

# ***PLAY*** at the ***BEACH***

SPORTS PLANNER GUIDE



GULF SHORES | ORANGE BEACH  
**SPORTS & EVENTS**

## Let Us Go to **Bat** for You



### Planning is a **Breeze** at the Beach

Let us be your one-stop shop to ensure your event is unforgettable for all athletes, families and fans. Gulf Shores | Orange Beach Sports & Events assists planners by:

- Seeking the best accommodation options and rates for your group
- Providing welcome bags with coupons
- Coordinating on-site event activities, including opening ceremonies, banquets, clinics and community service projects based on the size of the event
- Recommending vendors and suppliers
- Supplying marketing and promotional tools
- Providing grants for qualifying events



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## SPORTS FACILITIES

### Gulf Shores

- 1 Johnnie Sims Park
- 2 David L. Bodenhamer Center
- 3 George C. Meyer Tennis Center
- 4 Gulf Shores Middle School
- 5 Gulf Shores High School
- 6 Gulf Shores Cultural Center
- 7 Gulf Shores Sportsplex
- 8 Gulf Place Public Beach
- 9 Gulf State Park

### Orange Beach

- 10 Orange Beach Aquatics Center
- 11 Orange Beach Tennis Center
- 12 Orange Beach Recreation Center
- 13 Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf
- 14 The Wharf
- 15 Orange Beach Sportsplex

## NUMBER OF FIELDS

Baseball, Gulf Shores	11
Baseball, Orange Beach	9
Softball, Gulf Shores	10
Softball, Orange Beach	4
Soccer, Gulf Shores	2
Soccer, Orange Beach	3
Tennis Courts, Gulf Shores	18
Tennis Courts, Orange Beach	8
Tennis Courts, Surrounding Area	16

### Total Number of Adult Fields

Baseball, Gulf Shores	1
Softball, Gulf Shores	6
Softball, Orange Beach	1

### Unique Facilities/Venues

Golf Courses  
 Gulf State Park  
 Gulf Place Public Beach  
 Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail  
 The Wharf

## GET HERE IN A FLASH

The Alabama Gulf Coast is an easy drive from most major southeast cities. And, airports in nearby Mobile and Pensacola are about an hour's drive from the beach. Most major airlines fly into both, and non-stop flights are available from some cities.



## AVERAGE SEASONAL TEMPERATURES

WINTER		SPRING		SUMMER		FALL	
LOW	48.2	LOW	60.1	LOW	75.3	LOW	64.6
HIGH	61.8	HIGH	73.2	HIGH	87.6	HIGH	78.2

## LODGING: IN A LEAGUE OF OUR OWN

With more than 18,000 condo and hotel units available as well as beach houses that sleep up to 40 guests, Gulf Shores and Orange Beach have accommodation options to suit any group on and off the beach. On our website, your participants can access special discounted room rates specific to your event, simplifying the booking process. Whatever lodging option you choose, you're sure to experience a warm Southern welcome.

# Venues

## JOHNNIE SIMS PARK



2008 West 3rd St., Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Features baseball fields, basketball courts, skate facility, outdoor pavilion and kids' park

- 4 baseball/softball fields (185' radius-1, 200' radius-2, 300' radius-1)



## DAVID L. BODENHAMER CENTER



Includes fitness center, indoor heated pool with lap lanes, outdoor wading pool, regulation gym and racquetball courts

- 1 indoor heated pool
- 1 regulation-size gymnasium

## GEORGE C. MEYER TENNIS CENTER



18-court outdoor complex with clubhouse, viewing area and pro shop

- 6 soft courts
- 12 hard courts

## GULF SHORES MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS



Within walking distance of each other, these facilities are great venues for indoor events, such as volleyball and basketball

## GULF SHORES CULTURAL CENTER



31,000-sq. ft. multiuse facility with gym, auditorium and classrooms designed to accommodate studio fitness programs



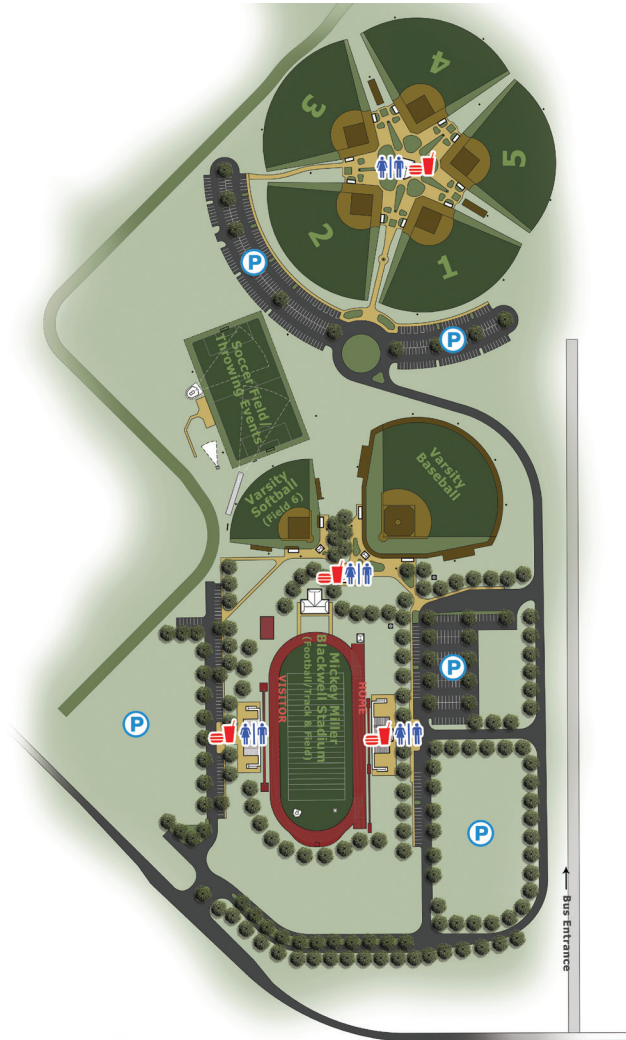
## GULF SHORES SPORTSPLEX



19025 Oak Road West, Gulf Shores, AL 36542

100-acre multifaceted sports complex

- 1 high school baseball field (320'/385' centerfield radius)
- 1 high school softball field (225' radius)
- 5 collegiate softball fields (300' radius)
- 4,000-seat stadium with regulation-size football field and track
- 1 soccer field



## GULF PLACE PUBLIC BEACH

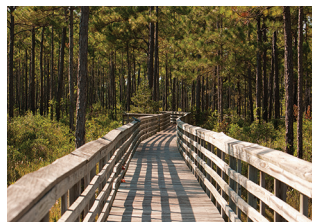


101 Gulf Shores Pkwy., Gulf Shores, AL 36542

White-sand beachfront is an ideal natural venue for sports like beach volleyball and triathlons; amenities include open-air pavilions, picnic areas, greenspace with stage, restrooms and playground



## GULF STATE PARK



20115 Hwy. 135 Gulf Shores, AL 36542

- Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail
- Lake Shelby
- Pavilion
- Marathon, half marathon and 5K courses



## ORANGE BEACH AQUATICS CENTER



Features junior Olympic pool, diving well, tube slide and wading/children's pool

- 25-yard outdoor heated junior Olympic pool
- 11 ½-ft. diving well with 1-meter board

## ORANGE BEACH TENNIS CENTER



Features medium-speed courts and outdoor seating

- 8 hard courts

## ORANGE BEACH RECREATION CENTER



Multipurpose facility with two gyms, fitness center, aerobics room and classrooms

## ORANGE BEACH EVENT CENTER AT THE WHARF



18,000-sq. ft. facility ideal for indoor sporting events, sports banquets and trade shows with breakout space, catering kitchen, stage and PA system



## THE WHARF



23101 Canal Rd., Orange Beach, AL 36561

- 5K courses
- Orange Beach Event Center
- Amphitheater
- Marina

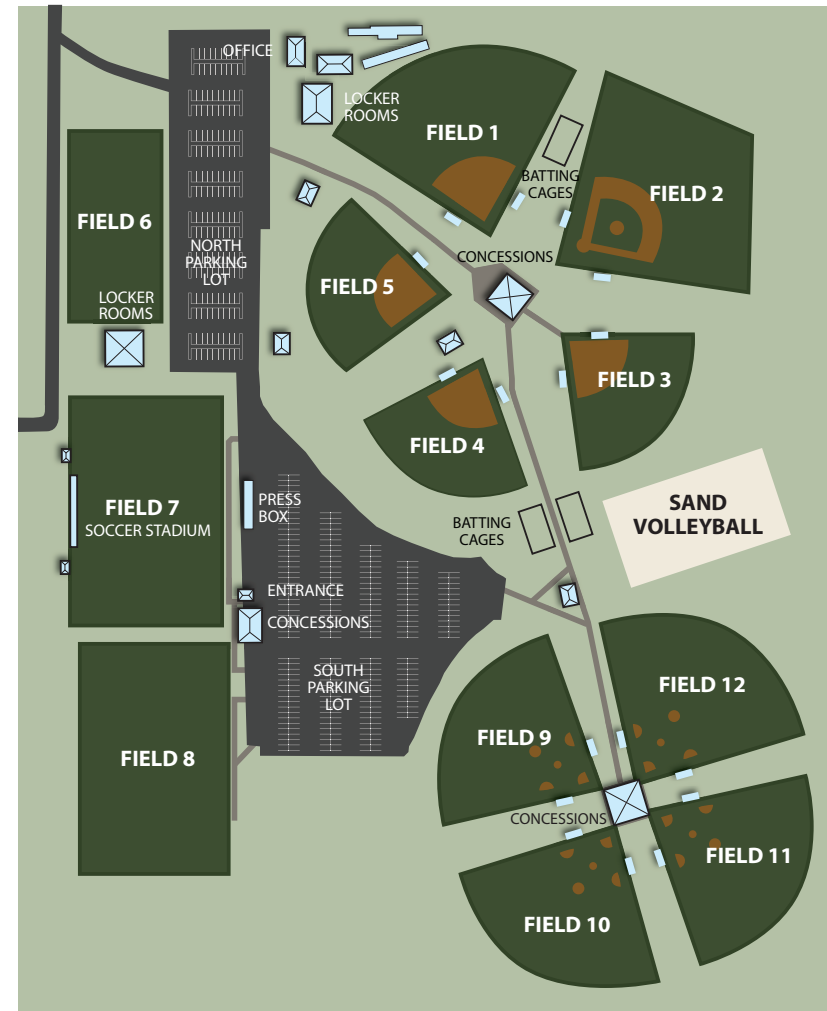
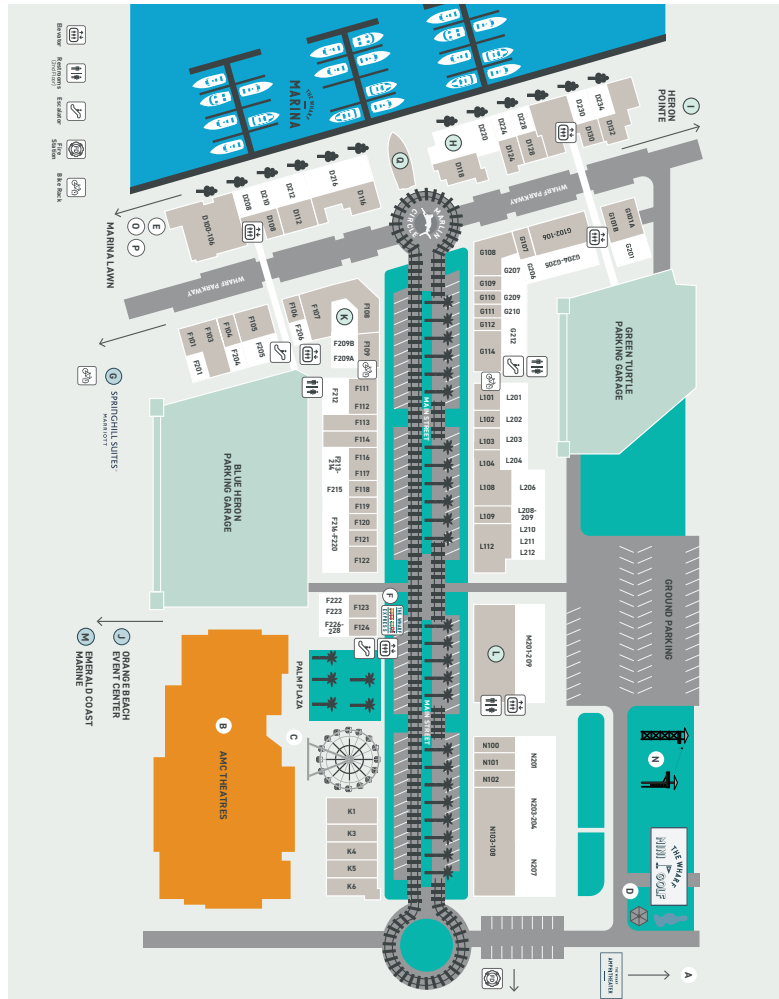
## ORANGE BEACH SPORTSPLEX



4389 William Silvers Pkwy., Orange Beach, AL 36561

45-acre versatile sports complex with collegiate-level soccer fields with press box, baseball, softball and football fields as well as sand volleyball courts and playground

- 3 soccer fields (2 regulation, 1 multipurpose)
- 2 sand volleyball courts
- 4 softball fields (200' radius-3, 290' radius-1)
- 5 baseball fields (300' radius-1, 250' radius-4)



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**32**  
MILES of  
BEACH



**5** ANNUAL  
FESTIVALS



MORE THAN  
**120**  
SPORTS EVENTS  
HELD ANNUALLY



**36 MILES** of  
RECREATIONAL TRAILS  
**60 MILES** of  
PADDLING TRAILS



**15**  
GOLF COURSES



**OVER**  
**200**  
RESTAURANTS

MORE THAN  
**18,000**  
LODGING UNITS

**5** COLLEGIATE  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
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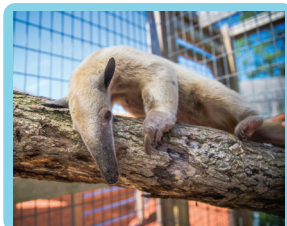


One of the  
**LARGEST**  
**FISHING**  
**FLEETS**  
on the Gulf Coast



### FAVORITE ATTRACTIONS

Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo  
Fort Morgan  
Gulf State Park  
Tanger Outlets  
The Wharf  
Waterville USA



**6 MAJOR CITIES**  
WITHIN A **6-HOUR DRIVE**



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