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Day 1

If you are looking for stretches of wide open spaces of what Florida “used to look like”, then head to the rugged and pristine Gulf of Mexico coastline of LEVY COUNTY, situated due west of Gainesville, Florida.

TRAVEL: Start your travels by heading out on 40 West in Yankeetown, be sure to look for the sign commemorating the 1961 filming of Elvis Presley’s movie “Follow That Dream”, then arrive at the beautiful and quaint BIRD CREEK PARK AND BOAT RAMP. Here the confluence of the Lower Withlacoochee River joins the gulf, great for fishing. Sit next to the sandy beach and watch dolphins play offshore, or cast a fishing line off the pier. Relax in the early morning sun listening to birds chatter and palm trees rustle in the soft breezes. Address: 8000 Highway 40 W, Yankeetown, FL 34498. (352)486-5127

After enjoying your early morning coffee gulf side, you’re ready for lunch. TRAVEL: Head east on 40 to the 4-way stop sign, turn right and come to BLACKWATER GRILL & BAR which is situated on the banks of the beautiful Withlacoochee River. Within the 90 year old lodge, you’ll discover good food, service and southern hospitality abound. On the menu, you will find diverse entrees from juicy hamburgers, Buffalo chicken, shrimp and grits, grouper and baby back ribs. Address: 6301 Riverside Drive, Yankeetown, FL 34498 (353)441-5002
Website: http://blackwatergrillandbar.com

If you want to catch fish or take a leisurely boat tour: Contact CAPTAIN RICK LeFILES Capt. Rick offers full or half day trips, Inshore Light Tackle and Saltwater Fishing Charters. (352)400-0133
Website: http://www.ospreyguides.com

For river access and quiet, shady campsites with excellent fishing go to:

B’S MARINA AND CAMPGROUND The Withlacoochee River is designated as an “Outstanding Florida Waterway”. The natural beauty of the river will give you hours of paddling pleasure. Address: 6621 Riverside Drive, Yankeetown, FL (352)447-5888
Website: http://www.bmarinacampground.net

NATURE COAST INN B&B Address: 649 Highway 40 West, Inglis, FL (352)388-8044
Website: http://www.naturecoastinn.com. Only 90 minutes from Orlando and Tampa International Airport, a great GETAWAY.

Before you leave the Inglis area, check out ROBINSON RANCH TRAP AND SKEET CLUB 19730 SE 127th Terrace, Inglis, FL 34449. (352)489-7988. Hosting seven trap fields, two skeet fields, one five sand, and one FITASC field. Located about 6 miles west of Dunnellon on CR 40. Non-members welcome. Website: http://www.robinsonranchtrapandskeet.com
Day 2

Wake up refreshed and renewed to travel to another exciting place in LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

**TRAVEL:** Head west on 40 to the intersection of 40 and U.S. 19/98 in Inglis, turn left and travel north to Gulf Hammock, turn right on County Road 326, look for signs.

**GOETHE STATE FOREST** Over 50,000 acres encompass a variety of 15 natural habitats including sand hills, wetlands, hardwoods, etc. Goethe State Forest may contain the largest tract of contiguous, old-growth longleaf pine Flatwoods in the state. The extensive old-growth forest has one of the largest red-cockaded woodpecker populations in the state land in Florida. The forest is part of The Great Florida Birding Trail and exhibits many varieties of birds throughout the year. The Goethe Trail System extends throughout the forest with access available at three separate trailheads. The forest is open during daylight hours for visitors to enjoy horseback riding, hiking, bicycling, fishing, or wildlife viewing.
Website: [http://www.floridaforestservice.com/state_forests/goethe.html](http://www.floridaforestservice.com/state_forests/goethe.html)

**TRAVEL:** Continue on County Road 326 to State Road 41; turn north (left) and get ready for experiencing beautiful rolling hills, graceful farmlands and hayfields. You’re next STOP is the quiet, restful town of Williston where you won’t want to miss visiting several fun places.

**WILLISTON PEANUTS & GIFT SHOP** Located on State Road 41 (about 6/10 mile south of Williston). A great little place to shop for a unique gift or crunchy, tasty treat. Peanuts every which way you can imagine; try their Peanut Brittle, Brittle Bites, Raw Shelled, Roasted, Southern Fried, and not to forget, yummy smooth, crunchy and honey peanut butter! Address: 1309 SW 7th St, Williston, FL 32696   (352)528-2388

**DIXIE’S ANTIQUES** Vintage quilts, glassware, bottles, local artist paintings, curios, and more. Address: 112 W. Noble Avenue, Williston, FL   (352)528-2338

**TWO HAWK HAMMOCK** Come visit the barnyard-there are horses, goats, cats, dogs, emus, tortoises, parrots, donkeys, chickens and more! Carriage rides are available by appointment. Address: 17990 NE 53rd Lane, Williston, FL   (352)339-2026
Website: [https://twhawkhammock.com](https://twhawkhammock.com)

**CEDAR LAKES WOODS & GARDENS** Beautiful Botanical Garden and Conservation Preserve. Come and tour over 50 quaint, separate gardens with numerous waterfalls and koi ponds that were born in a 100 year old retired lime rock quarry. Within walking distance of Two Hawk Hammock. Address: 4990 NE 180th Avenue, Williston, FL   (352)528-0055
Website: [https://cedarlakeswoodsandgarden.com](https://cedarlakeswoodsandgarden.com)

After shopping and exploring the area, it’s now time for a sumptuous southern meal like none other in these parts, people come from miles around to dine at **THE IVY HOUSE RESTAURANT**. You are in for a treat as their specialty is “Krispy Chicken”, macaroni & cheese, seasonal vegetables, yeast roll, salad, and their amazingly delicious homemade desserts. After your meal, head upstairs to shop at the southern inspired boutique. 106 Main Street, Williston, FL   (352)528-5410
Website: [http://www.ivyhousefl.com](http://www.ivyhousefl.com)