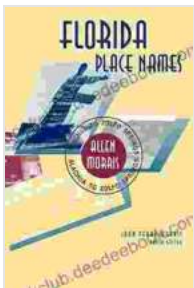


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Florida is a state with a rich history and culture, and its place names reflect that. Many of the state's cities, towns, and other landmarks have names that are derived from Native American languages, Spanish, or English.



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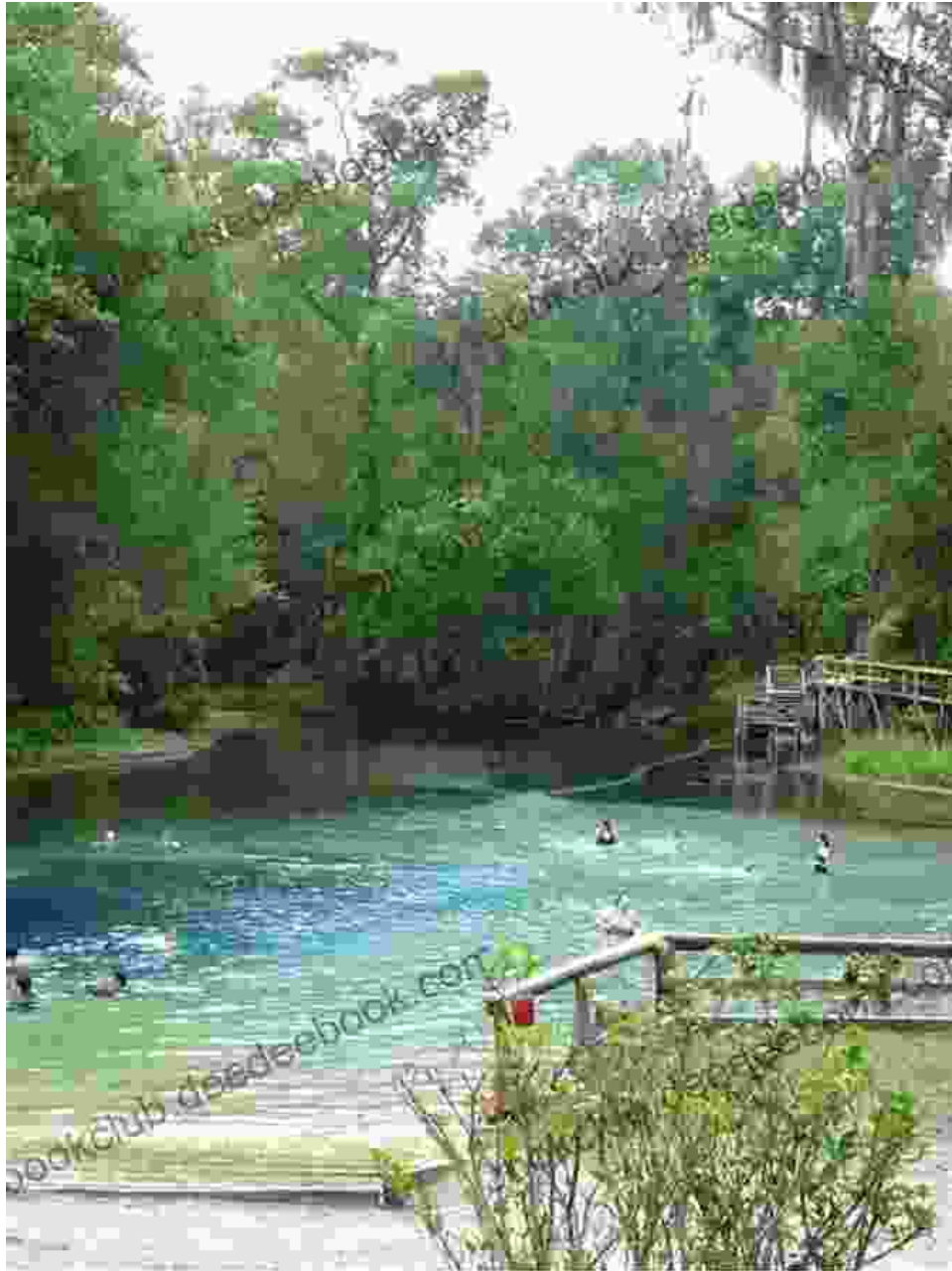
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In this article, we will take a look at the origins and meanings of some of Florida's most interesting place names, from Alachua to Zolfo Springs.

### Alachua

Alachua is a city in Alachua County, Florida. The name Alachua is derived from the Timucuan word "alachuwa," which means "sinkhole." The city is located in an area that is prone to sinkholes, and there are several sinkholes within the city limits.



## **Apalachicola**

Apalachicola is a city in Franklin County, Florida. The name Apalachicola is derived from the Apalachicola River, which flows through the city. The Apalachicola River is named after the Apalachicola people, a Native American tribe that lived in the area.



## **Boca Raton**

Boca Raton is a city in Palm Beach County, Florida. The name Boca Raton is derived from the Spanish phrase "boca de raton," which means "mouth of the rat." The city is located at the mouth of the Raton River, which is named after the Spanish word for "rat." The name Boca Raton may also refer to the presence of rats in the area when the city was founded.



## **Bradenton**

Bradenton is a city in Manatee County, Florida. The name Bradenton is derived from the name of Joseph Braden, a pioneer who settled in the area in the 1840s.



## **Cape Canaveral**

Cape Canaveral is a cape in Brevard County, Florida. The name Cape Canaveral is derived from the Spanish phrase "cabo cañveral," which means "cape of reeds." The cape is named for the reeds that grow along the shoreline.



## **Daytona Beach**

Daytona Beach is a city in Volusia County, Florida. The name Daytona Beach is derived from the name of Mathias Day, a pioneer who settled in the area in the 1870s. The name Daytona Beach was originally applied to the beach area, but it was later extended to the city as well.



## **Fort Lauderdale**

Fort Lauderdale is a city in Broward County, Florida. The name Fort Lauderdale is derived from the name of William Lauderdale, a general in the Seminole Wars. The fort was built in the 1830s to protect the area from Native American attacks.



## **Fort Myers**

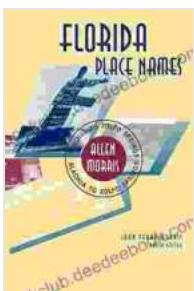
Fort Myers is a city in Lee County, Florida. The name Fort Myers is derived from the name of Abraham Myers, a general in the Seminole Wars. The fort was built in the 1840s to protect the area from Native American attacks.





## Gainesville

Gainesville is a city in Alachua County, Florida. The name Gainesville is derived from the name of Edmund Gaines, a general in the Seminole Wars. The city was founded in the



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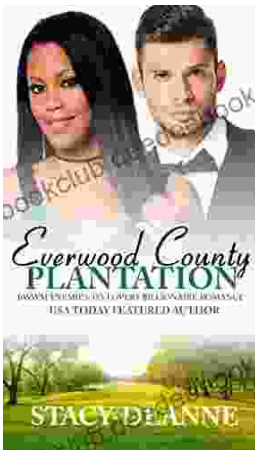
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