

## Real Fun in ...the Real Florida<sup>SM</sup>

Hidden away on the Forgotten Coast is the small delta town of Apalachicola. Take a stroll and find yourself swept away into periods long since forgotten. On one path, visitors will find the Orman House Historic State Park, featuring the 1838 antebellum home of Thomas Orman. The wood for the Orman house was pre-cut near Syracuse, New York and shipped to Apalachicola by sailing vessel.

**Ranger-guided tours** of Orman House explain two hundred years of Apalachicola history and Southern tradition. Experience the times when music filled the rooms of Orman House as guests danced to the melody of Strauss' dreamy waltzes. Look back to life on the river in the 1800s. Explore the events and people who transformed this wilderness into the third largest cotton shipping port on the Gulf Coast. Get acquainted with Thomas Orman and discover the entrepreneurial spirit that made this country great.

Just across the street, visitors can discover Northwest Florida's natural flora at **Chapman Botanical Garden**, built in honor of Dr. Alvan Chapman, a prominent southern botanist and 1800s resident of Apalachicola. Time stands still in the garden, where visitors can find a place of solitude to read a book, start a new painting or watch the



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#### Orman House Historic State Park

177 5th Street  
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### Park Guidelines

- Orman House is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.
- Tours are given at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.
- Chapman Botanical Garden is open 8 a.m. until sunset, 365 days a year.
- An entrance fee is required for the Orman House. No fee is required at the Chapman Gardens or Three Soldiers, Detail.
- All plants, animals and park property are protected. Collection, destruction or disturbance is prohibited.
- Pets are permitted in designated areas only. Pets must be kept on a handheld leash no longer than six feet and well behaved at all times.
- Alcoholic beverages and fireworks are prohibited.
- Florida's state parks are committed to providing equal access to all facilities and programs. Should you need assistance to enable your participation, please call (850) 653-1209.

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Located in front of the Orman House is the **Three Soldiers, Detail** statue, a one of a kind detailed bronze sculpture made from the original mold of the Three Servicemen Statue that is part of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Check the Park Web site for a schedule of special events, concerts, art shows, living history presentations and nature studies.

Like the tides, Apalachicola's prosperity has risen and fallen many times throughout history. Stop by for a visit, sit on the porch, walk the path and streets as you imagine yourself back in time as a steamboat captain, cotton merchant or storekeeper in this historic setting.

Be sure to learn about **Dr. John Gorrie**, refrigeration pioneer, whose story is told at John Gorrie Museum State Park. His invention transformed the world and cooled down the South.

It's a short drive to **St. George Island State Park**, where white sand beaches and sunshine are prevalent. Fish, hike, kayak, camp or just soak up the sun and fresh air.



### Directions

The Orman House is located on 5th Street off of Highway 98 in Apalachicola, Florida.

