



# Perry-Taylor COUNTY

Perry-Taylor County is your [GATEWAY TO FLORIDA'S NATURE COAST](#). Located in the northern section of Florida, Taylor County is nestled in the deepest indentation of the Gulf of Mexico. Experience the natural coastline, warm tropical climate, relaxing rivers and sandy beaches that are present along the longest undeveloped coastline in the entire state of Florida.

Visitors are encouraged to step back in time and explore Taylor County's wild and wonderful unspoiled rivers and long pristine coastline. Enjoy the best of inshore and off shore saltwater fishing from Steinhatchee, Keaton Beach, Spring Warrior, the Econfinia or Aucilla rivers.

Several small communities dot the coastal area offering a variety of accommodations from rustic cottages to modern resorts and full service campgrounds and RV parks. These communities provide access to Taylor County's sparkling clear Gulf waters, offering some of the finest fishing to be found in the state. The large scallop population offers family fun for everyone. Steinhatchee is a picturesque fishing village long known for its great river fishing, trout and redfish fishing in the winter, flats fishing in the spring and fall, and scalloping in July and August. The quaint community of Keaton Beach is ideal for all types of Gulf-oriented recreations. Speckled trout and redfish are a favorite to area fishermen. The Econfinia River offers warm weather Gulf flats fishing along with winter river fishing with plenty of accommodations and camping opportunities.

Many cultural events and festivals take place in Taylor County. During the early part of the year, the community of Steinhatchee holds the Annual [Fiddler Crab Festival](#) in February offering many fun activities for the whole family. In April, Taylor County is home to the [Florida State Bluegrass Festival](#), one of the largest bluegrass events in the southeastern United States, with amazing musicians



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from all over as well as the [Florida Bluegrass Music Finals](#) competition, arts and crafts vendors, music workshops and a Chili Cook-off event. In addition to the Florida State Bluegrass Festival, Taylor County also holds the [Fall Pickin' In The Pines Bluegrass Event](#) in September bringing talented bluegrass artists, arts and craft vendors, food vendors and a variety of music workshops.

In October every year in Taylor County, the [Florida Forest Festival](#) is held. Forestry-related events include professional lumberjack shows and competitions, arts and crafts, historical heritage village, heavy equipment shows, live entertainment, Antique car show, King Tree Parade and the World's Largest Free Fish Fry, where festival volunteers will serve up over 5,000 free catfish dinners to festival goers.

In December, the downtown Mainstreet organization holds their Annual ["Snowfest"](#) event where visitors can enjoy a real snow filled event, Christmas lights, activities, vendors and a variety of musicians. December is also home to the [Southern Pines Blues & BBQ Festival](#) and the [Tri-State Triple Crown BBQ Competition](#) where competitors who have qualified for the finals from Georgia, Alabama and Florida have come to compete for the top title. Also held, are the Triple Crown Open BBQ Competition, the John Boy & Billy Sauce Contest, the People's Choice competition and Southern Pines Car Show. If that's not enough, the weekend is filled with two days of high-powered blues entertainment from some of the best blues musicians in the business.

So, as you can see...Taylor County has a lot to offer to those who wish to visit this quaint community. It's why most people that live here say: "Why go on vacation, when I have paradise right in my own backyard!"

**Must Do!** Come rain or come shine, the [Southern Pines Blues and BBQ](#) is a must attend event for everyone! Join thousands of music and food lovers as they gather for electrifying and acoustic blues and award winning BBQ, during the weekend of [December 11th and 12th](#), where the official Triple Crown BBQ Championship event is held each year.

If the smell and down home BBQ doesn't draw you to Perry, some of the most renowned blues arts from throughout the nation will! This year's event will feature the sounds of Damon Fowler and Johnnie Marshall.

The family-friendly event is highlighted by Gibson guitar sessions, harmonica workshops, crafts, and much more! Tickets are only \$10 per person for a weekend pass! Camping is available. For information call the Chamber or visit [www.southernpinesblues.com](http://www.southernpinesblues.com). \*

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