

What makes it great

While Florida's Atlantic seaboard is noted for holding two of the most famous motorcycle rallies in the world, Daytona Beach Bike Week and Biketoberfest, the Forgotten Coast on the other side of the state offers some of the best riding in the Sunshine State with sweeping vistas of the Gulf of Mexico.

Top motorcycle events in the area

Thunder Beach Spring and Fall Rallies, Cotee River Bike Fest, Emerald Coast Bike Fest

Biker-friendly establishments

Bar: The Salty Goat

Restaurant: The Wicked Wheel

Lodging: Beachside Inn

Quintessential local cuisine

Oysters—fried and on the halfshell, Key lime pie, fresh-squeezed orange juice

Dealerships in the area

Crystal Harley-Davidson, Tallahassee Harley-Davidson, Red Hills Powersports, Harley-Davidson of Panama City Beach, Indian Motorcycle of Panama City Beach, Legendary Harley-Davidson, Harley-Davidson of Pensacola, Indian Motorcycle of Pensacola (Adventure Motorsports of NWF), Emerald Coast Harley-Davidson

Motorcyle-related attractions

Tallahassee Automobile and Collectibles Museum

Local rides

Beginning in Crystal River north of Tampa, take Highway 19/98 north and west through stunning thoroughbred horse country, continuing west on Highway 98 after the split at Perry. Highway 98 follows the Gulf shoreline offering the majestic Apalachicola Bay and the islands of St. George and St. Vincent, along with quaint coastal towns and eateries before reaching Panama City Beach, Destin and finally Pensacola Beach. Any stretch of this full-day 375-mile route ride offers a feast for the senses.

