



## Dive In: Explore the Florida Panhandle Shipwreck Trail

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The Florida Panhandle Shipwreck Trail consists of 12 unique shipwrecks along Florida's Panhandle, situated offshore of Pensacola, Destin, Panama City, and Port St. Joe. The project is a product of the Underwater Archaeology Team of the Florida Department of State's Bureau of Archaeological Research in the Division of Historical Resources, in partnership with Panhandle waterfront communities.

The Florida Panhandle Shipwreck Trail has been designed to stimulate tourism in a region of the state that was affected by the 2010 oil spill. The Shipwreck Trail is highlighted by an interactive website with underwater videos of each shipwreck, the locations of local dive shops, and the current marine weather forecast. Many of the shipwrecks were sunk as artificial reefs and have become popular fishing and diving destinations. They are in varying depths of water and are home to a large array of marine life. To guide visitors along the trail, an official passport can be obtained from participating dive shops and dive charter operators. The passport contains pages for each of the shipwrecks along the trail with a log to fill in at each stop, which is validated with an official sticker. Visit [www.floridapanhandledivetrail.com](http://www.floridapanhandledivetrail.com) to experience the Florida Panhandle Shipwreck Trail and locate participating dive shops to get your passport.

