Beach Marine Science Station - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Navarre Beach Park. Youngsters enjoy an 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 counselors. Free. Details: (850) 623-3868.

Oct. 1

Riverwalk 5k Run - 5 p.m., race starts in Downtown Milton, Fla. Presented by the Milton Parks & Recreation Department. 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. Details: Linsey Williamson, (850) 983-5466, ext. 4208 or www.riverwalkrun5k.com.

Oct. 1

A Splash of Spirit, 6 to 8:30 p.m. St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church, 7810 Navarre Pkwy., Navarre. Local artists and businesses will highlight an elegant evening which includes a silent auction, wine tasting, heavy hors d' oeuvres and more. Tickets are \$10 and auction items can be viewed at:

<http://staugustinesnavarre.com/ASplashofSpirit/ASplashofSpirit.htm>,

Details: The Rev. Anthony MacWhinnie, 850- 939-2261

Oct. 1-2

Jay Peanut Festival - Gabbert Farm, 3604 Pine Level Church Rd., Jay, Fla. Celebration of one of Santa Rosa's staple crops: the peanut. Popular annual event marks its 22nd year and showcases farming life past and present and gives people a chance to experience country life. The festival features a 1930s Farm Museum and 1940s John Deere Dealership, food booths, games and fun. Event was started in honor of Melissa Caroline Gabbert who died 20 years ago from complications from cancer. Details: Brenda and Gene Gabbert, (850) 675-6823.

Week 2

Oct. 7

Blackwater Folk Art Show and Open House - Oct.7, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Oct. 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Blackwater Folk Art, 5863 Stewart St., Milton, Fla. Enjoy a rare opportunity to shop locally made signs and art created from recycled metal. The shop is opening its doors as a fundraiser for the Milton Women's Club. Come get creative – and green – at the sale. Details: (850) 623-3470.

Oct. 7

Friends of the Milton Library Sale - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Milton Public Library, 5541 Alabama Street, Milton, Fla. Details: Bill DuBois (850) 626-9853 or www.friendsofmiltonlibrary.org.

Oct. 7-8

5th Annual Monarch Madness Butterfly Festival - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Panhandle Butterfly House, 8581 Navarre Pkwy, Navarre, Fla. Educational event highlights the monarch butterfly migration through Northwest Florida. Tagging process part of research process by University of Kansas. Details: Theresa Friday (850) 623-3868 or www.panhandlebutterflyhouse.org.

Oct. 8-9

5th Annual Navarre Fall Arts Festival - Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Navarre Soundside Park, 8543 Navarre Pkwy., Navarre, Fla., Features arts, crafts and entertainment. Sponsored by the Greater Navarre Beach Arts Association, Inc. Details: Connie Jones (850) 939-7964 or www.gnbaa.org.

Oct. 7-8

22nd Annual Oktoberfest at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Friday 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. 4257 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., Gulf Breeze, Fla. German food, arts and crafts and entertainment. Details: (850) 932-3263 or gslcgb@bellsouth.net.

Oct. 7-9

30th Annual St. Rose of Lima International Fall Festival & 5K - Friday - 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. 6450 Park Avenue, Milton, Fla. International foods, live entertainment, dancing, bingo, petting zoo, children's activities and raffle. Admission: Free. Details: Kate Lewis (850) 983-9936 or (850) 982-4345 or www.stroselima.parishonline.com.

Oct. 8

Bagdad Old Tyme Sawmill Breakfast and Fiddle Contest - 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. 4629 Church Street at the corner of Old Bagdad Hwy. and Forsythe Street. Event is a fundraiser for the Bagdad Mill Site Park. Details: Richard Lewis (850) 983-7918 or (404) 906-2840 or www.bagdadwaterfront.org.

Oct. 8

West Florida Railroad Museum Depot Days Celebration - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 it 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. Details: George Wilson, (850) 501-6249 or www.wfrm.org.

Oct, 8-9

8th Annual Munson Community Heritage Festival – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, Blackwater River State Forest. Held at scenic Krul Lake, visitors learn about old-timey 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, displays by local museums and more. Cost: \$5 per vehicle. Details: (850) 957-6140 or www.munsonheritagefestival.com.

Oct. 8

2nd Annual "All God's Creatures" Pet Blessings - 9 a.m. to noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 5203 Elmira St., Milton, Fla. Along with pet blessings, the Santa Rosa County Animal Services will be on hand to provide information about adoptable

pets. Fundraiser for the historic church and the Santa Rosa County Animal Services. Details: Nicole Frenk (850) 983-0542 or nyfrenk@msn.com.

Week 3

Oct. 13

"Let's Wine Down In The Country" - The Farmers Opry, 6 to 9 p.m. 8897 Byrom Campbell Rd., Pace, Fla., Event features a wine tasting and silent auction and Sandy Wyatt & Sawmill Band. Fundraiser for GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Milton Woman's Club. Proceeds benefit Community Service Projects and restoration of Milton Clubhouse, site of Milton's first public library. Details: Paula Lou Mapoles (850) 626-9567 or pmapoles@mchsi.com

Oct. 15

Santa Rosa Art Association's "Artfest" - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Santa Rosa Auditorium, 4530 Spikes Way, Milton, Fla. Showcasing work of member artists. Proceeds from food sold go to teacher grants for art programs in schools. Details: Naita Peschel (850) 994-7465 or www.santarosaartassociation.com.

Oct. 15

3rd Annual Run for the Reef 5K and Kid's One Mile Fun Run - 7:30 a.m. Navarre Beach Pier, Navarre Beach, Fla. Features an out-and-back course along scenic Gulf Blvd. Event is a fundraiser to help "Make Navarre Snorkelicious," a benefit for the Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary. Details: Mark Griffith (850) 677-1875 or www.navarrebeachmarinesanctuary.com.

Oct. 15

East Milton Youth Association Talent Show - BDubbs Suds and Subs, 4848 Ward Basin Rd., Milton, Fla. First-time event will feature talent contest in art, choreography and music. Details: Brian Spears or Bethany Browning (850) 206-2511 (850) 356-6117.

Oct. 15

Pet Nation 8th Annual Halloween Pet Costume Contest - 2 p.m. at Pet Nation, 1890 Andorra St., Navarre, Fla. Registration through 7 p.m. Oct. 14. Popular event for spectators and owners alike! Details: Holly Elassaad (850) 936-8201 or www.petnation.org.

Oct. 15

11th Annual Navarre Beach Car, Truck and Bike Show - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Navarre High School, 8600 High School Blvd., Navarre, Fla. More than 100 historical cars from all decades are on display in this popular event. Features music, food and vendor booths. Details: Dana Shelley, (850) 939-3870 or www.navarreacarandbikeshow.com.

Oct. 15

Wildlife Safari Trail Ride, sponsored by the Santa Rosa Horse Assistance Council. 8 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. ride and treasure hunt on Saturday at Coldwater Recreation Park, 8049 Horseshoe Loop Milton, Fla. Event is first-come, first serve for campsites and horse stalls. Those who do not own a horse are encouraged to bring their hiking shoes or bicycle to join in the treasure hunt. Coldwater Creek Recreational Area has been reserved for Oct. 12-16. The event includes live music, BBQ dinner, Safari Costume Contest and more. There are small fees involved for different aspects of the event. Details: Kim Gallagher, (850) 380-2278 or kimberlyg@santarosa.fl.gov, or visit www.srchorseassistance.org.

Oct. 15

Hayes Ranch Open House and Horse Rides, featuring “Tuffy, A Real American Quarter Horse Hero™” 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. 5097 Berryhill Road, Milton, Fl. Tour a working farm and get the rare chance to ride the region’s most famous horse, “Tuffy.” Farm tour is free, horse rides are \$5. Details: Kyle Holley 850-712-8788 or Becky Hayes 850-554-0248.

Week 4

Oct. 21-23 and 26-31

4th Annual Downtown Milton Haunted House - 7 p.m. until “the last zombie goes home.” Spooky fun and a popular event sponsored by the Main Street Milton. Details: Romi White (850) 626-6246 or www.mainstreetmilton.org.

Oct. 21-22 and 28-30

Zoo Boo at Gulf Breeze Zoo, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. 5701 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., Gulf Breeze, Fla. Family-friendly Halloween activities for all ages. Details: Kayte Wanko (850)932-2229 or www.gulfbreezozoo.org.

Oct. 22

13th Annual Fenner McConnell/Matt Wantz Memorial Blackwater Heritage Century 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, 43, 62 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 the Rails to Trails project. Details: Paula Shell (850) 433-5437 or www.wfw-pensacola.com.

Oct. 22

3rd Annual Taste of Navarre sponsored by the Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Navarre Park, 8543 Navarre Pkwy on Hwy 98/Foot of the Navarre Beach Bridge overlooking the Santa Rosa Sound. From seafood and fine cheese assortments, to jambalaya and wings, this is your chance to sample some of Navarre’s best restaurant fare. Add live music and a silent auction and you’re set for a great afternoon, or a perfect start to a date night. Advance tickets \$15 or \$20 day of event. Details: Bill Arnett (850) 939-3267 or www.navarrechamber.com.

Oct. 23

18th Juana's Pagodas Charity Chili Cook-off and Volleyball – Volleyball registration at 11 a.m. Chili set up at noon and tasting from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Things heat up at Juana's on and off the court during this popular annual fundraiser for Caring and Sharing of Santa Rosa County. 1451 Navarre Beach Causeway, Navarre, Fla. Details: (850) 939-2130 or www.juanaspagodas.com.

Week 5

Oct. 29

Thinking Pink – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Santa Rosa Clean Community System Green Up Nursery, 6758 Park Ave., Milton, Fla. Event will benefit the American Cancer Society. Features educational booths, seminars and nursery items for sale. Details: Diana McCoy (850) 623-1930 or www.srclean.org.

Oct. 28-29

11th Annual Ghosts of Milton "Imogene Theatre" - Tours start at historic Imogene Theatre. Presented by the Santa Rosa Historical Society. Proceeds are donated to the continued restoration efforts for the historic Imogene Theater. Details: Wesley Meiss (850) 712-3493 or www.santarosahistoricalsociety.com.

Oct. 28-30

Inaugural Navarre Beach Halloween Volleyball Classic - Hosted at Juanas Pagodas and the Navarre Beach Fishing Pier. Event is expected to draw high-level players competing for up to \$5,000 in cash prizes. More than 25 courts will be staged at the two sites. Details: Mandy Evers (850) 366-2660 or nwfevents@gmail.com.

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