

# Florida's BIG BEND Shellfish Trail in CEDAR KEY

*Come visit* the charming coastal island of **CEDAR KEY**, stretching four miles out into the Gulf of Mexico. You will find this island to be tranquil and quiet, where visitors are treated with Southern Hospitality and where aquaculture (raising clams and oysters in the Gulf) are KING! CEDAR KEY is one of the top two clam producers in the United States. Become part of the local working waterfront where you can learn all about how to be a clam farmer, why it is important to keep land and water clean so clams are 'happy' and grow to maturity.



Clam Farmer bringing in a Cedar Key clam harvest .Photo by Eric Zamora

Take an educational Clam Tour where you'll learn all about clam farming. Travel just off-shore to a clam lease to see a clam farmer pull a clam bag right into his 'Bird Dog' boat. This will be a *experiential vacation*, learning while having fun. Great for family and children wanting to learn about aquaculture, oceanography or science. An amazing experience!

Stay a few days among the 'locals', watch them carve out a livelihood from the sea, just like the forefathers before them. Photograph the many different '*working waterfronts*' from crab traps to clam boats on this beautiful North Florida island. Accommodations and restaurants abound on the island. All just waiting for your arrival!



Aerial view : Island of CEDAR KEY. Photo by Carlton Ward, Jr.

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