

Where is Rish Park?

Rish Park is located in Florida's Panhandle on the St. Joseph Peninsula, 30 miles west of Apalachicola and 15 miles around St. Joseph Bay from Port St. Joe. Take State Road 98 to Highway 30, then take Highway 30-E, which is Cape San Blas Road. The park's address is 6773 Cape San Blas Road.



William J. Rish Recreational Park



**A Barrier-Free
Recreational Area
For Persons with Disabilities**

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WILLIAM J. (BILLY JOE) RISH RECREATIONAL PARK

owned and operated by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), is 100 acres of beautiful, sugar-white sand, sea-oat-covered dunes, refreshing sea air, and shimmering turquoise water. Located on Cape San Blas near Port St. Joe in the Florida Panhandle, the park is a fabulous getaway that is completely accessible for people with disabilities.

Miles of boardwalks and ramps connect spacious dormitories and family cottages to the beach and crystal clear water. Amenities include a multipurpose event hall with a complete cooking facility, Olympic-size swimming pool, miniature golf course, and shuffleboard court.

You can cool off from a day of sunbathing or have some fun in the company of friends.

The park's nature trails beckon you to explore this pristine property and watch coastal wildlife in its natural habitat. Journey to the shore and stroll along the piers extending over St. Joseph Bay for a close-up look at shorebirds flying overhead and fish swimming below. You cannot get any closer to nature than Billy Joe Rish Park!



RESERVATIONS

Only Florida residents with disabilities may rent cottages and dormitories or use the park facilities. Family members or guardians accompanying people with disabilities are welcome, as are state or private caregivers who transport and assist them. The park is open 12 months a year. Summer months are peak times and advance registration is recommended. To reserve park facilities, contact APD's Sunland Center at (850) 482-9386 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday, or write:

Reservation Coordinator
Sunland Center
3700 Williams Drive
Marianna, Florida 32446

To download the reservation form or get updates on the park, you can also visit: apdcares.org/sunland/rish-park.htm

FEE SCHEDULE

A nominal fee is charged for the use of the park.

Fees are as follows:

- Day use: \$5 per day, per person. Call Rish Park at (850) 227-1876 for availability.
- \$15 per night, per person. (For large groups renting the entire park, the cost is \$650 per night.) For groups of more than 60, \$12 per night, per person.
- Family Cottage: \$15 per night, per person (with a minimum of \$30 per night).

Fees are subject to an 11 percent tax (7 percent sales tax and 4 percent bed tax). Tax-exempt status is recognized if you present a Consumer Certificate of Exemption.

