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NATURE PROGRAM CALENDAR

JANUARY-MARCH 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**

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 MCGIRTS CREEK 9AM SAL TAYLOR 11AM	3 CEDAR POINT 9AM HANNA PARK LAKESIDE HIKE 10AM
4 REDDIE POINT 9AM RIBAULT RIVER 11AM	5 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM	6	7	8 CASTAWAY ISLAND NATURE WALK 9AM, 10AM	9 CEDAR POINT NATURE WALK 9AM SCC 10AM	10 DUTTON ISLAND BIKE TOUR 10AM
11 BEACH AND PEACH 9AM LOSCO 11AM	12	13	14	15	16	17 HUGUENOT BEACH WALK 10AM
18 REDDIE POINT 9AM BLUE CYPRESS 11AM	19 MLK DAY	20	21	22	23	24 MCGIRTS CREEK 9AM SAL TAYLOR 11AM
25 CAMP MILTON LECTURE 10AM, 11:30 AM	26 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM	27	28	29	30 CEDAR POINT NATURE WALK 9AM	31

FEBRUARY

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 MCGIRTS CREEK 9AM SAL TAYLOR 11AM	2 REDDIE POINT 9AM RIBAULT RIVER 11AM	3	4	5 BEACH AND PEACH NATURE WALK 1PM	6 SCC 10AM	7 HANNA PARK LAKESIDE HIKE 10AM HUGUENOT 10AM
8	9 MCGIRTS CREEK 9AM SAL TAYLOR 11AM	10	11	12 DUTTON ISLAND 10AM REDDIE POINT 1PM	13 CEDAR POINT NATURE WALK 9AM	14 CASTAWAY ISLAND NATURE WALK 9AM, 10AM
15	16 PRESIDENT'S DAY	17	18	19 LOSCO NATURE WALK 1PM	20 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM	21 CAMP MILTON LECTURE 10AM, 11AM
22 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM	23	24	25	26	27	28

MARCH

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM	7 7 CREEKS FEST 7CREEKSFEST.COM
8 CAMP MILTON LECTURE 10AM, 11:30 AM	9	10	11	12 MCGIRTS CREEK NATURE WALK 1PM	13 CEDAR POINT 9AM SCC 10AM	14 HELEN COOPER FLOYD NATURE WALK 10AM
15	16	17	18	19 REDDIE POINT 1PM	20 MCGIRTS CREEK 9AM SAL TAYLOR 11AM	21 HANNA PARK HISTORY 10AM HUGUENOT 10AM
22 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM	23	24	25	26 CASTAWAY ISLAND 9AM, 10AM SAL TAYLOR 1PM	27 CEDAR POINT 9AM BEACH & PEACH 10AM	28 DUTTON ISLAND 10AM REDDIE POINT 10AM
29 REDDIE POINT 9AM RIBAULT RIVER 11AM	30	31				

PROGRAM LOCATIONS

OUTDOOR PROGRAMS ARE WEATHER PERMITTING. RSVP IS REQUIRED AT JAXPARKS.COJ.NET

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

- **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 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 for reservations.

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