

# Discover MARTIN COUNTY

You may think you know Florida, but how much do you know about Martin County? Discover a hidden gem that celebrates small-town life and an 'Old Florida' feel

Whether you arrive in flip-flops or cowboy boots, Martin County caters to all. Nestled in between its more popular neighbours, Orlando and Fort Lauderdale, on Florida's fabled peninsula, this is the place to get to know the state's great outdoors, fishing villages and fascinating heritage.

### Coastal charms

Get an insight into Florida's natural history at Blowing Rocks, a magnificently preserved sanctuary named for its rocky Anastasia limestone shoreline, the largest on the US Atlantic coast. The restored preserve reflects what South Florida's



barrier islands looked like a century ago. Elsewhere, get a taste of Key West style on Jensen Beach, formerly known as the 'pineapple capital of the world'.

### Animal kingdom

Conservation is king here. From Stuart's large oyster preserve to the St Lucie Inlet — a unique ecosystem home to over 4,300 species of flora fauna — there's plenty to marvel at. An ethereal, 100,000-year-old limestone shelf and crystalline waters underscore the natural grandeur of this Nature Conservancy-protected beach on Jupiter Island.

### Catch of the day

Cast a line in Port Salerno, a fishing village where award-winning seafood tempts even the pickiest of palates. And be sure to stop in for a meal at Martin County restaurants, which use locally-sourced produce and freshly caught fish, alongside ingredients from organic farms.

### Like a local

Discover your inner cowboy in Indiantown — one of the last Native American trading posts, with cattle ranches and rodeos — or head to the main town of Stuart for eclectic boutiques and the bustling Green Market.



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