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St. George Island Can Be ‘Addictive’

“Forgotten Coastline”, a regional tourism publication, has been conducting visitor/reader surveys for the past two decades. Visitors are asked to candidly reveal what they do and don’t like about the Forgotten Coast and areas like St. George Island. No two completed surveys have ever been identical but most all are similar and lead to several obvious conclusions. One is that St. George Island can be “addictive.”

Rebecca Bolding of Douglasville, Georgia originally heard about the long, slender Franklin County barrier island from a co-worker. She and her husband made their first visit long ago. Hooked!

They have since made 18 vacation trips to the island. The latest, in July of 2010, was for seven days and they rented one of the many privately owned residential accommodations that are made available by absentee owners through local vacation management organizations.

In the survey Rebecca reveals, “Our family has done a lot of traveling and St. George Island is our favorite place. We feel like we are at home there.”

So what does a family, which has visited the same magnificent, remote area some 19 times, do while vacationing on St. George? Rebecca checked off the following activities: just plain relax, biking, fresh water fishing, exploring, swimming, offshore fishing, sunbathing, shelling and visiting parks. The Bolding Family loves seafood and relishes the opportunity to dive into a plate of fresh, locally harvested Apalachicola Bay Oysters and Gulf of Mexico shrimp. They mostly frequent four area restaurants and don’t mind making the 4.1-mile trip over the bridge to the mainland as they have absolutely fallen in love with one particular Apalachicola waterfront seafood eatery.

Likely believing you can never get enough of a really good thing, they also purchase local seafood “to go” on their way back to Douglasville.

And just because the Bolding Family is back “home” in Georgia, it doesn’t mean that this “modern” family doesn’t continually keep up with what is happening on St. George Island -where they “feel at home.” They regularly visit internet websites that provide updated information about the Forgotten Coast and their home away from home. And will use that information during their inevitable 20th visit to St. George Island.

