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What's Happening in January in South Walton

South Walton is not short on fun events during January. Between music festivals and hikes, there are plenty of adventures to enjoy.

See some highlighted events from our listing below. For even more South Walton events, go to www.visitsouthwalton.com.

Spotlight Events:

Jan. 1: Special New Year's Day Brunch: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Gathering Spot is providing the ideal post-NYE cure-all with a special New Year's Day Brunch, featuring an array of food stations showcasing traditional Southern dishes. Hand-crafted Bloody Mary's, mimosas and screwdrivers will also be available to keep the New Year's festivities going, coupled with live music. Open to the public. Reservations not needed.

- **Website:** watercolorresort.com/dining/the-gathering-spot
- **Address:** 34 Goldenrod Cir., Santa Rosa Beach
- **Phone:** (850) 534-5025

Jan. 1: Topsail First Day Hike: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Enjoy the first day of the New Year leisurely exploring the park with a Ranger to learn about the park and its wildlife. Participants attending at 9 a.m. will enjoy a longer 4-mile round trip hike that starts at tram stop #2. Those coming at 2 p.m. will enjoy an easier 1.5-mile stroll that starts at the day-use parking lot. Both trails are relatively flat with roots, rock and dirt. To enjoy the First Day Hike to the fullest, wear weather appropriate clothing and closed toed shoes. Bring a water bottle, hat and sunscreen.

- **Website:** floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/topsail-hill-preserve-state-park

- **Address:** 7525 W Scenic Hwy 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
- **Phone:** (850) 267-8330

Jan. 1: Polar Bear Plunge: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The South Walton Fire District in conjunction with Shunk Gulley will host the 7th annual Polar Bear Plunge on New Year's Day at Ed Walline Beach Access.

Registration starts at 11 a.m. at Shunk Gulley. \$20 to register, all proceeds will provide free CPR Classes in South Walton. For more information, contact Sammy Sanchez at ssanchez@swfd.org.

- **Website:** swfd.org/
- **Address:** 4447 W County Hwy 30A, Santa Rosa Beach

Jan. 4: Winter Wonderland: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Village of Baytowne Wharf's Event Plaza is turning into a Winter Wonderland full of real snow. Slide down an ice slide, make snow angels, and enjoy a day of frosty fun for the whole family.

- **Website:** www.baytownewharf.com/what_to_do.php?month=12
- **Address:** 9300 Baytowne Wharf Blvd., Miramar Beach

Jan. 11: Eunoia One Day Women's Retreat: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Join Eunoia Retreats to begin your new year with intention in a welcoming environment under the majestic Oaks at Eden Gardens. Whether you are looking to refresh and recharge, begin or continue healing, or chart a new course for 2020, this opportunity is all about you. This day of selfcare and self-discovery designed especially for women will include yoga, meditation, energy healing, sound baths and nature walks all aimed to nurture and inspire. Guests may bring their own lunch or enjoy a healthy, plant-based meal provided.

- **Website:** eventbrite.com/e/eunoia-one-day-womens-retreat-tickets
- **Address:** 181 Eden Gardens Rd., Santa Rosa Beach

Jan. 16: Shaka Sushi and Noodle Bar Six Course Sake and Sushi Pairing: 6-8 p.m.

Shaka Sushi and Noodle Bar in Inlet Beach, along with Breakthru Beverage Group, will host a six-course sake and sushi pairing. Breakthru Beverage sake specialist will walk attendees through the menu, describing the sake and how it is suited to accompany each course. Space is limited and the cost is \$85 a person plus tax and gratuity. Email events@thelcrg.com to reserve a seat.

- **Website:** shaka30a.com/

- **Address:** 13625 US Hwy 98 East, Suite 5, Inlet Beach
- **Phone:** (850) 909-0030

Jan. 17-20: 30A Songwriters Festival

The perfect mix of cool beach weather and red-hot music is what you will find during the 30A Songwriters Festival. More than 175 artists perform in this truly collaborative event, allowing some of the craft's most talented songwriters to offer an in-depth look into the creative process. Artists will perform in intimate venues and large amphitheaters throughout the 16 beach neighborhoods of South Walton. Visit 30ASongwritersFestival.com for tickets as well as artist and schedule details, as they are available.

Tickets can be purchased here: [buy tickets](#).

- **Website:** 30asongwritersfestival.com/
- **Address:** 34 Goldenrod Cir., Santa Rosa Beach
- **Phone:** (850) 622-5970

Jan. 30: 15th Annual Rosemary Beach Girls Getaway

Getaway to Rosemary Beach for a great weekend with the girls. Rosemary Beach Foundation invites ladies to the 15th Annual Rosemary Beach Girls Getaway through Feb. 2. This is a weekend for women to getaway, celebrate, and enjoy the beauty of South Walton. Held each year during Super Bowl weekend, this 4-day event is packed with fun, food, learning, and laughter for women. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast Family Birth Place. Festivities include a beach bonfire, Vacation at Home Talk with Interior Designer & Author Vern Yip, an art workshop (Intro to Portrait) with Allison Haley Wickey, and more. Tickets are available online.

- **Website:** rosemarybeachfoundation.org/girls-getaway
- **Address:** Rosemary Beach

Recurring Events:

Tuesdays:

Wine & Song at NEAT – Alys Beach: 5 p.m.

Enjoy light bites and live music while tasting select wines every Tuesday night 5-7 p.m. 21 and up only, \$15 per person.

- **Website:** www.alysbeach.com/dining/neat/#.XFMjNVxKh9N
- **Address:** 11 North Castle Harbour Dr., Alys Beach
- **Phone:** (850) 213-5711

Tuesday Tastings at Grimaldis Pizzeria

Every Tuesday, guests can enjoy half off glasses, carafes, and bottles of wine. This deal excludes house wines but includes all other wines and seasonal sangrias.

- **Website:** grimaldispizzeria.com/locations/grand-boulevard/
- **Address:** 780 Grand Blvd. 100, Miramar Beach
- **Phone:** (850) 837-3095

Wednesdays:

Wednesday Night Bonfire on the Beach at The Bay: 6 p.m.

Enjoy The Bay's private beach, live music from local artists, and cozy fires every Wednesday Night.

- **Website:** www.baysouthwalton.com/
- **Address:** 24215 Hwy 331 South, Santa Rosa Beach
- **Phone:** (850) 622-2291

Thursdays:

Grayton Beer Brewpub Trivia Night: 6-8 p.m.

Join the staff of Grayton Beer Brewpub every Thursday night to test your knowledge against other teams. Enjoy \$12 pitcher specials, small-batch beers, craft cocktails and dinner. Teams of 6 are best, if you don't have a team you can make some new friends at the brewpub! 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners each week.

- **Website:** www.graytonbeer.com/
- **Address:** 170 E County Hwy 30A, Grayton Beach
- **Phone:** (850) 213-4000

ECTC's Storyteller Series: 7 p.m.

Join the Emerald Coast Theatre Company on Jan. 9 and Jan. 16 for two storytelling events. Gileah Tayler, an Emerald Coast native, will be performing on the 9th. Gileah is a singer-songwriter and recording artist who has written and released seven albums since her teen years. Along with accomplished musician and husband Chris Taylor and a few very special guests, Gileah will be telling the stories behind selected songs from each era of her life. On the 16th, a special performance from Winston Churchill. Over brandy and cigars Churchill reminisces about

his personal and public life, the war, and the possible future. Moving back and forth from past to present, Churchill recalls his worst and finest hours.

- **Website:** emeraldcoasttheatre.org/on-stage
- **Address:** 560 Grand Blvd., Ste 200, Miramar Beach
- **Phone:** (850) 684-0323

Fridays:

Wine and Tapas at the Backyard of Love

Start your weekends at Hibiscus. Friday and Saturday nights, Hibiscus is hosting a "Wine and Tapas" event from 4-8 p.m. Beer, Wine, Coffee, Espresso and Small Plates of food will be available.

- **Website:** facebook.com/events/
- **Address:** 85 DeFuniak St., Santa Rosa Beach

Saturdays:

Seaside Farmer's Market at Seaside Amphitheatre: 9 a.m.

Seaside Farmers Market takes place in the Seaside Amphitheater every Saturday rain or shine 9 a.m.-12p.m.! Seaside Farmers Market is on a mission to educate the public about sustainable practices by providing a well-rounded, green living experience. Vendors offer farm fresh, locally grown produce, homemade baked goods, beef from happy cows, heirloom seeds, artisan breads and cheeses, organic eggs, preserves, and doggie treats, to name a few.

- **Website:** www.seasidefl.com/highlights/events-calendar/
- **Address:** 2236 E County Hwy 30A, Seaside

Farmer's Market at Grand Boulevard: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Every Saturday, year-round, rain or shine, the Grand Boulevard Farmer's Market features dozens of unique vendors offering mostly locally sourced food-based items such as produce, grass-fed beef, chicken, and pork, local honey, pickled vegetables, gourmet jams, unique homemade hummus, flowers, herbs, soaps and lotions and much more.

- **Website:** www.grandboulevard.com/events
- **Address:** 495 Grand Blvd., Miramar Beach

Family Challenge Saturdays at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park: 9 a.m.

Every Saturday bring the family to Topsail Hill Preserve State Park for a fun challenge you can complete together. Challenges range from geocaching, photo scavenger hunt, a beach scavenger hunt, or an art challenge! Check in at the Park Store between 9 a.m. – 2 p.m for your family challenge packet. Upon completion, return the packet to the Park Store for your treat.

- **Website:** www.topsailparkfriends.org/other-events.html
- **Address:** 7525 W County Hwy 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
- **Phone:** (850) 267-8330

Sundays:

30A Farmer's Market in Rosemary Beach: 9 a.m.

Come out to do your food shopping and pick up fresh from the farm produce, baked goods and pastries, delicious prepared foods, and much more. Take in the stunning views of Rosemary Beach where you'll find vendors lining the park with tents and all the good stuff.

- **Website:** www.30afarmersmarket.com
- **Address:** North Barrett Square, Rosemary Beach

Sunday Brunch at Pescado: 10:30 a.m.

Chef Ken Duenas has prepared an elegant and sophisticated brunch menu. Take in the relaxing views of Rosemary Beach from Pescado's rooftop while drinking Mimosas and Rose – all day. Live acoustic music from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. with weekly rotating artists. 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays.

- **Website:** www.rooftop30a.com
- **Address:** 74 Town Hall Rd. #4b, Rosemary Beach
- **Phone:** (850) 213-4600

Sunday Brunch at Stinky's Fish Camp: 10 a.m.

Every Sunday you can enjoy brunch at Stinky's Fish Camp, complete with live music from The Steenos and Stinky's famous Mimosas and Bloody Marys. Every Sunday 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

- **Website:** www.stinkysfishcamp.com
- **Address:** 5960 West County Hwy 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
- **Phone:** (850) 267-3053

Sunday Pickin' at The Bay: 4-8 p.m.

Every Sunday enjoy live music from Mike Whitty and friends.

- **Website:** www.baysouthwalton.com
- **Address:** 24215 Hwy 331, Santa Rosa Beach
- **Phone:** (850) 622-2291

Sunday Funday Ranger Program at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park: 9 a.m.

Every Sunday come discover more about the park's natural and cultural history with a Park Ranger. Program begins at 9 a.m. Free with regular park admission.

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