

Directions to Gulf Highlands, Panama City Beach

Take I-85 South to I-185

Then I-185 to hwy 80 west (exit 10)

When you get on Hwy 80 it seems like you get on the entrance ramp then another entrance ramp.

Also, on Hwy 80 you can get in the far left lane and stay there.

Hwy 80 dead-ends and you turn left on what ever that road is.

After a few miles eventually take 431 South from the road you turned on from Hwy 80.

431 goes through Eufala and Dothan. There are a number of small towns from this point to Panama City Beach. Most of them have sudden speed limit changes (from 65 to 25 in some cases). These are notorious speed traps so be aware and alert. Eufala is the first town with the sudden speed changes (I think). Close to Dothan is a good time to gas/bathroom/stretch.

Turn onto 231 South in Dothan.

After you get in Florida is when all the other little towns with speed traps come.

In Panama City turn from 231 to Hwy 98 South.

Follow the signs to Panama City Beach.

Eventually you cross a bridge over the bay. The bridge grows a third lane. You should be in the center or right lane.

After you get off the bridge do not take the first set of lanes going left.

Take the second set of lanes going left (marked to Front Beach) and this eventually takes you past the zoo (on the right) and other strange stuff.

Hutchinson is also known as Middle Beach. Turn right on it. Gulf Highlands is a little ways ahead on the left. (just past Applebees)

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Inside the Gulf Highlands complex

When you arrive pull into the left lane (marked for guests). There may be a guard at the gate. If so, give him your guest pass form and he will give you a parking tag. If there is no guard, just enter the gate code and proceed into the complex. The gate code is the same for all of the complex gates so if you are using one of the pedestrian gates the code will be the same.

Directions to 211 St. Katherine Blvd. (our unit)

There is a map of the complex below with the route highlighted in blue. From the Middle Beach gate entrance go forward until the entrance road dead ends and then bear right and take an immediate left onto Gulf Highlands Blvd. Continue to the end of the road then turn right onto White Sandy Dr. There will be a divided road ahead on your left; turn left onto the divided road. Next comes a break in the divider and you will see a small bridge on your left. Turn left and continue over the bridge onto Grand Island Blvd. After you drive off the bridge, bear left. Eventually you will see another small bridge ahead. Cross the bridge and turn right onto St. Katherine Blvd. Our unit is ahead on the right. There are two parking spaces in front of the unit for our use.

Directions to the beach from 211 St. Katherine Blvd.

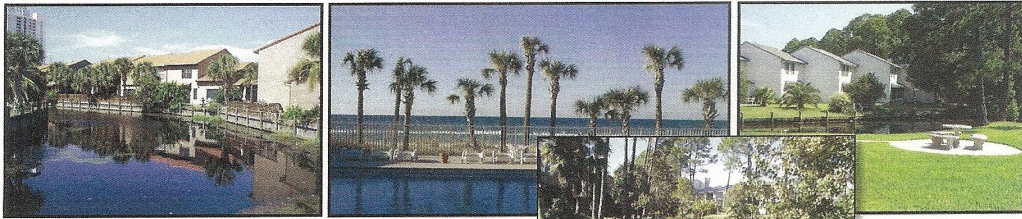
The routes are highlighted in green on the map. There are two routes which each have advantages. Gulf Highlands has a club house located on the beach which includes showers, bathrooms, a pool and a snack bar (including adult beverages). It takes a bit longer to walk to that beach entrance. Follow the same route you took coming into the complex until you come to the divided road. Instead of turning right to continue the route you came in on, turn left. The gate is straight ahead. After you exit the complex there is a traffic light with a switch on the pole so you can stop traffic to cross Front Beach Rd. That route takes about 12-15 minutes to walk it.

The second route is more direct and only takes about 5 minutes to walk. There is no club house or traffic light on this route, just public beach access. Exit the unit and go left along St. Katherine Blvd. Do not turn left onto Grande Island Blvd. but just stay on St. Katherine. There is an exit gate you should see in front of you (this can be used to exit the complex by car and is easier than going to the main entrance to leave). As you get close to the car exit gate you will see a sidewalk and steps to your right. There is a pedestrian gate there which you can exit with the gate code. Turn right and follow the sidewalk to the beach.

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