

# Emerald Coast Heron Hunt

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| 1     | Okaloosa Admin Bldg<br>1250 Eglin Pkwy N<br>Shalimar, FL 32579                          | Patricia Basque<br>"Glory"                                                                                   | If you are here to vote, pay taxes, get permits, or sit in on a county meeting, don't forget to visit all three floors of the building to view local artwork. Artwork is rotated every September to showcase Okaloosa County Artists. <a href="https://www.shalimarflorida.org">https://www.shalimarflorida.org</a>                                                                                      |
| 2     | Shalimar Town Hall<br>2 Cherokee Road<br>Shalimar, FL 32579                             | Bernadette Sims<br>"Belle"                                                                                   | The town of Shalimar has many beautiful parks and recreational facilities. Just down the street from the Town Hall is Combs Park. Closer to the water on Meigs Drive is Meigs Beach Park. McCallister Park is a hidden community jewel. <a href="https://www.shalimarflorida.org">https://www.shalimarflorida.org</a>                                                                                    |
| 3     | Emerald Coast Science Center<br>31 Memorial Pkwy SW<br>Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548        | Joy Harris<br>"Journey"                                                                                      | Step outside the box and experience science firsthand in our interactive museum including the STEAM Machine, new exhibits, animal encounters, and more! Don't miss the Florida Trail Fence painted by local artists to showcase this Florida landmark. <a href="https://www.ecscience.org">https://www.ecscience.org</a>                                                                                 |
| 4     | HH Arts<br>100 Beal Pkwy SW<br>Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548                                | Helen Harris<br>"Purple Reign"                                                                               | Visit this beautiful art gallery and store to enjoy local artwork. Participate in one of the monthly "Gallery Nights" with proceeds going to charity. Take a class hosted by local artists. Look for "HH Arts" on Facebook.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 5     | Ft Walton Beach Police Dept<br>7 Hollywood Blvd<br>Ft Walton Beach, FL 32579            | Rick Otoupalik<br>"Jail Bird"                                                                                | We are proud to honor the Ft Walton Beach Police Department who is responsible for protecting and promoting community safety, traffic, and enhancing community life. In addition to crime solving and prevention, the department offers many family-friendly activities to promote peace and uphold the laws in our local community. <a href="https://www.fwb.org/police">https://www.fwb.org/police</a> |
| 6     | Arts and Design Society (ADSO)<br>17 First St SE<br>Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548           | Pat Z. Roberts<br>"Ooh La La"                                                                                | Since 1956, the Arts and Design Society (ADSO) has been a mainstay for arts in the local community, enriching the culture and lives of adults and children along the Emerald Coast. Visit this gallery to see the monthly art exhibit and take classes. <a href="https://artsdesignsociety.org">https://artsdesignsociety.org</a>                                                                        |
| 7     | FWB Library<br>185 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE<br>Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548                   | Sharon LaPine<br>"Bleu Bijou"                                                                                | Located in the historic district of downtown Ft Walton Beach, this beautiful library offers free membership for Okaloosa County residents, E-books for children and adults, book clubs, classes, programs, and events for a wide audience. <a href="https://www.fwb.org">https://www.fwb.org</a>                                                                                                         |
| 8     | Northwest Florida Ballet<br>310 Perry Ave<br>Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548                  | Ruta<br>"Reves Impressionnistes"                                                                             | Located in downtown FWB, the Northwest Florida Ballet provides a premier arts education and classical ballet experience that enriches the lives of the Northwest Florida community. <a href="https://www.nfballet.org/">https://www.nfballet.org/</a>                                                                                                                                                    |
| 9     | Destin-FWB Convention Center<br>1250 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE<br>Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548 | Jeanne Thomas<br>"Fancy Feathers"                                                                            | This boutique convention center hosts many exciting events throughout the year and is your starting point to visit Veterans Park. <a href="https://www.destinfwbconventioncenter.com">https://www.destinfwbconventioncenter.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10    | Ross Marler Park<br>1275 Santa Rosa Blvd<br>Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548                   | Lexy Adams, Pat Roberts,<br>Helen Harris, Rick<br>Otoupalik, Pam Folse,<br>Toni Dineen<br>"Hector the Heron" | Ross Marler Park provides boating, swimming and fishing access to the Choctawhatchee Bay. Amenities include a handicapped accessible fishing platform, two boat ramps, two sets of bathrooms, several pavilions, grills, a roped off swimming area, and a walking trail with interpretive signage. <a href="https://myokaloosa.com/parks/ross-marler">https://myokaloosa.com/parks/ross-marler</a>       |

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| 11    | Destin Library<br>150 Sibert Avenue<br>Destin, Florida 32541                               | Anne Johnston<br>"Starry Eye"                                    | The Destin Library is housed in an architectural award-winning building nestled among shady live oak trees. The Destin Garden Club maintains the tranquil library grounds. Be sure to visit the butterfly garden and have your picture taken with Mark Twain. Enter to view the compass rose, the wonderful woodwork, and a rotating art display. <a href="https://www.cityofdestin.com/105/Library">https://www.cityofdestin.com/105/Library</a>                                                               |
| 12    | Harborwalk Village<br>76 Harbor Blvd<br>Destin, Florida 32541                              | Toni Dineen, Pat Roberts<br>"Lucky"                              | "Lucky" is proud to stand across from Margaritaville where the four-story Destin Magnolia once stood. Capt. Leonard Destin tied his boat to the magnolia during storms and hurricanes. The tree lived for 172 years until 2014. Local artists carved dozens of animals and sea life into its trunk and branches (which can be seen at the Destin Fishing Museum) but sadly termites destroyed it. <a href="https://www.emeraldgrade.com/harborwalk-village">https://www.emeraldgrade.com/harborwalk-village</a> |
| 13    | Cinco Bayou Town Hall<br>10 Yacht Club Drive<br>Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548                  | Sheila Mahony<br>"Onyx, The Watcher"                             | Cinco Bayou Town Hall at the corner of Yacht Club Drive and Kidd Street. Cinco Bayou is a small municipality with four parks located within a half mile of each other. We are a unique neighborhood along the bayou, where herons live and play. <a href="http://www.cincobayou.com/index.html">http://www.cincobayou.com/index.html</a>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 14    | Holiday Isle, Destin<br>950 Gulf Shore Drive<br>Destin, FL 32541                           | Becky Brice-Nash<br>"Happy Dance Heron"                          | Holiday Isle is a coveted, three-milelong peninsula nestled between the Gulf and the Destin Harbor. Explore Shoreline Village Mall, Multiple Beach Accesses, and Noreiga Point. Sponsored by Destin Holiday Isle HOA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 15    | Destin Commons<br>4287 Legendary Drive<br>Destin, Florida 32541                            | Dori Lewman<br>"Cherish Our Tails, Fins, Flippers, and Feathers" | Join us at the Emerald Coast's favorite shopping, dining, and entertainment destination. Explore a mix of popular retailers, dining, vibrant murals, and monthly farmers market, all in an energetic open-air environment. Heron next to World of Beer. <a href="https://destincommons.com">https://destincommons.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 16    | Mattie Kelly Arts Center at NWFS<br>100 College Blvd East, Bldg 100<br>Niceville, FL 32578 | Art Jenkins<br>"Sciatic"                                         | Mattie Kelly Arts Center at Northwest Florida State College provides world-class productions in Okaloosa County. The Arts Center boasts a variety of theaters galleries and outdoor events. <a href="https://mattiekellyartscenter.org">https://mattiekellyartscenter.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 17    | Turkey Creek<br>340 John Sims Pkwy W<br>Niceville, Florida 32578                           | Thalia Newton, Pam Folse<br>"Petey"                              | Turkey Creek Nature Trail and Pavilion is one of the premiere attractions in Niceville. The Pavilion is a prime location for gatherings, swimming, tubing, kayaking, and taking in nature. <a href="https://www.cityofniceville.org">https://www.cityofniceville.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 18    | Lions Park<br>911 Bayshore Drive<br>Niceville, FL 32578                                    | Alanna Grayce Campbell<br>"Garden Party"                         | This beautiful Park in the heart of Niceville is a perfect spot for picnics, sunsets or simply relaxing the day away. The park has plenty of shade, seating, and parking. There are several picnic tables and shelters, bathroom facilities, a boat ramp, a small beach, and enough green space for frisbee or other lights sports. <a href="https://cityofniceville.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Lions-Park-5">https://cityofniceville.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Lions-Park-5</a>                     |
| 19    | Valparaiso City Hall<br>23 S John Sims Pkwy<br>Valparaiso, Florida 32580                   | Daria Knapp<br>"Swamp Chicken"                                   | Mr. John B. Perrine was impressed with the natural advantages, scenic beauty and healthfulness of this bayou country. He called the area Valparaiso, a Spanish word meaning "Vale of Paradise". Valparaiso is the Home of Eglin Air Force Base one of the world's largest Air Force installations. This small quaint city is also the home of the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, which was established in 1971 to preserve regional history. <a href="https://www.valp.org">https://www.valp.org</a>     |

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| 20    | Eglin Armament Museum<br>100 Museum Dr<br>Eglin AFB, FL 32542                           | Toni Dineen<br>"Amazing Grace"                 | The Air Force Armament Museum is the only museum in the world dedicated to the collection, preservation and exhibition of artifacts and memorabilia associated with Air Force Armament and its platforms of delivery. There are over 29 different aircraft and several hundred pieces of armament. Admission is Free. <a href="http://www.afarmamentmuseum.com">http://www.afarmamentmuseum.com</a> |
| 21    | Shalimar Library<br>115 Richbourg Ave<br>Shalimar, FL 32579                             | Katie Smith<br>"Harper the Happening Heron"    | The Shalimar library offers a wide selection of books, from classic to contemporary, and their thrift shop has a variety of items at affordable prices.<br><a href="https://shalimarlibrary.org/library">https://shalimarlibrary.org/library</a>                                                                                                                                                    |
| 22    | Harbor Docks<br>538 Harbor Docks Blvd<br>Destin, FL 32541                               | Libbo Morgan<br>"Chuck"                        | Harbor Docks has been a Destin seafood restaurant tradition since 1979 and is located right on the waterfront. <a href="https://www.harbordocks.com/">https://www.harbordocks.com/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 23    | Mary Esther Library<br>100 W. Hollywood Dr<br>Mary Esther, FL 32569                     | Katlyn Dorriety<br>"Sea of Stories"            | This heron is located very close to a wooded nature park. This park is a tranquil walking and hiking trail.<br><a href="https://www.cityofmaryesther.com/186/Library">https://www.cityofmaryesther.com/186/Library</a>                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 24    | Crestview Children's Park<br>100 Hathaway St. S<br>Crestview, FL 32539                  | Sharon LaPine<br>"The Conductor"               | The Children's Park features many colorful pieces of state-of-the-art children's play equipment and is part of the larger 24 acre Twin Hills Park.<br><a href="https://www.cityofcrestview.org/facilities/facility/details/Twin-Hills-Park-2">https://www.cityofcrestview.org/facilities/facility/details/Twin-Hills-Park-2</a>                                                                     |
| 25    | Freedom Tech Center<br>1900 Lewis Turner Blvd<br>Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547            | Thomas Walsh<br>"High Tech Heron"              | Freedom Tech Center is a dynamic mixed-use development that's set to transform Fort Walton Beach. This beautiful area is a commitment to innovation, community, and growth.<br><a href="https://freedomtechcenter.com">https://freedomtechcenter.com</a>                                                                                                                                            |
| 26    | Fort Walton Beach Chiropractic<br>315 Racetrack Rd<br>Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547       | Helen Harris<br>"Bones, Bones, and More Bones" | This heron is only minutes away from a Fun Center with a video arcade that also offers axe throwing and bowling. There are restaurants galore in all directions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 27    | Advanced Concepts Enterprises (ACEs)<br>15 Yacht Club Dr<br>Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 | Pat Roberts<br>"Glory"                         | This heron is located only 15 minutes away from our Gulfarium Marine Park. It is also only 1.2 miles across the Bayou from a classic "old school" vintage miniature golf course.<br><a href="https://www.ur-aces.com">https://www.ur-aces.com</a>                                                                                                                                                   |
| 28    | Northside Vet Clinic<br>18 Racetrack Rd NE<br>Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547               | Marilu Morgan<br>"Cuddles"                     | While you visit "Cuddles", you may want to drive 3.8 miles to the south and you will find the Heritage Park and Cultural Center and Museums.<br><a href="https://www.northsidevetclinicfwb.com/">https://www.northsidevetclinicfwb.com/</a>                                                                                                                                                         |