

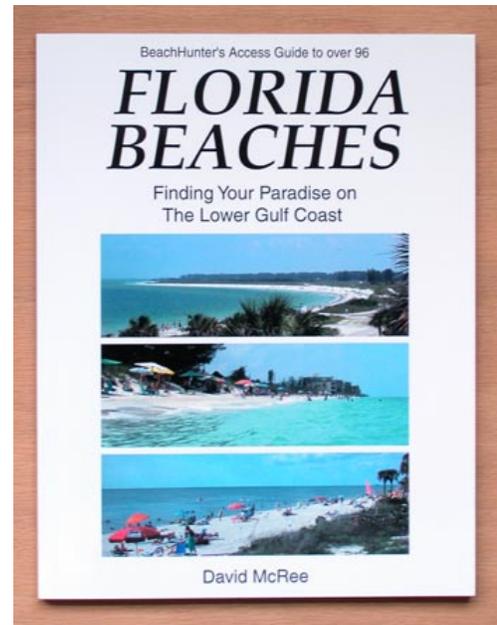
Florida Beaches

Finding Your Paradise on the Lower Gulf Coast

McRee, David, \$19.95, 176 pages (July 2005), available online at www.BeachHunter.net.

Ask anyone who has ever visited the Florida Gulf Coast what his or her favorite beach is and you'll get as many different answers as there are people. Every year surveys are published proclaiming which beaches are the "best." But not everyone is looking for the same things in a beach. Florida native David McRee has written Florida Beaches: Finding Your Paradise on the Lower Gulf Coast to help you locate the beaches that are best for you and your family.

As Florida gets more crowded, beach access is becoming more restricted and difficult to find. In this 176 page book with 25 maps and 48 black and white photographs, McRee has identified and described every Gulf beach access from Dunedin to Marco Island. Using this book, even long-time Gulf Coast residents discover beaches they never knew about.



McRee has been to all of the beaches many times and gives a true description of each beach and island, whether good or bad. While McRee has a discernable bias toward the less commercialized islands and beaches, he evaluates each on its merits. Looking for a quiet, secluded beach? A beach with white sugar sand? The clearest water? Full facilities? Free parking? A party atmosphere? McRee tells you where to find each of these and more. The book also covers beaches on islands accessible only by boat and how you can get there even if you don't own a boat. McRee even reveals his favorite beaches and islands and recommends the best beaches for walking, swimming, snorkeling, shelling, birding, camping, and people-watching. The book also includes a chapter on beach safety. McRee explains how to deal with beach hazards like sharks, jellyfish, stingrays, rip currents, lightning, sunburn and dehydration, crime, falling coconuts and other scary things. This is especially important knowledge for first-time visitors to Florida.

Our beaches are our greatest asset here in Florida. Florida Beaches: Finding Your Paradise on the Lower Gulf Coast is the most detailed and up-to-date guide available on the beaches of west Florida. Which is your favorite beach?

David McRee is an author, webmaster, and photographer. Through his writing, his photographs, and his informative website, www.beachhunter.net, David shares his intimate and specialized knowledge of the beaches and islands of Florida's Gulf Coast.

Florida Beaches: Finding Your Paradise on the Lower Gulf Coast is available online at www.BeachHunter.net and at select bookstores and retail shops. For a list of stores that carry this title, please visit www.BeachHunter.net.