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## **Vero Beach, Florida**

I am reluctantly breaking my silence about the greatest secret on the Treasure Coast of Florida. If you approach Vero from our Northern or western direction you will first encounter miles of land reminiscent of Texas, New Mexico, or Colorado (sans mountains) with groves, ranches, farming and equestrian living. The working attire of the area is Levi jeans, boots, and cowboy hats.

Within a short driving distance you are in the town of Vero Beach with it's beginnings in the Florida Land Boom of the 1920's with architectural styles ranging from Spanish, to Tropical to Mediterranean. Our central town is dotted with parks, eclectic restaurants, reasonable traffic (except January and February) and shops providing needs of everyday life.

Continuing east through town only a few miles will put you across our world famous intercoastal to a barrier island and beachside living. Crossing any of our bridges delivers you to a magical atmosphere reminiscent of a world-class resort. Suddenly there are marinas, upscale dining choices, ocean front condominiums, and mega estates.

Under this entire terrestrial environment can be found fresh water or salt water, offering fishing of any style to catch the small to pelagic Goliaths.

Remember this is a secret and I am just telling you! So Shhhhh.....don't tell anyone.

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