

Looking for Food & Entertainment Monday Night or CONSIDERING SOME VACATION TIME before or after EPAF?

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If you are considering traveling to Panama City Beach before the conference, or staying afterwards, why not enjoy some sightseeing, relaxation and/or family time? Be sure to take some *personal* time while you are here. You are more than an “Extension Professional!”

A “Things To Do” list in Panama City Beach and Panama City has been made for your convenience. The Hathaway Bridge separates the cities, but both are in Bay County. It is only a 15–20 minute drive from either side, based on the traffic and where you are going.

Things To Do:

- The conference is in Panama City Beach which is full of public beaches, shops, recreation for kids and adults, amusement areas, restaurants, breweries, and natural recreation areas. <https://www.visitpanamacitybeach.com/>
- For those bringing family members, Frank Brown Park is a fun area for kids with playgrounds, swimming, and a fishing area. <https://www.pcbfl.gov/departments/parks-recreation-department/parks-facilities/frank-brown-park>
- [Gayle’s Trails](#) is a connective running/hiking trail that runs through Frank Brown Park as well; there are also other parks nearby with trails and amenities. <https://www.pcbfl.gov/departments/parks-recreation-department/parks-facilities>
- St. Andrews State Park is a great attraction near the conference location. <https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/st-andrews-state-park>
- Pier Park is a popular outdoor mall with restaurants, movie theater, amusements, etc. within ~12 miles of the hotel. <https://www.simon.com/mall/pier-park>
- If you opt for a more natural approach, try kayaking through the coastal dune lakes at Camp Helen State Park, or down the spring fed Econfina Creek! <https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/camp-helen-state-park>
<https://waltonoutdoors.com/explore-northwest-florida/econfina-creek-recreation-area/>

Below, you will find some local favorites (bars and restaurants) that are not chain restaurants! This is not an all-inclusive list, just some of the ones that your Bay County Extension family and friends think are worthwhile. Chain restaurants can also be found throughout the cities. Choose to eat a familiar favorite or dare to try something new during your stay!

Local Favorites in Panama City Beach:				
Name	Cost	Website	Type Food	Notes
Andy’s Flour Power	\$	https://andysflourpower.com	Breakfast, Brunch	
Angelo’s Steak Pit	\$\$\$	https://www.angelos-steakpit.com/	Steak, Seafood	
Angry Tuna Seafood Company	\$\$	https://angrytunaseafoodcompany.com/	Tuna, Oysters, and More	
AutentiKa Mexican Grille	\$	https://sites.google.com/view/autentikamexicangrille/home	Mexican	
Back Beach BBQ	\$\$	https://www.backbeachbarbecue.com/	BBQ	

The Back Porch Seafood and Oyster House	\$\$	http://www.theback-porch.com/#home	Seafood, Bar	
Bayou on the Beach	\$\$	https://www.bayouonthebeachcafe.com/	Cajun, Seafood, Drinks	Beachfront
Bella Roma Tuscan Grill	\$\$	https://bellaromapcb.com/	Italian	Offers Reservations
Billy's Oyster Bar	\$\$	http://www.billysoysterbar.com/	Oyster Bar, Seafood	
Boon Docks	\$\$	http://www.boondocksfl.com/Default.aspx	Seafood, Local Cuisine	Closed Mondays & Tuesdays, Located on Intracoastal Waterway
The Brass Tap – Craft Beer Bar	\$\$	https://www.brasstapbeerbar.com/pierpark	Craft Beers, Bar Food	
C-Level Bar & Grill	\$\$	https://clevelrestaurant.com/	Seafood, Steaks, Craft Beers	Offers Reservations
Capt. Anderson's Restaurant & Waterfront Market	\$\$\$	https://www.captandersons.com/	Seafood, Wine, Fine Dining	Waterfront Views
Capt. Jack's Family Buffet	\$\$	https://www.captjackspcbeach.com/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=gmb	Seafood/Southern Buffet	
Cool Runnings Caribbean	\$	https://coolrunningspcb.com/	Jamaican/Caribbean	
Christo's Sports Bar & Grill	\$\$	https://www.christosportsbar.com/	Wings, Burgers, Ice-Cold Beverages, Spirits	
Craft 850	\$\$	https://www.craft850.com/	Wines, Cocktails, Draft Beers, Chef's Menu	Closed Mondays Offers Reservations
The Craft Bar – A FL Gastropub	\$\$	https://www.thecraftbarfl.com/panama-city-beach	Craft Beer, Food, Spirits	Offers Reservations
Dat Cajun Place Café	\$\$	http://datcajunplace.com/	Full Bar, Cajun Food	
David's New Orleans Style Café and Sno-Balls	\$	https://www.davidssnoballs.com/	New Orleans Style Food, Sno-Balls	
Dee's Hang Out	\$\$	https://deeshangout.com/	Bar, Southern Cajun, Creole	
Diego's Burrito Factory	\$	https://www.diegosburritofactory.com/menu	Mexican	
FireFly	\$\$\$	https://fireflypcb.com/	Casual Fine Dining	Offers Reservations
The Grand Marlin	\$\$	https://www.thegrandmarlin.com/pcb/	Seafood, Oyster Bar	Offers Reservations
Guadalajara Mexican Grill	\$	https://www.guadalajaramexicangrillpc.com/panamacitybeach.aspx	Mexican	
Gypsea Crepes	\$	https://www.gypseacrepes.com/	French Crepes	
Hammerhead Fred's	\$\$	https://hammerheadfreds.com/	Bar, Seafood, American, Music	
Harpoon Harry's	\$\$	https://harpoonharry.com/	Bar, Seafood	
Hooked Pier Bar and Grill	\$\$	https://www.hookedpierbar.com/	Bar, Seafood, American, Music	
J. Michael's Restaurant	\$\$	http://jmichaelsoriginal.com/menu.html	Creole, Seafood	
Longboards Restaurant & Bar	\$\$	https://longboardspcb.com/	Bar, American	
Los Rancheros	\$\$	https://www.losrancherospc.com/	Mexican	

Moe's Original Bar B Que	\$\$	https://moesoriginalbbq.com/lo/pcb/	Southern, Soul Food, Barbeque	
Mr. Maine's Pizzeria	\$\$	http://mrmainespcb.com/	Pizza	
Muy Wayne O's	\$\$	http://www.muywayneos.com/	Tex-Mex Grill, Cantina	Closed Mondays
Newby's Brew & Booze House	\$\$	https://www.facebook.com/NewbysBrewandBooze/	Wine, Beer, Spirits, Entertainment	
Oishi Thai Restaurant and Sushi Bar	\$\$	https://www.oishithaisushi.com/	Thai Food, Sushi Bar	Offers Reservations
Outlaws Bar-B-Que	\$	http://www.outlawsbar-b-q.com/	BBQ	
Paparazzi's Pizza	\$\$	https://www.paparazzideli.com/	Gourmet Deli, Pizza	
Pho Express Vietnamese Bistro	\$	https://www.facebook.com/phoexpresspanama	Vietnamese	
Pineapple Willy's	\$\$	https://pwillys.com/	Bar, Seafood, Music	
Pompano Joes	\$\$	http://www.pompano-joes.com/	Caribbean Seafood, Bar	Offers Reservations
Runaway Island	\$\$	https://runawayislandpcb.com/	Seafood, Sandwiches, Soups, Salads	Offers Reservations
Saltwater Grill	\$\$\$	https://saltwatergrillpcb.com/	Seafood, Steak, Full Bar	25,000 gal. Aquarium
Salty Goat Saloon	\$\$	https://www.saltygoatsaloon.com/	Bar, Grill, Music	
Salty Sue's	\$\$	https://saltiesues.com/	Seafood, Steak, BBQ, Bar	
Sandbar Seafood & BBQ Joint	\$\$	https://www.facebook.com/Sandbarpcb/	BBQ, Seafood	
Schooner's	\$\$	https://www.schooners.com/	Full Bar, Grill, Music/Entertainment	
Senor Frogs Mexican	\$\$	https://senorfrogs.com/panama-city-beach	Mexican Food	
Shan Kishi	\$\$	http://www.shankishi.com/	Sushi, Hibachi	
Sharky's	\$\$	https://sharkysbeach.com/	Bar, Seafood, Music	
Shuckums Oyster Pub & Seafood Grill	\$\$	http://shuckums.com/	Seafood, Bar, Karaoke	
Sisters of the Sea Waterfront Bar & Grill	\$\$	https://sistersofthesea.net/	Seafood, American Cuisine	Mermaid Encounters
Something Salty Waterside Hangout & Steamery	\$\$	https://something-salty.business.site/	Seafood, American	
Tootsie's Orchid Lounge-Panama City Beach Pier Park	\$\$	https://www.facebook.com/tootsiespcb/menu	Bar, American, Entertainment	
The Wicked Wheel	\$\$	https://thewickedwheel.com/	American	
Vic's Sports Bar & Grill	\$	https://vics-sports-bar-grill.business.site/	Pool, Sports Bar, American	
Other PCB Places of Interest: https://www.visitpanamacitybeach.com/				
Capt. Anderson III Sunset Cruise		https://www.captandersonsmarina.com/sunset-dolphin-encounter	Dolphin Encounters	Reservations Needed

Paradise Adventure Sunset Sail	https://paradiseadventurespcb.com/	Sunset Cruise for 6 or More	Reservations Needed for 6 or More
Sea Pirate Dragon Cruise	https://www.piratecruise.net/	Pirate Cruise, Great for Families	Reservations Needed
The Champagne Lady	https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/sheratonpcb/items/?flow=771807&full-items=yes	Dinner Cruise	Reservations Needed – Minimum 15 People

Information in Nearby Walton County that may be of Interest: <https://www.visitsouthwalton.com/>

- Silver Sands Outlets in Destin is ~36 miles west. <https://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/silver-sands>
- The Red Bar in South Walton is ~34 miles west. It's **THE** place for fun with friends and family while taking in all of the eclectic bohemian decor, listening to great live music and enjoying great food and cocktails. The simple but varied menu includes pasta with crawfish and shrimp, panné chicken and mashed potatoes, stuffed eggplant, crab cakes, fish of the day and salads. <https://theredbar.com/about/>

Panama City Area Information: <https://destinationpanamacity.com/>

- Panama City has two distinct downtown areas. St. Andrews is the first you will encounter after crossing the Hathaway Bridge. Further along (Make sure to take the scenic route!) you can follow Beach Drive to historic downtown Panama City. Both downtown locations spotlight local artistry, breweries, and restaurants. You can walk the entirety of both areas.
- St. Andrews, which is located on St. Andrews Bay, is historical and provides beautiful walkways along the bay. St. Andrews has a museum and is teeming with local shops, restaurants, and an artistic flair.
- There is a revitalized downtown in Panama City that has quaint boutiques, great restaurants, a lively Center for the Arts that focuses on local artists, and footpaths leading to the water to catch a beautiful sunset. The Cove is a little area just past downtown with some special offerings.
- There are also many businesses and restaurant chains located on 23rd Street.

Local favorites in Panama City Area:				
Name & Location	Cost	Website	Type Food	Notes
Alice's on Bayview Restaurant and Bar – St. Andrews	\$\$	https://www.alicesonbayview.com/	Southern Dining, Seafood, Bar	
Aloha Poké Sushi & Hibachi - 23 rd St.	\$\$	https://alohapokepanamacity.com/	Japanese	
Amavida Coffee Roasters - St. Andrews	\$\$	https://www.amavida.com/	Coffee, Tea, Snacks	
Barefoot on the Bay Bar and Grill – St. Andrews	\$\$	https://www.facebook.com/BarefootOnTheBay/	Bar, Seafood, American	
Bayou Joes Marina and Grill - Downtown	\$\$	https://www.bayoujoes.com/	"Old Florida Food," Seafood	Waterfront Dining

Burgunbarrel Wine Bar - St. Andrews	\$\$	https://www.toasttab.com/burgunbarrel-1125-back-avenue/v3	Wine Bar, Charcuterie, Snacks	
Caffé Del Mundo – Cove Area	\$	https://www.caffedelmundopamacity.com/	Coffee Shop, Wine Bar, Snacks	
Captain’s Table – St. Andrews	\$\$	https://www.facebook.com/CaptainsTableFishHouse/	Seafood, Steaks	
Copper Tap Grille – St. Andrews	\$\$	https://coppertapgrille.com/	Wine, Beer, American	
Enzo’s Pizza and Grill – St. Andrews	\$\$	https://enzospizzaandgrill.com/	Pizza, Wings	
Ferrucci Ristorante – Downtown	\$\$	https://ferruccirestaurant.com/	Italian, Full Bar	
Fin’s Japanese Sushi & Grill – 23 rd St.	\$\$	https://finsjapanesesushiandgrill.com/	Sushi, Hibachi	
FINNS Island Style Grub - St. Andrews	\$\$	https://www.finnsgrub.com/	Tacos, Burritos, Ceviche, Bar	Closed Mondays.
Granny Cantrell’s – 23 rd St.	\$	https://grannycantrells.com/	Breakfast, Southern American Buffet	
Gyro Cafe – 23 rd St.	\$\$	https://www.gyrocafepc.com/	Greek Gyros, Salads	
Harrison’s Kitchen & Bar - Downtown	\$\$	https://harrisonskitchenandbar.com/menus	Seafood, Southern Coastal, Full Bar	
History Class Brewing Co. – Downtown	\$\$	https://historyclass.beer/	House-Brewed Beers, Light Southern Food	
Holi Indian Grill - 23 rd St.	\$\$	https://holirestaurants.com/holi-indian-grill-menu-panama-city/	Indian	
House of Henry Irish Pub - Downtown	\$\$	https://hohpub.com/	Irish Food, Beer, Spirits	
Hunt’s Oyster Bar – St. Andrews	\$\$	https://huntsoysterbarpc.com/	Seafood, Beer	
Los Antojitos Mexican Restaurant – St. Andrews	\$\$	http://www.losantojitos.com/	Mexican, Full Bar	
Los Rancheros – 23 rd St.	\$\$	https://losrancherospc.com/	Mexican, Full Bar	
Maddie’s La Casita - Downtown	\$	https://www.maddieslacasita.com/	Mexican	Closed Monday Nights
Millie’s Cafe Restaurant - Downtown	\$	https://www.facebook.com/MilliesCafeRestaruant/	American, Seafood	Closed Mondays
Mosey’s Downtown Pub – Downtown	\$	https://www.facebook.com/moseysdowntown	Pizza, Craft Beers, Music, Other Entertainment	
Persis Biryani Indian Grill – 23 rd St.	\$\$	https://persispanamacity.com/home/	Indian	Closed Tuesdays
Slice House – St. Andrews	\$\$	https://www.slice.house/	Gourmet pizza, Craft Beer, Fine House Wines	
Tally-Ho Drive In – Downtown	\$	https://tallyhopcfloida.com/	Old Fashioned Burger and Shake Joint	
Taproom – St. Andrews	\$\$	https://untappd.com/v/taproom/7643411	Outdoor Bar: Beer, Wine, Spirits	
Thai Chef Restaurant - Cove Area	\$\$	https://thaichefpanamacity.com/	Thai	
The Place Downtown – Downtown	\$	https://www.theplacedowntown.net/	American, Full Bar	
The Press – Downtown	\$	https://www.thepressdowntown.com/	Coffee, Tea, Snacks, Sandwiches	
The Shrimp Boat Restaurant – St. Andrews	\$\$\$	https://shrimpboatpc.com/	Seafood, Full Bar, Waterfront	
Thistle and Thorne – Downtown	\$\$	https://www.facebook.com/Thistle-Thorne-112064237304102/	Breakfast, Brunch, Beer Bar, Pizza	Closed Mondays and Tuesdays
Uncle Ernie’s – St. Andrews	\$\$	https://uncleerniesbayfrontgrill.com/	Coastal Southern, Bar, Music	Waterfront Views