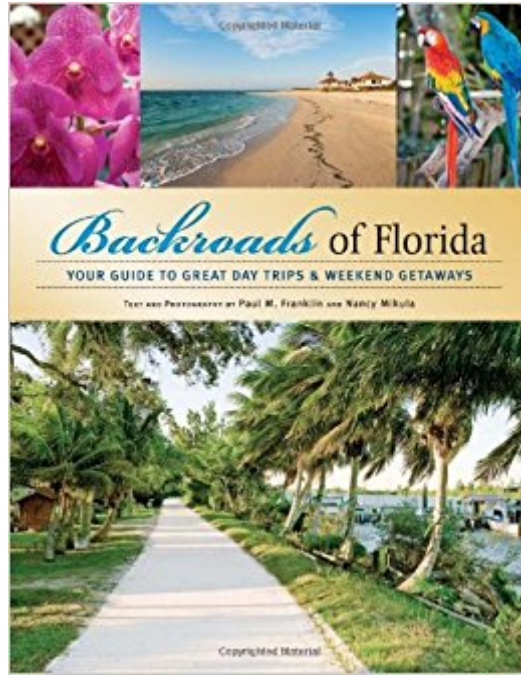


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# Backroads Of Florida: Your Guide To Great Day Trips & Weekend Getaways



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Away from the bustle of Miami Beach and the tourist extravaganza of Disney World, another Florida beckons to those looking for backroads adventure, quieter fare, or more discriminating fun. This is the Florida where backroads and secret splendors unfold in a landscape rich in the flavors and colors of ancient indigenous cultures, early European settlements, Civil War battles, and myriad Caribbean influences. Authors Paul Franklin and Nancy Mikula take you to every corner of the Sunshine State, from the Panhandle to the Florida Keys, with journeys along miles of spectacular coastline and forays into the wonders of lush interior forests, pristine lakes, and otherworldly swamplands. Florida is home to nearly a dozen national parks, forests, and seashores, and *Backroads of Florida* explores these attractions and many more, illustrated with breathtaking color photographs throughout. The book presents the background history and culture for Florida's varied natural and human communities along with descriptions of the best destinations and sites to visit during your travels.

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Certainly, you have been to Florida and the major attractions in and around Orlando. You have visited the beaches on the east and west coasts of that state. You might have been to Key West. However, there are plenty of other things to see and do in Florida, if you simply get off of the highway and travel through the state with Paul Franklin and Nancy Mikula, using their wonderful book, *Backroads of Florida: Your Guide to Great Day Trips & Weekend Getaways* as your

guide. Contents: Acknowledgements Introduction Part I: Southern Florida Part II: Central Florida Part III: Northeast Florida Part IV: North Central Florida Part V: The Panhandle Index About the Authors and Photographer A beautiful and well written guide, Franklin and Mikula divide the state of Florida into regions and then provide the reader with some short roadtrips within the region. Beginning each chapter with a map of the area and detail of the specific routes, they then delve into each route, providing you with interesting, fun, and unique sites to visit. Spectacular photography enhances the writing, bringing each trip to life. While some of the destinations may be familiar to locals, people outside of the area will be amazed at the breadth and depth of the state of Florida. Interspersed within the chapters, you will find more detailed history of specific people, places, and things. This provides more background on the selection of certain stops, enhancing not only the readers enjoyment but the visitors. Especially when the stop is self-guided. For Floridians or out-of-staters that pine for "Old Florida," they make special mention of key areas and sights, for example, Weeki Wachee Springs.

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