

About Tallahassee



Tallahassee, the capital of Florida has a population of more than 181,000 and a metropolitan population of 375,000. Situated in the Florida Panhandle, Tallahassee is a center for healthcare and education related entities and home to several colleges and universities, the largest of which are Florida State University and Florida A&M University. Tallahassee is a center for scientific research and home to the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, the largest and highest-powered magnet research laboratory in the world. The universities have a significant impact on the quality of life in Tallahassee, providing access to a variety of cultural and athletic events.

In 2007, Tallahassee was recognized by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* as one of the "Top Ten College Towns for Grownups" (ranking second, behind Chapel Hill, North Carolina). The same year, the city ranked second on Epodunk's list of college towns in the "medium-sized city" class. The Nature Conservancy lists the Tallahassee region as one of "America's Last Great Places." Opportunities to enjoy the outdoors range from running and biking a network of trails in Maclay Gardens State Park (which borders the campus) to boating and fishing on any of a number of nearby lakes and rivers or the Gulf of Mexico.

Tallahassee's humid subtropical climate offers long summers and short, mild winters. Nestled in the Red Hills bio-region, Tallahassee boasts topography unlike any other in the state and is one of the most biological-diverse regions in the country. Originally Native American trails, the nine beautiful canopy roads throughout Tallahassee cover 78 miles of moss-draped Live Oaks, Sweet Gums, and Hickory trees and stately pines. The city is also less than an hour's drive from the Gulf of Mexico, and only two hours from the world-renowned Florida panhandle beaches of the Emerald Coast.

