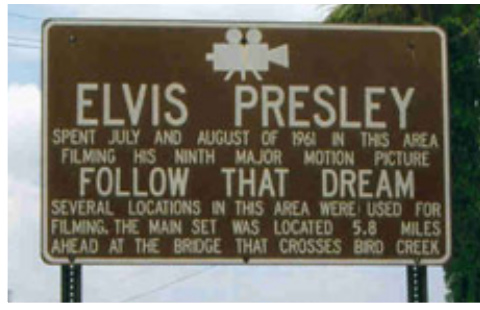


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## Day 1



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 ninth 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 a spell 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 [IKE'S OLD FLORIDA KITCHEN AT IZAAK WALTON LODGE](#). Ike's is one of those signature landmarks you must visit. Situated on the banks of the Withlacoochee River within the 90 year old lodge you'll discover good food, service and southern hospitality abound. Address: 6301 W. Riverside Drive Yankeetown, FL 34498 (352) 447-4899 Check out their website for history, menu and photos on their website. Web: <http://www.izaakwaltonlodge.com>

### If you want to catch some fish:

[CAPTAIN RICK MULDROW "THE FISHING FOOL"](#) For a full or half day trip. Captain Rick offers Inshore Light Tackle and Saltwater Fishing Charters. Experienced guide who has been fishing the area for over 40 years. Yankeetown, (352) 629-3605 Website: <http://www.rick-muldrow-fishin.com>

## Where To Eat



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

[B's MARINA AND CAMPGROUND](#) The Withlacoochee River is designated as a "Outstanding Florida Waterway". The natural beauty of the river will give you hours of paddling pleasure. 6621 Riverside Drive, Yankeetown, FL (352) 447-5888 Web: <http://www.bmarinacampground.net>

[PINE LODGE BED AND BREAKFAST](#) 649 Highway 40 West, Inglis, FL (352) 447-7463 Web: <http://www.pinelodgefla.com> Only 90 minutes from Orlando and Tampa International Airport, a great GETAWAY.

## Where To Stay



**Before you leave** Inglis area, check out [ROBINSON RANCH TRAP AND SKEET CLUB](#) 19730 SE 127 Ter. Inglis, FL 34449 352-489-7988. Hosting seven trap fields, two skeet fields, one five stand, and one FITASC field. Located about 6 miles west of Dunnellon on CR 40. 7 miles east of US 19 on County Road 40. Non-members welcome. Web: <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 on state lands in Florida. The forest is part of The Great Florida Birding Trail and exhibits many varieties of birds throughout the year. Other rare animal species found in the forest include the Florida black bear, gopher tortoise, Sherman's fox squirrel and bald eagle. Rare plants include the hooded pitcher plant and coontie. 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. More Information and where trails are located: (352) 465-8585  
Website: [http://www.fl-dof.com/state\\_forests/goethe.html](http://www.fl-dof.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 and restful town of Williston where you won't want to miss visiting several fun places. Don't forget, every October, this rural town comes alive for the North Central Florida PEANUT FESTIVAL.

**WILLISTON PEANUT & 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 Honey Krunch, Peanut Brittle (to die for), Raw Shelled, Southern Fried, Roasted Peanuts, and not to forget, yummy fresh made Peanut Butter! Yahoo, you'll be ready for a snack. More info: (352) 528-2388.

**DIXIE'S ANTIQUES** 131 E. Noble Avenue, Williston, FL (352) 528-2338  
Vintage quilts, glassware, bottles, local artist paintings, curios and more.

**TWO HAWK HAMMOCK** 17900 NE 53rd Lane, Williston, FL (352) 339-2026  
Guided horseback riding and horse boarding. Web: <http://twohawkhammock.com>

## Where To Eat

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**, located in downtown Williston. You are in for a treat as their specialty is "Crispy Chicken" and their amazingly delicious homemade desserts. 106 Main St., (352) 528-5410 Web: <http://www.ivyhousefl.com>

**TRAVEL:** From U.S. 41, turn East, (right) onto Alt. 27, go to the intersection of Alt. 27 and U.S. 27/41, turn left, go one block and The Ivy House will be on your right. Enjoy!



*You now have a brief overview of a few places to visit in LEVY COUNTY, but remember, there are many other exciting places to discover in this county. Come visit, you'll be glad you did. Thank you for visiting!*

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