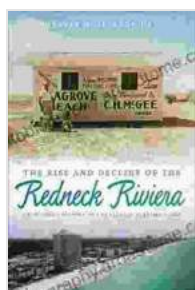
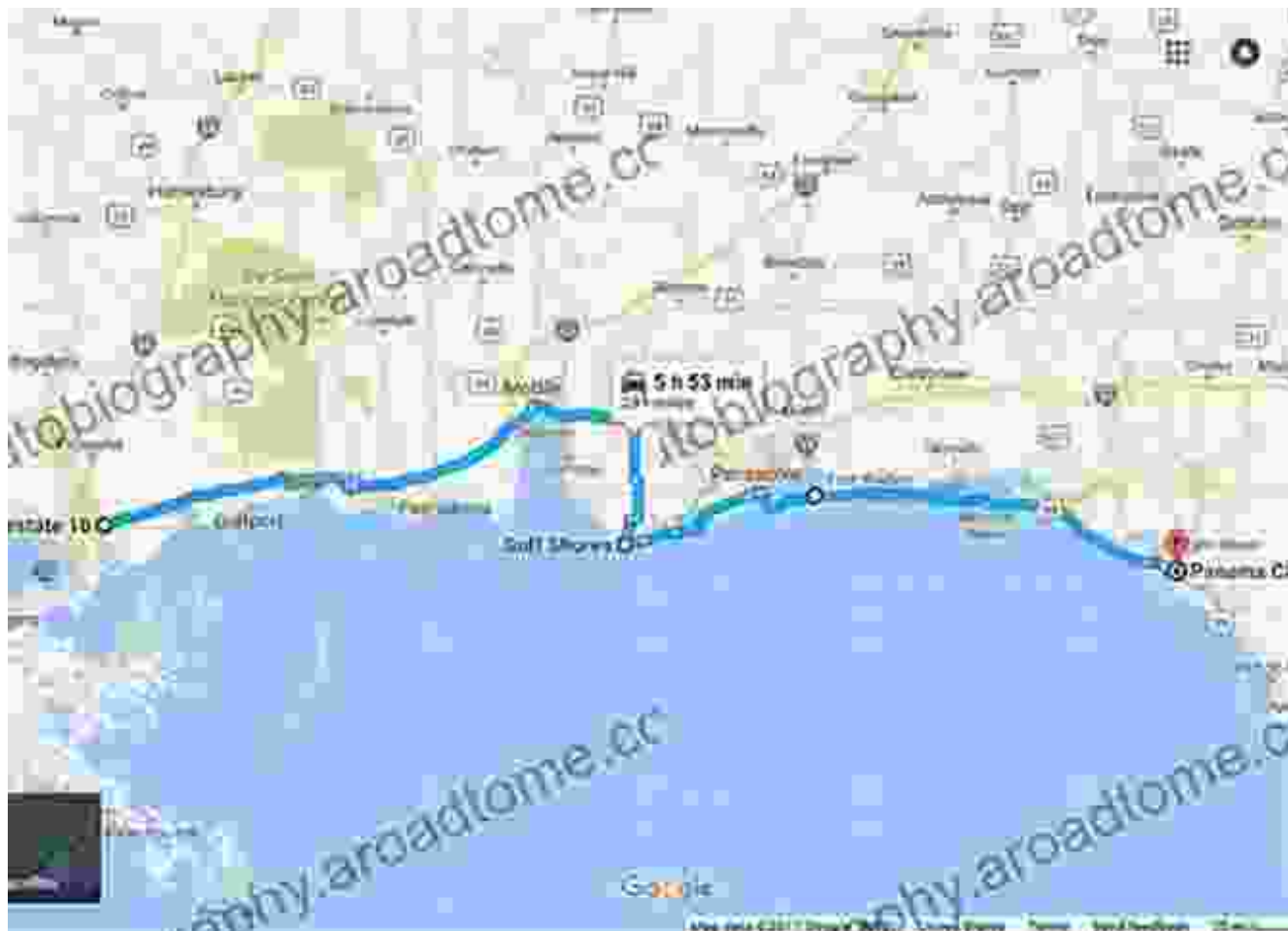


# The Rise and Decline of the Redneck Riviera: A Tale of Two Americas



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The Redneck Riviera is a stretch of coastline in the American South that has long been a popular tourist destination. The region is known for its beautiful beaches, its laid-back atmosphere, and its friendly people. However, the Redneck Riviera is also a region with a complex and troubled history.

In the book *The Rise and Decline of the Redneck Riviera*, author Rick Bragg tells the story of the region's transformation from a region of poverty and racial inequality to a booming tourist destination. Bragg explores the complex history of the region, from its antebellum roots to its modern-day struggles with poverty, crime, and environmental degradation.

Through the stories of its people, *The Rise and Decline of the Redneck Riviera* reveals the deep divisions that continue to shape American society today. The book is a powerful and moving account of a region that is both beautiful and troubled.

## **The Antebellum South**

The Redneck Riviera was once part of the antebellum South, a region of the United States that was characterized by its reliance on slavery. The South was a wealthy and prosperous region, but it was also a region with a deep divide between the rich and the poor. The vast majority of the population was made up of poor white farmers who lived in poverty.

The Civil War devastated the South, and the region never fully recovered. After the war, the South was a poor and backward region. The economy was based on agriculture, and the people were largely uneducated. The region was also plagued by racial violence and discrimination.

### **The Rise of the Redneck Riviera**

In the early 20th century, the Redneck Riviera began to experience a tourist boom. The region's beautiful beaches and warm climate attracted tourists from all over the country. The tourist industry brought much-needed economic development to the region, but it also led to a number of social problems.

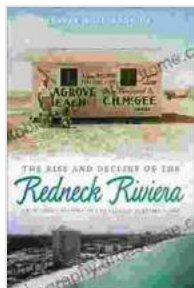
The tourist industry created a new class of wealthy landowners who profited from the influx of tourists. This new class often exploited the poor white farmers who had lived in the region for generations. The tourist industry also led to an increase in crime and environmental degradation.

### **The Decline of the Redneck Riviera**

In recent decades, the Redneck Riviera has experienced a decline in tourism. The region has been hit hard by the recession, and the tourist industry has been slow to recover. The region is also struggling with a number of social problems, including poverty, crime, and environmental degradation.

The Redneck Riviera is a region with a complex and troubled history. The region is both beautiful and troubled, and it is a reflection of the deep divisions that continue to shape American society today.

The Rise and Decline of the Redneck Riviera is a powerful and moving account of a region that is both beautiful and troubled. The book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the complex history of the American South.

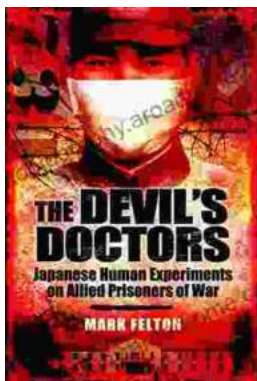


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