

The Pines of Perdido is a subdivision based on low density which will enhance your quality of life.

"I think low density is the attraction," said William Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank. "People would rather make a longer commute and have a big yard and a big house."

The Pines of Perdido is a new custom home site community with grand entrances and master planned landscaping. All of our lots are 40,000 sq. feet or larger and partially wooded. All owners will be able to enjoy a large greenbelt activities area which includes a gazebo, tennis court, play area, and walking paths. The Pines of Perdido residents will be able to enjoy the rural feeling on the oversized lots, while still being only minutes away from Baldwin County's greatest assets.

- Popular tourist destinations of Gulf Shores, AL. Orange Beach, AL. Pensacola, FL. are all minutes from the Pines of Perdido.

Beaches

Comprised of 95% quartz, Alabama's beaches are some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Renowned for their color, quality, grade and magnificent water, you're destined to lose track of time exploring our shore.

Alabama Point

Orange Beach

There must be something magic about this stretch of Gulf and the pass leading into the back bays. The water here always seems to be that glistening turquoise you see in magazines. This is a spot for *serious* relaxation. Located just .3 miles east of Perdido Pass Bridge, Alabama Point offers more than 6,000 feet of wide beach, large sand dunes, and a 225-foot boardwalk. It's a bit of a walk out across the dune line, so pack lightly and focus on the simple pleasures. This park offers some of great views of incoming and outgoing charter boats... *if* you can keep your eyes open.

Cotton Bayou Public Beach

Orange Beach

This small beach area is found at the intersection of Highway 182 and Highway 161. Nestled between some of the most popular condominiums in the area, there's always plenty of people-watching and activity. There is ample free parking and the beach is easily accessible.

Romar Beach

Orange Beach

This beach area - with a limited amount of free parking - is easy to get to. It's perfect for a quick beach stroll or an impromptu picnic. It's located 6.8 miles east of Highway 59.

Gulf State Park

Gulf Shores

This un-crowded, natural beach is located six miles east of Highway 59, among the sand dunes and sea oats. There's lots of room to spread out, making it a great place for families with lots of gear. Surf fishing is a popular activity here. Facilities are at a minimum, so be sure to pack everything you might need. A small parking fee is charged, but there are plenty of spaces, and lots of room for large vehicles and RVs.

Gulf State Park - Lake Shelby Recreation Area

Gulf Shores

If you're looking for a little lakefront beach activity, try basking by Lake Shelby. This 6000-acre freshwater lake is perfect for swimming, water skiing, boating and picnicking. The recreation area boasts 100 picnic tables, playgrounds, a snack bar and bathhouse. You can even purchase a fishing license. A small entry fee is charged, but you can stay all day and get your money's worth.

Gulf Shores Public Beach

Gulf Shores

If you're looking for volleyball-playing, beach-bar-hanging good times, this spot - where Highway 59 dead-ends into the Gulf - is for you. For a small fee, you get all-day, up-close parking, making it easy to unload your gear. When you're hungry or thirsty, just drag yourself out of your chair and up to one of the many beachside restaurants, serving up great food and entertainment. Beach attendants, three open-air pavilions and a picnic area are available. You may want to arrive early to get a prime parking spot.

Gulf Shores 2nd Street Public Access

Gulf Shores

Easy access to the beach, just two blocks west of Highway 59. Parking is free and it's just a quick walk to the hub of Gulf Shores public beach.

Gulf Shores 4th Street Public Access

Gulf Shores

This is a pedestrian crossing only, which is perfect if you're staying in a property nearby.

Gulf Shores 5th & 6th Street Public Accesses

Gulf Shores

Located five and six blocks west of Highway 59, you can park and walk the boardwalk to the beach. An outdoor shower makes it handy to spray off before you hop back in your car. The 6th Street access offers a handicapped-accessible restroom.

Gulf Shores 13th Street Public Access

Gulf Shores

Park for free just across the street or walk over if you're renting nearby. A boardwalk leads to the beach and outdoor shower.

Lagoon Park

Gulf Shores

Lagoon Pass is a shallow waterway connecting Little Lagoon to the Gulf, 2.9 miles west of Highway 59. You'll find restrooms, an outdoor shower and water fountain on site, with parking on the northeast side of the Lee Callaway Bridge.

Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge Beach

Fort Morgan

Want to commune with Mother Nature? Then take a hike...down Pine Beach Trail. Put the top down and enjoy the drive about ten miles down Highway 180. The trail meanders two miles through an enchanted forest of palmettos, live oaks and Spanish moss - past Gator Lake and Little Lagoon - to a spectacular ridge of dunes and a pristine, all-natural beach. Along the way, you'll see an astounding variety of birds and other wildlife. Don't feel like walking? You can park along Mobile Street for easy beach access without the exercise. The refuge office is close by if you would like more information.

- Numerous golf courses including:

1. Soldiers Creek Golf Club at Woerner Preserve, Soldier Creek Course, Elberta, AL

The 18-hole "Soldiers Creek" course at the Soldiers Creek Golf Club At Woerner Preserve facility in Elberta, Alabama features 7,059 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72. Designed by Scott Clark, the Soldiers Creek golf course opened in 2001. Norman Woerner manages the course as the President

2. Lost Key Golf Course Pensacola, FL

The 18-hole "Lost Key" course at the Lost Key Golf Club facility in Pensacola, Florida features 6,801 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 71. Designed by Arnold Palmer, the Lost Key golf course opened in 1997

3. Kiva Dunes Golf Course Gulf Shores, AL.

The 18-hole "Kiva Dunes" course at the Kiva Dunes facility in Gulf Shores, Alabama features 7,092 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72. The course rating is 73.9 and it has a slope rating of 132 on Bermuda grass. Designed by Jerry Pate, the Kiva Dunes golf course opened in 1995.

4. Glenlakes Golf Club – Dunes Golf Course Foley, AL.

The 18-hole "Dunes" course at the Glenlakes Golf Club facility in Foley, Alabama features 6,343 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72. The course rating is 69.9 and it has a slope rating of 117. Designed by Bruce Devlin, the Dunes golf course opened in 1989.

5. Craft Farms Golf Resort – Cotton Creek Golf Course

The 18-hole "Cotton Creek" course at the Craft Farms Golf Resort facility in Gulf Shores, Alabama features 7,028 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72. The course rating is 74.1 and it has a slope rating of 136 on Bermuda grass. Designed by Arnold Palmer, the Cotton Creek golf course opened in 1987.

The Craft Farms Resort features 36 holes of Signature Golf including Cotton Creek, the original Palmer design on the

Gulf Coast. This unique setting combines the mystique of golf legend Arnold Palmer with the charm and hospitality of the South.

Recently rated #1 most playable new course by Golf Digest Magazine, Cypress Bend is an architectural masterpiece and a must play on your list. The perfect compliment to its big brother, Cotton Creek, it traverses a unique system of lakes that come into play on nearly every hole.

6. Craft Farms Golf Resort – Cypress Bend Golf Course

The 18-hole "Cypress Bend" course at the Craft Farms Golf Resort facility in Gulf Shores, Alabama features 6,848 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72. Designed by Arnold Palmer, the Cypress Bend golf course opened in 1987.

7. Peninsula Bayside Golf

Situated on 820 secluded acres touched on two sides by the Bon Secour Wildlife Preserve, the Peninsula represents one of the Gulf Coast's most spectacular venues for Alabama golf. This masterful Earl Stone course winds through live oaks, cypress and natural vegetation and features 23 lakes.

Numerous tee boxes are available to accommodate every skill level, playing 7,026 yards from the championship tees.

One of the newest courses along the Alabama Gulf Coast, the Peninsula is sure to be an award winner.

8. Rock Creek

ROCK CREEK truly is one of the Gulf Coast's top golf facilities. Located six and a half miles south of I-10 on Highway 98 between Daphne and Fairhope, this facility is convenient to Mobile, Gulf Shores and Pensacola, Florida. ROCK CREEK offers a first class golf experience for every level of player.

What separates this golf course from other courses in the area is the topography and foliage of the land. The elevation changes and incorporation of the wetlands add to the visual effect while creating natural hazards for golfers. With the amenities of a full service clubhouse, practice range and restaurant with banquet facilities, ROCK CREEK will meet every individual's needs.

9. Timber Creek Golf Club

Timber Creek Golf Club is a 27-hole championship layout designed by Earl Stone. Located in Daphne, this course offers all players a great golf experience. Enjoy scenic views of rolling fairways bordered by so many various trees; you'll soon understand how the course was named. Be on the lookout for the bountiful wildlife and wetland preserves in this unique and natural setting. Amenities in this golf and residential community include a full service restaurant, classic clubhouse and good old Southern hospitality.

A recent series of maps in Sports Illustrated breaks down which U.S. counties house the most golf courses, and Baldwin County stands out like a luscious green at the end of a fairway.

In fact, Baldwin County holds it own in each of the four categories: public courses by county,

private courses by county, courses per square mile and courses per capita.

The maps, part of the magazine's special "Great American Sports Atlas," also lists Baldwin County as one of only three counties in the state of Alabama with a high household income and a high number of courses.

With 15 public courses and three private courses to choose from, Baldwin County offers a wide variety of options to golfers of every stripe, from those looking for affordable prices and challenging play to those seeking a more expensive round with a truly Southern feel.

Either way, Baldwin County and Alabama's Gulf Coast are being hailed by many as one of the country's top golf destinations.

For example, a 2000 study by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators named Alabama one of the world's top 10 emerging golf destinations.

Several individual courses have garnered accolades as well, as Kiva Dunes was currently ranked by Golf Digest as America's 58th best public course.

- Salt water and fresh water fishing

Alabama's Gulf Coast offers a wonderful variety of inshore and offshore saltwater fishing. Go after elusive blue marlin, yellow fin tuna, amberjack, cobia, red snapper and more! Reel in the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Marine Resources Division's [Inshore Reef Map](#) or the Gulf of Mexico [DGPS Reef Coordinates](#) to decide where you will plant your anchor. Get hooked on Gulf Shores/Orange Beach!

ABOUT BALDWIN COUNTY

Featured many times in magazines like "Southern Living", and "Coastal Living" Baldwin County has surely secured a top spot on the list of truly special places. Baldwin County residents are fortunate to have access to beautiful parks, beaches, great shopping, and fine dining and entertainment - not to mention the weather! With more so many wonderful golf courses, they just may start calling our Gulf Coast the 'Golf Coast!' *as stated by a local realtor*

Baldwin County remains a popular destination for visitors, from all over the nation and world, year round because of first class golf courses, beautiful beaches, unlimited recreational opportunities, health economy and first class public school system which, collectively, has contributed to the county's explosive population growth since the 1990's. * Baldwin County's website *

Today, out of Alabama's sixty-seven counties, Baldwin County remains one of the top three fastest growing.

■ **Abundant recreational opportunities**

- 32 miles of gulf beaches
- 26 miles of bay waterfront
- Fresh water and inshore and offshore fishing
- Numerous golf courses located in Baldwin County
- Semi professional football and AA semipro baseball in the metro area.
- **Excellent school system**
- Stanford Achievement Test scores (measure of academic performance) have been above the national average for the past six years.
- ACT scores have exceeded state and national for the past ten years.
- **Health care options:** 3 hospitals with 284 beds, 2 hospices with 142 beds, 313 physicians, and 75 dentists, 3 wellness centers and 13 health clubs
- **Over 1,100 restaurants**
- **Regional shopping centers** and thriving downtowns
- **EASI Cultural Index** for Baldwin County - 152, U.S. Average - 100
- Amateur theater companies, symphony concerts, and opera as well as numerous festivals.
- **Low crime rate.**
- **Modest housing costs** and broad diversity of housing.

*As stated on the Baldwin County Economic Development website *