



Camp Milton, named after Florida's Governor John Milton, was among the most significant fortifications built in Florida by Confederate authorities during the Civil War.



The goal of these fortifications was to block Union advances along Old Plank Road and the Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad (FA&GC) toward Baldwin, Florida, which served as an important Confederate supply center and trailhead.



In addition to being able to walk, jog, skate or bike on the paved Rail Trail, one can venture off to take up horseback riding on the equestrian trail, which runs parallel to the main trail. This trail, along with several spur trails, are just a few ways to enjoy this beautiful area of Jacksonville.

Access/Directions:

Imeson Road Trailhead

From Jacksonville, take Interstate 10 west to Interstate 295. Head north on I-295 to Commonwealth Avenue. Head west on Commonwealth Avenue approximately 1 mile to Imeson Road. Take a right on Imeson Road (heading north) and continue to the trailhead.

Baldwin Trailhead and Park

From Jacksonville, take Interstate 10 west to Exit for US 301. Go north on 301 (toward Baldwin) until you reach US 90. Go east on US 90 for approximately 4 blocks to Center Street. Go north on Center Street. The trailhead is at the end of Center Street on the left.

Brandy Branch Trailhead

From Jacksonville, take Interstate 10 west to Exit for US 301. Head north on US 301 (toward Baldwin) until you reach US 90. Take a left (heading west) and proceed about 2 miles to Secondary SR 121 (Brandy Branch Road). Take a right (heading north) and continue to the trailhead.

Camp Milton Historic Preserve

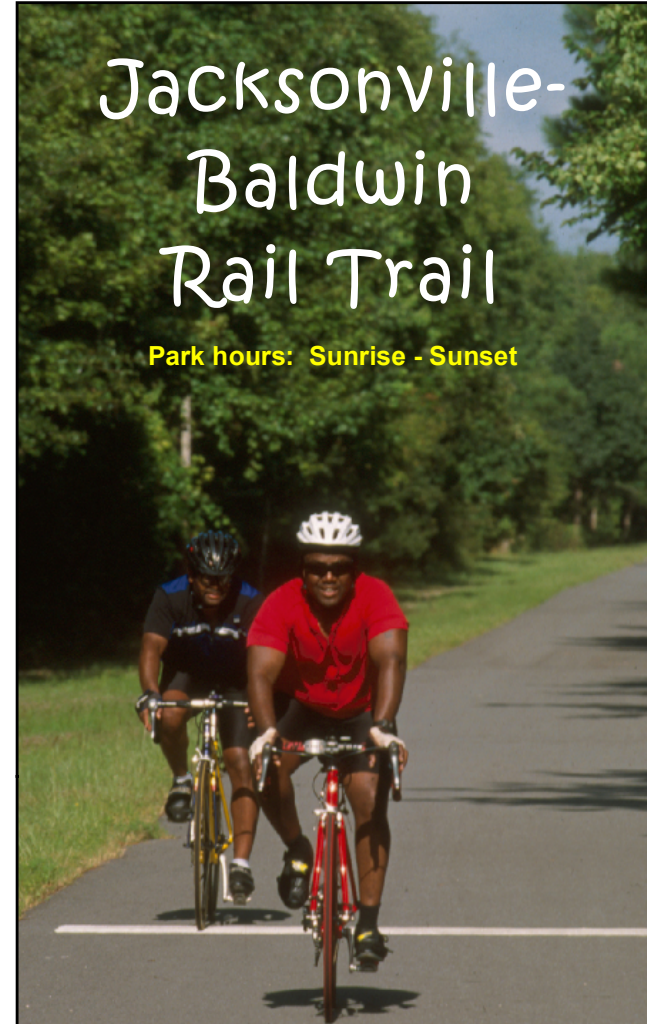
From Downtown Jacksonville: Go west on I-10, Exit Chaffee Rd. Go north to Beaver St/Highway 90, turn left. Go to Halsema Rd, turn right. Go approximately 1 mile to 1175 Halsema Road north. Entrance to Camp Milton is on the right. Follow signs to the trailhead.

Contact Information:
City of Jacksonville
www.jaxparks.com
 (904) 630-CITY
 For Emergency - Call 911



Jacksonville-Baldwin Rail Trail

Park hours: Sunrise - Sunset



The Jacksonville-Baldwin Rail Trail offers a sense of seclusion you might not expect from a trail that starts about 5 miles from downtown Jacksonville.

Built along a former railroad corridor, this trail traverses a diversity of natural habitats including pine flatwoods, wetlands, and hardwood uplands. These areas attract a variety of wildlife such as songbirds, hawks, wild turkey, and white-tailed deer.

The dense canopy that covers most of the trail provides shade on a sunny day and, in certain locations, even gives the illusion of traveling in a tunnel. The trail also crosses McGirts Creek near Camp Milton, a site rich in Civil War history.

Hikers yield to equestrians, and bicyclists yield to both.

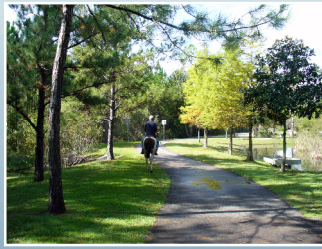
Let a horse and rider know of your presence (to avoid spooking horse or rider). Equestrian users, please ride single file in both directions.

Equestrian riders 16 years old or younger are required by law to wear a helmet.

Keep dogs on a leash.

Animal and plant life are protected. Do not kill, trap or molest any mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian. Do not pick, cut, carve, break limbs from or mutilate any plant life.

Pack it in, pack it out. Leave only the minimum trace of your travels on the trail and take only memories.



Once a part of the CSX railway line, the Jacksonville-Baldwin Rail Trail is now a thoroughfare for hikers, bikers, in-line skaters and equestrians. This park provides a unique greenway of trails that is 14.5 miles long between Imeson Road and County Road 121, just past the town of Baldwin.

The trail includes two separate paths next to each other; a multi-use asphalt trail for walking, jogging, biking or in-line skating and an equestrian trail for horseback riding. The trail begins near I-295 and stretches almost to Nassau County. It winds past McGirts and Brandy Branch creeks and offers a glimpse of natural habitats such as wetlands, fields and forests.



Camp Milton Historic Preserve, once utilized as a Civil War fortification and encampment, is a state of the art educational center displaying 19th Century artifacts. The park also hosts

McGirts Creek Bridge, a historic tree grove, a wooden boardwalk leading to Civil War earthworks, and an authentic 1800's Florida farmstead that provides visitors with a glimpse into historical local architecture.

Camp Milton was recently added as a site for the Great Florida Birding Trail. Eastern bluebird, eastern meadowlark, palm warbler, and loggerhead shrike can be found in and around the fields by the entrance. Raptors like bald eagles, American kestrel, and sharp-shinned hawk (winter) may be spotted overhead. Check the creek area for songbirds like blue-gray gnatcatcher and Eastern phoebe.

