

List of Recommended Hotels

NICEVILLE

Comfort Suites at Eglin Air Force Base



2.2 miles from Doolittle Institute

148 W John Sims Pkwy, Niceville, FL 32578

(623) 748-7205 • www.choicehotels.com/florida/niceville/comfort-suites-hotels

Government rates available.

Set off Highway 85, this straightforward, all-suite hotel is 1.1 miles from the Turkey Creek Park and 1.4 miles from the Eglin Golf Course. The simple, low-key suites offer free WiFi, flat-screen TVs, minifridges and microwaves. They also come with coffeemakers and pull-out sofas. The hotel offers free hot breakfast and parking. Additional amenities include a seasonal outdoor pool, a fitness room and a business center, along with laundry facilities.

Holiday Inn Express Niceville-Eglin Air Force Base



2.2 miles from Doolittle Institute

106 Bayshore Dr, Niceville, FL 32578

(850) 678-9131 • www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/niceville/ncvfi/hoteldetail

Government rates available.

This straightforward low-rise hotel is 6 miles from the Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park, 8 miles from the Air Force Armament Museum, and 15 miles from the Henderson Beach State Park. Featuring microwaves, minifridges and coffeemakers, the casual rooms also come with free WiFi, flat-screen TVs and desks. Suites add kitchenettes and living areas with pull-out sofas. A breakfast buffet and parking are complimentary. There's also an outdoor pool, an exercise room and a business center.

Hampton Inn Niceville-Eglin Air Force Base



2.4 miles from Doolittle Institute

4400 Ansley Dr, Niceville, FL 32578

(850) 897-4675 • www.hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/florida/hampton-inn-niceville-eglin-air-force-base-NICFLHX

Government rates available.

A 15-minute drive from Eglin Air Force Base, this bright, contemporary hotel overlooking Choctawhatchee Bay is an 11-minute walk from the Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park. The modern rooms have free WiFi and flat-screen TVs, plus work desks, coffeemakers, minifridges and microwaves. Some rooms feature bay views. Complimentary amenities include parking and hot breakfast. There's also an outdoor pool, an exercise room and a business center.

Quality Inn at Eglin AFB



2.4 miles from Doolittle Institute

101 Hwy 85 N., Niceville, FL 32578

(850) 344-7767 • www.choicehotels.com/florida/niceville/quality-inn-hotels

Government rates available.

This unassuming low-rise hotel is 2.9 miles from the Northwest Florida State College and 3.7 miles from Eglin Air Force Base. All rooms have en suite bathrooms, free WiFi and cable TV, as well as minifridges, microwaves and coffeemakers. Suites add sitting areas with pull-out sofas. Free continental breakfast and all-day coffee are provided. The hotel has a seasonal outdoor pool, a hot tub and an exercise room. Other amenities include a picnic area, guest laundry facilities and free parking for trucks, buses and RVs.

SHALIMAR

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott



10.3 miles from Doolittle Institute

1280 Eglin Parkway N., Shalimar, Florida 32579

(850) 651-9999 • www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/vpsfi-fairfield-inn-and-suites-fort-walton-beach-eglin-afb/

Government per diem rates accepted.

A 2.2-mile drive from Eglin Air Force Base, this simple hotel is also 5.4 miles from the Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park. Free WiFi, desks with ergonomic chairs, and flat-screen TVs with premium cable channels are offered in each of the bright rooms, along with coffeemakers, minifridges and microwaves. Suites add separate living areas and pull-out sofas. Freebies include hot breakfast and parking. There's also a heated outdoor pool, a convenience store and an exercise room. Other amenities include laundry facilities and a 24/7 business center.

FORT WALTON BEACH

TownePlace Suites by Marriott (FWB-Eglin AFB)



12.2 miles from Doolittle Institute

843 Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547

(850) 315-6000 • www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/vpsts-towneplace-suites-fort-walton-beach-eglin-afb/

Accepts government per-diem rates.

A 2.1-mile drive from Fort Walton Beach Golf Club, this waterfront hotel is 3.4 miles from the Air Force Armament Museum and 4.1 miles from the Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park. Relaxed rooms, ranging from studios to 2-bedroom suites, have free WiFi and flat-screen TVs with premium cable channels, plus full kitchens, desks and pull-out sofas. Upgraded rooms

and suites add balconies and ocean views. There's free continental breakfast and parking, as well as an outdoor pool and a waterside patio with a fire pit. Other amenities include a gym, a meeting room and a business center.

OKALOOSA ISLAND

Holiday Inn Resort



📍 15.4 miles from Doolittle Institute

1299 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548

(850) 301-9000 • www.holidayinnresortfortwaltonbeach.com

Accepts government per-diem rates (they have allocated a number of ½ price government per-diem rates but must book on their website. At the bottom of site, mentions military rates)

Across from the Emerald Coast Convention Center and a 5-minute walk to the Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park, this modern hotel sits directly on a white-sand Gulf beach. It's also 10 miles from the Destin – Fort Walton Beach Airport. Contemporary rooms have minifridges, microwaves, cable TV, DVD players and free WiFi; suites add separate living spaces and sofas. Kids 19 and under stay free with an adult. Amenities include a casual seafood restaurant (kids 12 and under eat free), as well as indoor/outdoor pools with waterfalls, a lazy river and a hot tub. There's also a fitness room, an arcade and free parking.

Wyndham Garden



📍 16.4 miles from Doolittle Institute

573 Santa Rosa Blvd, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

(850) 244-8686 • www.wyndhamhotels.com/Wyndham/FortWalton

This laid-back beachfront hotel on the Gulf of Mexico is a mile from US Highway 98, Emerald Coast Convention Center and Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park. Cozy, warmly decorated rooms feature balconies with gulf views, free WiFi and flat-screen TVs, plus minifridges, microwaves and coffeemakers. Suites add full kitchens, and some have dual private balconies, in-room whirlpool tubs, and/or kids' rooms with bunk beds. Room service is available. Complimentary amenities include parking, and loaner bikes and beach gear. Other amenities include 2 outdoor pools, a hot tub, a game room and a gym. There's also a casual restaurant and a seasonal poolside bar.

Four Points by Sheraton



📍 15.5 miles from Doolittle Institute

1325 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548

(850) 243-8116 • www.fourpointsdestinfortwaltonbeach.com

Accepts government per diem rates

This casual beachfront lodging is a 4-minute walk from

Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park and an 8.9-mile drive from Big Kahuna's water park. The airy rooms have free WiFi and bottled water, plus flat-screen TVs, minifridges and microwaves. Upgraded rooms and suites add balconies with ocean views. There's a relaxed bar and grill, a cafe and a tiki bar. The hotel has 2 heated outdoor pools, a hot tub and a children's splash pool, as well as a 24/7 fitness center and a summer kids' activity program. Other amenities include a business center, 5 meeting rooms and free parking.

Ramada Inn



📍 15.9 miles from Doolittle Institute

1500 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548

(850) 243-9161

Offers government per diem rates.

Fronting US-98 on Okaloosa Island, this modern beachfront hotel is a 9-minute walk from Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park and 3.6 miles from the Emerald Coast Science Center. The relaxed rooms and suites have complimentary WiFi and flat-screen TVs, plus minifridges, microwaves and coffeemakers. Some offer beach views or pool access. Kids 17 and under stay free with an adult. Parking is free and the property has direct beach access. Amenities include a lounge bar and a casual restaurant, as well as an outdoor pool, a kids' pool, a hot tub, and a fitness center. There's also a guest laundry and meeting rooms.

DESTIN

Emerald Grande at HarborWalk Village



📍 16.7 miles from Doolittle Institute

10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, Florida 32541

(800) 676-0091 • www.emeraldgrande.com

Government per-diem rates available at certain times of the year with proper credentials.

Set at the entrance of Choctawhatchee Bay, this plush all-condo resort overlooks Destin Harbor and Norriego Point. Refined 1- to 3-bedroom units feature flat-screen TVs, full kitchens with granite countertops, 2 bathrooms, and balconies with Emerald Coast views; some also offer pull-out couches and/or bunk beds. The hotel runs a free boat shuttle to the harbor and to nearby beaches. Additional amenities include onsite shopping, an outdoor pool, a spa and kids' activities (extra fee). Dining options range from an upscale Italian restaurant to a casual bar and grill, plus a coffee shop and a saloon. A daily resort fee covers WiFi and pool access.

Restaurants Near Doolittle Institute



Nearby Restaurants

1. Jim & Nick's BBQ
2. McDonald's
3. Top's Hamburgers
4. Jin Jin Chinese Restaurant
5. McAlister's Deli
6. Papa Murphy's Pizza
7. PoFolk's Country Restaurant
8. Sawadee Thai Cuisine
9. Old Mexico
10. Chick-Fil-A
11. WalMart
12. Jersey Mike's Subs
13. Panda Express
14. Dunkin' Donuts
15. Baskin Robbins
16. Smoothie King
17. Taco Shed

Other restaurants

Further west on John Sims Parkway and not appearing on this map, other restaurants include:

- One20 Modern Bistro (American, Seafood, Italian)
- Cafe Liquid (Coffee, Tea, Sandwiches, Juice and Smoothie Bar)
- Cafe Bienville (Cajun-inspired breakfast and lunch)
- Papa John's Pizza
- Burger King
- Wendy's Hamburgers