

WINTER VISITORS

Snowbirds flock to The Beaches to Rivers of Santa Rosa

Every year hundreds of winter visitors – also called Snowbirds – leave their homes in the snowy and cold Northeast or Midwest and venture to the Beaches to Rivers of Santa Rosa. The annual migration starts as early as October and usually runs through March.

At Navarre Beach, condominium and beach home rentals transform from summer family vacationers to mostly retirees who enjoy low monthly rates in a quiet atmosphere. Many visitors also drive RVs of all sizes and descriptions for longer stays at area campgrounds and RV parks.

Winter visitors often form casual clubs and host potlucks, golf outings and casino trips to nearby Biloxi, Miss.

Day trips to area attractions such as historic downtown Milton, the L&N Train Depot, Butterfly House, Northwest Florida Zoo, downtown Pensacola and the Gulfarium are popular.

The area's four golf courses stay busy throughout the winter and many linksters enjoy discounted and package rates. Many area restaurants offer special deals for winter visitors making a longer term stay affordable and fun.

Cutting edge medical facilities are located nearby, and continuing education classes at nearby colleges offer longer stay visitors a chance to keep their minds sharp.