

# jaxparks

## NATURE PROGRAM CALENDAR

APRIL-JUNE 2026



ALL PROGRAMS ARE GUIDED TRAIL WALKS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.  
PROGRAMS MAY BE CANCELLED DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.  
ARRIVE AT THE MEETING LOCATION READY TO HIT THE TRAILS AT THE ADVERTISED START TIME.  
THOSE WHO ARRIVE LATE OR ARE NOT AT THE MEETING LOCATION MAY MISS THE PROGRAM.  
OUTDOOR PROGRAMS ARE WEATHER PERMITTING. **RSVP REQUIRED AT [JAXPARKS.COJ.NET](http://JAXPARKS.COJ.NET)**

# APRIL

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	CASTAWAY 4 9AM DUTTON 10AM BLUE CYPRESS 10AM
5 REDDIE POINT 9AM RIBAULT 11AM	6	7	8	9	10 SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER 10AM	11 HELEN COOPER FLOYD 9AM
12 MCGIRTS 9AM SAL TAYLOR 11AM	13 REDDIE POINT 9AM BEACH AND PEACH 11AM	14	15	16 MCGIRTS CREEK 1PM	17	18 HUGUENOT BEACH WALK 10AM
19 CAMP MILTON LECTURE 10AM, 11AM	20 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM	21	22	23 CASTAWAY 9AM	24 LOSCO 10AM	25
26 PALMETTO LEAVES KAYAK TOUR 10AM	27 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM	28	29	30 SAL TAYLOR 1PM		31

# MAY

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 LOSCO 10AM	2 HANNA PARK KAYAK 9AM
3 REDDIE POINT 9AM  BEACH AND PEACH 11AM	4 MCGIRTS 9AM  SAL TAYLOR 11AM	5	6 CASTAWAY 9AM  DUTTON 10AM	7	8 SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER 10AM	9
10 MCGIRTS 9AM  SAL TAYLOR 11AM	11 CAMP MILTON LECTURE 10AM, 11AM	12	13	14	15 SAL TAYLOR 10AM	16 CASTAWAY 9AM  WILD AMELIA FESTIVAL
17 REDDIE POINT 9AM  BEACH AND PEACH 11AM	18 LOSCO 10AM	19	20	21	22 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM	23 HANNA PARK NATURE AT NIGHT 7PM
24 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28	29	30 HUGUENOT BEACH WALK 10AM
31 CAMP MILTON LECTURE 10AM, 11AM						

# JUNE

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 REDDIE POINT 1PM	5 REDDIE POINT 9AM BEACH AND PEACH 11AM	6 CASTAWAY 9AM DUTTON 10AM
7 PALMETTO LEAVES KAYAK TOUR 10AM	8 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM	9	10	11 RIBAULT RIVER 1PM	12 SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER 10AM	13 HUGUENOT 10AM RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM
14 CAMP MILTON LECTURE 10AM, 11AM	15 MCGIRTS 9AM SAL TAYLOR 11AM	16	17	18 CASTAWAY 9AM	19 JUNETEENTH	20 MCGIRTS 9AM SAL TAYLOR 11AM
21 BLUE CYPRESS 10AM	22	23	24	25	26	27 HANNA PARK LAKESIDE HIKE 10AM
28	29	30				

# PROGRAM LOCATIONS

OUTDOOR PROGRAMS ARE WEATHER PERMITTING. RSVP IS REQUIRED AT [JAXPARKS.COJ.NET](http://JAXPARKS.COJ.NET)

• <b>Beach and Peach Urban Park+</b>	<b>10013 Anders Blvd</b>	Meet at the parking lot.
• <b>Blue Cypress Park+</b>	<b>4012 University Blvd</b>	Meet at the fishing pier.
• <b>Castaway Island Preserve</b>	<b>2921 San Pablo Rd S</b>	Meet at the education building.
• <b>Camp Milton Historic Preserve~</b>	<b>1225 Halsema Rd N</b>	Meet at the education building.
• <b>Cedar Point Preserve*+</b>	<b>7116 Cedar Point Rd</b>	Meet in the parking lot of the Fitzpatrick trailhead.
• <b>Dutton Island Preserve*+</b>	<b>793 Dutton Island Rd W</b>	Meet in the parking lot.
• <b>Helen Cooper Floyd Park*+</b>	<b>3554 Jimmy Buffet Mem Hwy</b>	Meet at the entrance sign.
• <b>Huguenot Memorial Park*\$~</b>	<b>10980 Heckscher Dr</b>	Meet at the nature center.
• <b>Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park*\$</b>	<b>500 Wonderwood Dr</b>	Meet as directed by website, email and/or gate attendant.
• <b>Losco Regional Park*</b>	<b>10931 Hood Rd S</b>	Meet at the trailhead.
• <b>McGirts Creek Regional Park*</b>	<b>8435 118<sup>th</sup> St</b>	Meet at the first picnic shelter (closest to the park entrance).
• <b>Palmetto Leaves Regional Park*+</b>	<b>13799 Old St Augustine Rd</b>	Meet in the parking lot at the Palmetto Leaves south entrance.
• <b>Reddie Point Preserve*+</b>	<b>4499 Yachtsman Way</b>	Meet at the picnic shelter next to the pier.
• <b>Ribault River Reserve*+</b>	<b>2617 Ribault Scenic Dr</b>	Meet in the parking lot.
• <b>Jacksonville-Baldwin Rails Trail</b>	<b>1172 Halsema Rd N</b>	Meet in the parking lot.
• <b>Sal Taylor Creek Preserve*</b>	<b>5873 Nathan Hale Rd</b>	Meet at the pavilion.
• <b>Southside Community Center (SCC)*</b>	<b>10080 Beach Blvd</b>	Check in at the front desk.
• <b>Tillie K Fowler Regional Park*</b>	<b>7000 Roosevelt Blvd</b>	Meet at the nature center.

\* Terrain may not be suitable for strollers

+ Restroom may not be available

\$ Fee required to enter the park

~ Pets not allowed

# PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

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- **Trail Walk/Nature Walk:** Join a Jacksonville Park Naturalist for a leisurely hike to explore trails at our parks and preserves. The Park Naturalist will point out birds, wildflowers, and other wildlife seen along the way.
- **Bike Tour:** Participation limited to a maximum of 12 people. Bring your own bike and helmet- JaxParks does not offer bike rentals. Bikes for rent are available at Hanna Park for a fee; inquire at (904) 252-7052.
- **Kayak Tour:** Participation limited to a maximum of 18 people. Bring your own kayak- JaxParks does not offer kayak rentals. Arrive half an hour before the program start time. Kayaks are available for rent at Hanna Park for a fee; inquire at (904) 252-7024
- **Lecture:** Inside program with a different talk each calendar- see website for topic details.
- **Open programming:** Reserve a morning hike for this date with Park Naturalist Supervisor Jolie Friedrich by emailing [JSchlieper@coj.net](mailto:JSchlieper@coj.net). Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis and for groups between 10 and 30 people.

# NATURE CENTERS

NATURE CENTER HOURS MAY VARY DUE TO STAFF AVAILABILITY OR SPECIAL EVENTS.  
IF VISITING THESE PARKS JUST FOR THE NATURE CENTERS, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO CALL AHEAD.

- **Tillie K Fowler Regional Park**

**Nature center hours:** 1pm-4pm, Fridays-Sundays

(904) 255-6877. 7000 Roosevelt Blvd. Turn off Roosevelt onto Norman Street (across from NAS Jax Yorktown entrance) and follow the park road until it ends at a loop.

Additional amenities: the park has an outdoor classroom used by nature center staff, a dog park, playground, hiking and biking trails, an observation tower, an adjacent kayak launch and a pavilion available for rental. Rentals can be made at [JaxParks.coj.net](http://JaxParks.coj.net).

- **Huguenot Memorial Park**

**Nature center hours:** 1pm-4pm, Memorial Day-Labor Day Tues-Sun; Off-season Fri-Sun

(904) 255-4255. 10980 Heckscher Drive. Turn off Heckscher onto park entrance at the blinking light. Nature center is located near the park bathrooms. An entrance fee is required to enter the park. **Pets are not allowed into this park.**

Additional amenities: the park is primarily a drive-on beach. There is a playground near the nature center. Park offers camping and shelter rentals. Call the park or go to [JaxParks.coj.net](http://JaxParks.coj.net) for reservations.

- **Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park**

**Nature center hours:** 1-4pm, Fridays & Saturdays

(904) 255-6767. 500 Wonderwood Drive. Wonderwood leads to the park entrance. The nature center is located in the campground; please visit the park office to gain access to the campground during nature center hours. An entrance fee is required to enter the park.

Additional amenities: the park has 1.5 miles of beach, a 60-acre lake, over 20 miles of hiking and biking trails, kayak and bike rentals, campsites and shelter rentals, a children's splash park, playgrounds and event venues. Call the park or go to [JaxParks.coj.net](http://JaxParks.coj.net) for reservations.

PLEASE NOTE: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE PUBLIC BUILDINGS.  
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A GUARDIAN AT ALL TIMES INSIDE NATURE CENTERS.