

# JAXPARKS



Directory & Activities Guide  
August 2016-July 2017

**DISCOVER**  
**NEW WONDERS IN**  
**400+**

**JACKSONVILLE PARKS**

**TAKE OUR PARKVENER HUNT**  
HOW MANY MOSAIC KOI FISH ARE  
IN THE GAZEBO AT YACHT BASIN PARK?



# Explore More



**A DAY IN THE PARK WITH MOM**

As the largest park system in America, JaxParks maintains nearly 400 parks and recreational spaces offering you the opportunity for a wide range of exciting and memorable experiences. In addition to traditional neighborhood and regional parks, our park spaces include 22 Community Centers conveniently located throughout the city. You can explore the mystery and beauty of nature at any of our 15 Environmental Parks. Pursue your personal fitness goals by working out at one of several JaxParks Fitness Centers and Gymnasiums or swimming at one of our more than 30 Swimming Pools. JaxParks is also home to seven Specialty Parks, each boasting its own unique attractions including hiking and biking trails, a dedicated skateboarding facility, camping areas, waterfront amenities and even a museum. It is our sincere hope that you and your family find the time to take full advantage of everything JaxParks has to offer!



**HAPPY TAILS!  
ENJOY OUR DOG PARKS**



**HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

**4** Message from Mayor Lenny Curry

**6** Join the Journey to One for a healthier Jacksonville

## ACTIVITIES GUIDE

**10** After-School Programs

**12** Aquatic Programs & Swimming Pools

**16** Athletic Programs & Gymnasiums/Fitness Centers

**18** General & Partner Programs

**20** Health and Wellness Programs & Community Centers

**24** Summer Camps & Programs

**28** Tennis Programs

## PARKS DIRECTORY

**32** Jacksonville named model city for National Park Service Urban Agenda Initiative

**34** NatureScope Programs, Environmental Parks and Specialty Parks

**40** Parks with marked trails

**43** Meet Nathan Souder, Jacksonville's Urban Fellow

**44** All Parks *(listed in alphabetical order)*

**54** Complete the Parkvenger Hunt!

**66** National Park Service Centennial Celebration

**78** National Park Service Bark Ranger Program



**HAPPY TRAILS!  
WALK, RUN OR HIKE FOR MILES**



**EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS  
WITH OUR PARKVENGER HUNT**

# Message from our Mayor

Dear Citizens:

We are happy to provide this JaxParks Directory and Activities Guide to help you discover, or rediscover Jacksonville!

Our park system is one of our greatest assets and with nearly 400 parks and recreational spaces in Duval County, I am incredibly proud that it is the largest in the nation. From riverfront parks to trails, playgrounds to ball fields, community centers to kayak launches, and swimming pools to gymnasiums, our parks offer so much for the residents and families of this great city.

This annual guide has been developed to help you learn more about our beautiful parks, unique offerings and amenities. Citizens of all ages can utilize this guide to learn more about:

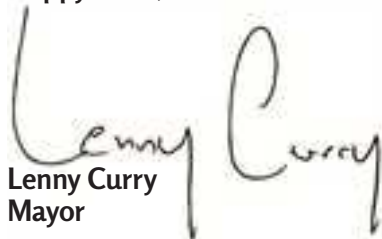
- After-school programs
- Sports and recreational programs
- Health and wellness programs
- Camps
- Arts and creativity programs

In addition to the recreational offerings, our parks are a great way to build and promote healthy lifestyles. In this guide, we feature several parks with running, biking and hiking trails. Residents who commit to joining my Journey to One campaign can visit these locations to record their monthly "Mayorthon" miles. I encourage you to go to page six to learn more about Journey to One activities that are designed to ensure every citizen in every ZIP code lives well.

Throughout the year, we offer many exciting programs and activities. I encourage you and your family to take advantage of them time and time again. Be sure to share your favorite locations at #MyOneThing on coj.net.

Get out there. Find your park. Enjoy our city. I look forward to seeing you!

Happy trails,



Lenny Curry  
Mayor



# EVERY ONE IN EVERY ZIP CODE LIVES WELL



**EXERCISE** – To promote an active lifestyle, Mayor Curry encourages citizens to walk or run 26.2 miles a month. You can find free tools to help track your progress at [JourneytoOne.com](http://JourneytoOne.com). You're also invited to join us each month for a "Mayorthon" walk through one of Jacksonville's beautiful parks.

**NUTRITION** - Good eating habits are critical to living well. The Florida Department of Health in Duval County's 5-2-1-0 initiative provides resources and advice to lead healthy, active lives through four simple daily practices. Find out more at [5210jax.org](http://5210jax.org)



**WEIGHT** – Mission One Million, an initiative led by the Duval County Medical Society Foundation and the Mayor's Council on Fitness & Well-being, challenges Jacksonville citizens to collectively lose one million pounds through exercise and proper nutrition. Learn more at [904MissionOneMillion.com](http://904MissionOneMillion.com)

**SAFETY** – From enjoying our parks to everyday activities, citizens deserve to feel safe. Public safety is one of the City's top priorities, including prioritizing strategies to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety throughout Jacksonville.



# Join the Journey to One

Jacksonville is on a journey and it needs all of us to get where we're going. Out of Florida's 67 counties, Jacksonville ranks 48th for quality health outcomes. That 2016 score from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is based on dozens of factors, including physical and mental health, health behaviors, environment and more.

In an effort to improve Jacksonville's health rankings, Mayor Lenny Curry joined U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy and local community leaders to launch Journey to One in April 2016.

"As someone who exercises daily, I know the benefits of an active lifestyle. As mayor, I know the benefits of a healthy community," said Mayor Curry. "Research tells us that the health of a city is defined by the well-being of its citizens."

Journey to One's mission is to ensure that every one in every ZIP code lives well. The initiative aims to reach its goal by addressing wellness in two key areas: personal health and community health.

Each of us is presented with decisions that affect our personal health and wellness every day. From deciding what to eat (and how much), to choosing whether to watch TV versus walking in a park, we make many daily choices that impact our overall well-being. Journey to One recognizes that each of us has a responsibility to improve our personal health.

In addition to our individual choices, our community surroundings affect our health. Is there ready access to healthy foods? Are there safe places to walk and be active? Mayor Curry says city leaders are responsible to improve our community health by addressing issues like blight and public safety, both of which can lead to increased health risks.

Journey to One offers several resources to help you work toward your personal health goals (see left). JaxParks is a key feature of Mayor Curry's Mayorthon initiative. Every month, the City hosts an invigorating walk in one of its parks. Additionally, JaxParks has a dozen parks with paved

walking paths and five parks with running tracks that you can use to meet the mayor's challenge to citizens to walk or run 26.2 miles each month.

Journey to One's community health focus offers citywide resources that support our collective well-being including public safety, blight remediation and efforts to address food disparities by making fresh produce available in underserved areas of Jacksonville. Fifty-eight local fire stations currently offer free blood pressure checks and Journey to One continues to engage community partners to expand opportunities for citizens to have access to free health screenings.

"Improving from 48 to number one is no small task," Mayor Curry notes. "With the support and resources of these partners, we will succeed with the Journey to One."

---

Join the journey at  
[www.journeytoone.com](http://www.journeytoone.com).





# ACTIVITIES GUIDE

Liven up these doodles with colored pencils or gel pens

# When school ends, summer fun begins



Just because the school day comes to an end doesn't mean your child's learning and development must stop. With fun and exciting activities to stimulate both the mind and body, our after-school programs offer a variety of opportunities for youngsters and teens to learn and grow in positive and nurturing surroundings.

With programs featuring everything from homework help, to arts and crafts, to recreational sports and games, you're sure to find positive activities designed to keep your child engaged and motivated in a safe, supervised environment.

### Club Rec

This exciting and energizing after-school program provides opportunities for youth to participate in group activities including crafts, games, recreational sports, cooking activities, special events and homework assistance.

**Ages:** K - 5th Grade

**Fee:** No charge, registration is required

**Schedule:** 2:30 - 6 p.m., M - F  
(coincides with Duval County Public Schools)

**Registration:** On-site until sites are filled

### Locations:

- Balis, 1512 LaSalle St. - 32207; (904) 306-2148
- Clanzel T. Brown, 4545 Moncrief Road - 32208; (904) 765-5282
- Cuba Hunter, 3620 Bedford Road - 32208; (904) 858-1366
- Dinsmore, 7126 Civic Club Drive - 32219; (904) 924-5330
- Henry T. Jones, 3856 Grant Road - 32207; (904) 399-0615
- Johnnie Walker, 2500 W. 20th Street - 32209; (904) 630-0321
- Julian Barrs, 10151 Crystal Springs Rd - 32221; (904) 693-4909
- Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive - 32208; (904) 255-4050
- Mary Lena Gibbs, 6974 Wilson Blvd - 32210; (904) 573-3153
- Oceanway, 12215 Sago Ave - 32218; (904) 751-3386
- Robert F. Kennedy, 1133 Ionia St - 32206; (904) 630-0933
- Westside, 1061 Line St - 32209; (904) 630-5068
- Windy Hill, 10540 Anders Blvd - 32246; (904) 565-2669





When it comes to health and wellness, swimming is a great activity for several reasons. For starters, swimming is a whole-body workout that uses all of your major muscle groups and can help improve your cardiovascular health. Best of all, swimming is a lifetime sport. It is a low-impact exercise that people of all ages and activity levels can enjoy. The keys are having the proper place to swim and knowing how to stay safe in the water. JaxParks can help you with both. Not only do we offer swim lessons and aquatics programs from toddlers to adults, you can choose from 33 outdoor pools during the summer months (Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day) and the Cecil Aquatic Center, an indoor facility offering activities year-round.

**Swim Team Dates**

\$25.00 registration fee

- Returning swimmer registration begins May 22, 2017
- New Swimmer registration begins June 5, 2017
- June 26, 2017 - First day of Practice at 6 p.m.
- All swimmers Registration deadline – June 30, 2017

- Divisional Swim Meet – August 5, 2017

**Swim Lessons Dates**

\$60.00 registration fee

Monday – Thursday for two weeks. 8 classes total.

- Session 1: June 19 – 29, 2017 (registration deadline June 15, 2017)
- Session 2: July 3 – 13, 2017 (registration deadline June 29, 2017)\*\*

*\*\*no class July 4th – makeups will be conducted on July 7, 2017\*\**

- Session 3: July 17 – 27, 2017 (registration deadline July 13, 2017)

**Ocean Camp Dates**

\$150.00 registration fee per session

Monday – Friday for two weeks. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Session 1: June 19 – 29, 2017 (registration deadline June 15, 2017)
  - Session 2: July 3 – 13, 2017 (registration deadline June 29, 2017)\*\*
- \*\*no class July 4th \*\**

- Session 3: July 17 – 27, 2017 (registration deadline July 13, 2017)

*\*\*Extended Day 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
\*\* additional \$25.00 fee*

# Aquatic Programs & Swimming Pools

## OUTDOOR POOLS

JaxParks outdoor pools are open during the summer season.

### Pre-Season Hours

May 27 - June 4, 2017

Saturday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

### Memorial Day Hours

May 29, 2017

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Regular Season Hours

June 5 - August 4, 2017

Saturday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Tuesday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Wednesday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Thursday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Some pools will close at 6pm due to scheduled programming.

### Independence Day Hours

July 4, 2017

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Post Season Hours

August 8 - September 4, 2017

Saturday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

*\*\*Pools on Duval School Board Property will only be open on weekends starting August 5, 2017. Pools on JaxParks properties will only be open on weekends starting August 12, 2017.\*\**

### Special Labor Day Hours

9/4/17

11-6

### Locations:

Andrew Jackson\*

(904) 630-0281

128 West 30th St. - 32206

Baldwin\*

(904) 266-2478

345 N. Chestnut St. - 32234

Carvill

(904) 744-3494

1302 Carvill Ave. - 32208

Charles Clark

(904) 768-6422

8793 Sibbald Road - 32208

Clanzel T. Brown

(904) 768-1330

4415 Moncrief Road - 32208

Ed White High School\*

(904) 783-4958

1700 Old Middleburg Road - 32210

Emmett Reed

(904) 630-0829

1093 W. 60th St. - 32209

Englewood\*

(904) 448-6895

4412 Barnes Road - 32207

Eugene Butler\*

(904) 630-0322

900 Acorn St. - 32209

Fletcher\*

(904) 247-6327

700 Seagate Ave. - 32266

Ft. Caroline

(904) 744-5612

4131 Ferber Road - 32277

Grand Park

(904) 630-0282

2740 Division St. - 32209

Harts Road

(904) 696-2000

11597 Harts Road - 32218

Highlands\*

(904) 751-1533

10913 Pine Estates Road - 32218

Julius Guinyard

(904) 630-0994

1358 Jefferson St. - 32209

Lakeshore

(904) 387-1772

2519 Bayview Road - 32210

Mallison

(904) 388-2639

3133 Lenox Ave. - 32254

Mandarin\*

(904) 292-1541

4831 Greenland Road - 32258

Oceanway

(904) 757-8704

12215 Sago W. Ave. - 32218

Paxon\*

(904) 783-0377

3413 W. 5th St. - 32254

Pine Forest

(904) 398-0591

2335 Gattis Lane - 32207

Raines\*

(904) 765-0920

3663 Raines Ave. - 32209

Ribault\*

(904) 766-5319

5820 Van Gundy St. - 32208

Robert E. Lee\*

(904) 387-6959

1200 S. McDuff Ave. - 32205

Robert F. Kennedy

(904) 630-0939

1139 Ionia St. - 32206

San Souci

(904) 724-8218

2115 Dean Road - 32216

Sandalwood\*

(904) 642-5900

2750 John Prom Blvd. - 32246

Sunny Acres

(904) 641-7694

9429 Merrill Road - 32225

Terry Parker\*

(904) 723-6144

7301 Parker School Road - 32211

Thomas Jefferson\*

(904) 783-2540

390 N. Jackson Ave. - 32220

# Aquatic Programs & Swimming Pools

Westside\*  
 (904) 573-2485  
 5530 Firestone Road - 32244

Wolfson\*  
 (904) 448-6894  
 7000 Powers Ave. - 32217

Woodland Acres\*  
 (904) 448-6894  
 8200 Kona Ave. - 32211

\* Located on Duval County Public Schools property.

**JaxParks Aquatic Office**  
 (904) 255-7927  
 4012 University Blvd.  
 Jacksonville, FL 32277

**CECIL AQUATIC CENTER**  
 13611 Normandy Blvd.  
 (904) 573-8994  
 JaxParks offers aquatics activities year-round at the Cecil Aquatic Center indoor pool. Please note that this facility is closed periodically to accommodate swim meets.

Patrons are notified in advance of these closures.

**Hours of Operation**  
 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. M - Th  
 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. F  
 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. S  
 1 - 6 p.m. Su

Lap swim only  
 7 - 8 a.m. M - F

\*\*Pool closed Monday to Saturday from noon - 1 p.m. for maintenance.\*\*

## Aquatic Center Fees

Daily entrance  
 Duval County resident \$1.00  
 Out-of-county \$1.50  
 Annual pass  
 Duval County resident \$1.20  
 Out-of-county \$1.80

## Swim Lessons (Ages 3 and up)

2016  
 • September 12-22

• October 3-13

2017  
 • March 6-16  
 • April 3-13  
 • May 8-18  
 • June 12-22  
 • June 26-July 6  
 • July 10-20

## Aqua Aerobics (Ages 18 and up)

Monday-Thursday  
 9 - 9:45 a.m. and/or  
 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$40 for 10 classes  
 This cardiovascular class is easy on the joints

**JAXPARKS LIFEGUARDS**  
 JaxParks lifeguards are trained and certified based on American Red Cross standards. Participants must be 15 or older and able to successfully complete a prerequisites class.



# Aquatic Programs & Swimming Pools

## Lifeguard Training Classes

Individuals must be interested in employment with JaxParks and meet the following requirements:

- At least 15 years of age by end of class
- Able to swim 300 yards non-stop using only the free or breast stroke
- Able to tread water without using hands for two minutes
- Able to retrieve a 10-pound brick from a depth of 10 feet

Certification cost for returning lifeguards is \$27.00

Certification cost for new lifeguard class is \$35.00

## Returning Lifeguard Recertification Dates

- December 12, 2016  
Cecil Aquatics
- December 19, 2016  
Cecil Aquatics
- March 25, 2017  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Location TBD

- April 1, 2017  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Location TBD
- April 8, 2017  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Location TBD

## New Lifeguard Training Dates

- February 13 – 17, 2017  
Time 3:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Location TBD
- March 13 – 17, 2017  
Time 3:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Location TBD
- March 20 – 24, 2017  
Cecil Aquatics
- March 20 – 24, 2017  
Time 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Location TBD\*
- March 20 – 24, 2017  
Time 3:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Location TBD\*
- March 27 – 31, 2017  
Time 3:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Location TBD
- April 10 – 14, 2017  
Time 3:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Location TBD



# Play like a champion

With the support of excellent resource partners like Florida's First Coast Softball and Greater Jacksonville Pop Warner Football, you and your family can participate in a number of high-quality competitive sports programs in JaxParks. You'll find basketball, baseball, softball, football and cheer programs for youth ages 5 through 18, as well as adult softball leagues.

### Adult Softball Leagues

JaxParks partners with Florida's First Coast Softball to manage youth and adult softball leagues and tournaments throughout the year.

For information regarding registration fees and payment options, visit [www.fccsoftball.com](http://www.fccsoftball.com) or call (904) 733-3831.

Adult Leagues offered for Men's & Coed Softball Leagues for Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer.

Please see website for more information.

### Youth Basketball League (ages 5 - 18)

The basketball league runs January through March, 2017. Games are played Monday through Thursday evenings and Saturdays.

Locations for league play:

- Cuba Hunter Gymnasium - 3620 Bedford Road, 32208
- Emmett Reed Gymnasium - 1093 W. Sixth St., 32209
- Legends Gymnasium - 5130 Soutel Drive, 32208
- R.F. Kennedy Gymnasium - 1133 Ionia St., 32206

Team Registration packets available Monday, Nov. 1

Team Registration: Dec. 5 through 16.

Fee: \$75 per team (7 - 15 players)

Opening Jamboree: Jan 14, Location TBD

League starts: Jan. 16

Registration is for teams only.

Individuals wishing to play may contact JaxParks at (904) 255-7926 for a list of participating associations.

### Female Divisions

- Juniors 12 - 14
- Seniors 15 - 16

### Male Divisions

- Bidy Ball 5 - 7
- Tadpoles 8 - 10
- Midgets 11 - 12
- Juniors 13 - 14
- Seniors 15 - 16

### Youth Baseball and Softball (Ages 5 - 18)

For registration information, call (904) 255-7925.

### Youth Football and Cheer (Ages 5 - 15)

JaxParks partners with Greater Jacksonville Pop Warner Football to provide football and spirit (cheer) programming for youth.

Visit online at [www.popwarnerjacksonville.com](http://www.popwarnerjacksonville.com).

### Netball

This fast-paced team sport involves running, jumping, throwing and catching. Similar to basketball but without dunking, dribbling or running with the ball! This new sport will be offered at select JaxParks locations throughout the school year.

Call 904-438-4486 or email [nysanetball@gmail.com](mailto:nysanetball@gmail.com) for information.

### GYMNASIUMS/ FITNESS CENTERS

You'll find a complete list of community centers on page 20.

**Cecil Gym and Fitness Center**  
(904) 778-5498  
13531 Lake Newman Drive - 32221  
7 a.m. - 8 p.m., M - F  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sa - Su

## Gymnasiums/Fitness Centers

The Cecil Gym and Fitness Center offers cardiovascular and Nautilus equipment, free weights, racquetball courts, a gymnasium, saunas and locker rooms.

Annual membership fees apply for this facility:

- Individual: \$120
- Family: \$150

### Cuba Hunter Gymnasium

(904) 858-1366  
3620 Bedford Road - 32207  
8 a.m. - 9 p.m., M - F  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sa

### Emmett Reed Gymnasium

(904) 630-0958  
1093 W. Sixth St. - 32209  
8 a.m. - 9 p.m., M - F  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sa

### Legends Center

(904) 255 - 4050  
5130 Soutel Drive - 32208  
8 a.m. - 9 p.m., M - F  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sa

The Legends Center fitness room includes cardiovascular equipment and free weights. The gym includes an indoor running track.

Annual membership fees apply for this facility:

- Individual - \$120
- Family - \$150
- Senior (60+) - \$90
- Young Adult (18 - 26) - \$10
- Daily Use: \$2

### M.L. Gibbs Gymnasium

(904) 573-3153  
5130 Soutel Drive - 32210  
11 a.m. - 9 p.m., M - F  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sa

### R.F. Kennedy Center

(904) 630-0933  
1133 Ionia St. - 32206  
noon - 9 p.m., M - F  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sa

### Forestview Fitness Center

(904) 765-1109  
4203 Kenndle Drive - 32208

The Forestview Fitness Center offers free, structured fitness classes Mondays through Thursdays and every other Friday.

**Call for hours and schedule.**





# Let your creativity come out to play

Fine arts, performing arts, culinary arts and even martial arts are just a few of the many activities you can explore with JaxParks. Thanks to the imagination and dedication of our caring community partners, you can choose from a wide range of high-quality activities designed to engage, educate and entertain. We thank each of our non-profit partners for helping to provide diverse, top-notch programming for our entire community.

## **2016 JaxParks Geocache Challenge**

September 3, 2016  
Bethesda Park  
10 a.m.

Do you Geocache? JaxParks is teaming up again with First Coast GeoCachers and REI Retailers to present the 5th Annual JaxParks Geocache Challenge. The challenge will kick off with an event at 10am on Saturday, September 3 at Bethesda Park (10790 Key Haven Blvd). Participants in this year's high-tech treasure hunts will have the opportunity to find hidden caches in many of our featured parks throughout the City. The first 100 participants to complete the challenge will receive the latest in a series of JaxParks GeoCoins.

More details about the challenge will be announced on [JaxParks.com](http://JaxParks.com) in mid-August.

## **Art in the Park**

October 15, 2016  
Urban Core  
Time TBA

Community event celebrating visual art. Youth and their families get to paint, weave baskets by hand, do arts & craft projects and decorate ceramic figures. We also have a variety of games and activities.

## **Eggstravaganza**

April 1, 2017  
Klutho Park 204 W. 3rd Street,  
Jacksonville, FL 32206  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Youth participate in egg hunts, which is our main event. We also have spring crafts, games and pictures with the Easter Bunny!

## **Kids to Park Day**

May 20, 2017  
Location TBA  
Time TBA

KTP Day is a nation-wide day of outdoor play organized by National Park Trust (NPT). JaxParks invites youth and their families to come out to a neighborhood park and enjoy recreational games and activities.

# General & Partner Programs

## **Art League of Jacksonville** (ages 6 - 17)

Art Programs for all ages

- Drawing – Charcoal, Pencil, Pastel, Ink & More
- Printmaking – Drypoint, Zinc-plate, Copper, Plexiglass, Litho and Lino
- Painting – Watercolor, Acrylics, Tempera, Oils & Mixed Media
- Sculpture – Pottery, Clay, Stone, Plaster & Metal
- Music – Guitar, Strings, Winds, Piano & More
- Drama – Improv, Stage, Acting Workshops & More

Location:

Murray Hill Art Center  
4327 Kerle St. - 32205  
(904) 677-2787

For more information please visit [www.artsjax.org](http://www.artsjax.org).

## **Boselli Foundation** (ages 6 - 12)

After school program and tutoring

Locations:

Russell Bill Cook  
3300 Jones St. - 32206  
(904) 619-8298

Simonds-Johnson  
3730 Moncrief Road - 32209  
(904) 768-8525

## **Carver-Lincoln Association for Youth**

After school programming

Location:

Carvill Center  
1302 Carvil Ave. - 32208  
(904) 764-0513

## **City Kids Art Factory** (ages 8 - 17)

CKAF was created for young people with interests and aspirations in the arts who may

not have the support or financial resources to develop their talents or interests. Sessions are held on Saturdays and select school holidays.

Location:

Emmett Reed  
1093 W. 6th St. - 32209  
(904) 535-9580

For more information please call (904) 355-2523 or visit [www.citykidsartfactory.org](http://www.citykidsartfactory.org).

## **Community Connections** (ages 5 - 17)

After school education and recreation

Location:

Normandy Center  
1751 Lindsey Road - 32221  
(904) 422-2683

For more information please visit [www.communityconnectionsjax.org](http://www.communityconnectionsjax.org).

## **Don't Miss a Beat** (ages 5 - 15)

After school music, art and academic enrichment

Locations:

Johnson Center  
1112 Jackson St. - 32204  
(904) 385-4001

E. B. Ford Center  
2839 W. Beaver St. - 32209  
(904) 388-2640

For more information please visit [www.dontmissabeat.org](http://www.dontmissabeat.org).

## **Heart of Children** (ages 6 - 12)

After school programming. Varied subjects.

Location:

Glen Myra Center  
1429 Winthrop St. - 32206  
(904) 619-6792

## **Lion of the Tribe of Judah Ministries** (ages 6 - 12)

After school recreation and homework assistance

Location:

Joseph Lee  
5120 Perry St. - 32208  
(904) 866-7047

## **Family Nurturing Center** (ages vary)

Parenting, tutoring and reading programs

Location:

Lillian Saunders  
2759 Bartley Circle - 32207  
(904) 389-4244

For more information please visit [www.fncflorida.org](http://www.fncflorida.org).

## **MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation** (ages 6 - 15)

Academic, tennis/fitness, life skills and community service activities

Location:

Emmett Reed Center  
1096 W. 6th St. - 32209  
(904) 359-5427, [www.malwashington.com](http://www.malwashington.com)

For more information please visit [www.malwashington.com](http://www.malwashington.com).

## **Unity Development Center** (ages 6 - 12)

After school tutoring, jobs and life skills, youth mentoring and community assistance

Location:

Westbrook Center  
905 Westbrook Road - 32209  
(904) 405-4086

# Get moving

Our primary mission is to help every one in every zip code live well. That means providing you and your family with health and wellness resources for all ages and fitness levels. From group sports, to solo fitness plans, to dance, to senior games, you'll find activities that will get you moving!

You can also take steps to reach your personal fitness goals by working out and getting active at a JaxParks gymnasium or fitness center near you. Annual membership fees apply for some locations. Achieving your healthy lifestyle goals will help Jacksonville on its Journey to One – Mayor Curry's community-wide initiative to make Duval County the number one county for quality health outcomes in all of Florida.

### **BETHESDA CENTER**

(904) 764-5531  
10790 Key Haven Blvd. - 32218  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m., M - F

Bethesda Park is a year-round recreation facility that has the unique feature of being a completely accessible and barrier-free recreation complex. It provides easy access to the outdoors for the physically disabled. The specially designed park offers a wide range of facilities that cater to the needs of both individuals with disabilities and to the general public. Park amenities include a 20-acre stocked fishing lake, boardwalks, cabins, a lodge and picnic facilities.

**Dance for Adults with Disabilities**  
6 - 9 p.m., 3rd Thursday of the Month

### **BOB HAYES SPORTS COMPLEX AND LEGENDS CENTER**

(904) 630-2489  
5054 Soutel Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32208

These specialized classes available at Legends

Center are led by experts in their fields. Fees apply and vary by class.

<b>Fitness Boot Camp</b>	6 - 7 p.m., Th
<b>Taekwondo</b>	6 - 7 p.m., M, W
<b>Zumba</b>	6 - 7 p.m., T
<b>Line Dancing</b>	10 - 11:30 a.m., M, Th

Annual membership fees apply for this facility:

- Individual - \$120
- Family - \$150
- Senior (60+) - \$90
- Young Adult (18 - 26) - \$10
- Daily Use: \$2

### **CARVILL PARK**

(904) 764-5194  
1302 Carvill Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32208

This 3,500 square foot community center offers a myriad of amenities including baseball, basketball, picnic tables and a playground. Adjacent to the center is a small community swimming pool.

Karate (Youth) 6 - 7 p.m., T, Th

## **CECIL GYM AND FITNESS CENTER**

(904) 778-5498  
13531 Lake Newman Drive

Enjoy cardiovascular and nautilus equipment, free weights, racquetball courts, a gymnasium, saunas and locker rooms. Facility is open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. Membership fees apply.

### **Basketball Timed Games**

8 a.m. - 2 p.m., 4 - 8 p.m., M - F  
8 a.m. - 6 p.m., S, Su

### **Individual Workout Plans (staff assistance)**

7 a.m. - 9 p.m., M - F  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m., S, Su

### **Line Dancing**

11 a.m. - noon, M

### **Racquetball Club (learn to play)**

9 a.m., Sa

### **Soccer Club (Indoor, half-court games)**

11 a.m. - noon, T

## **CLANZEL T. BROWN CENTER**

(904) 765-5282  
4545 Moncrief Road - 32208  
2:30 - 7:30 p.m., M - F

Park amenities include playgrounds, a community center, restrooms, a lighted youth softball field, 2 basketball courts, 9 lighted tennis courts and a swimming pool.

### **Karate (Youth)**

6 - 7:30 p.m., T, Th

## **CUBA HUNTER CENTER**

(904) 858-1366  
3620 Bedford Road - 32207  
9 a.m. - 9 p.m., M - F

Cuba Hunter Park's 10,000 sq. ft. skateboard facility has great features, including a 6-foot half pipe, a 7-foot quarter pipe, jump boxes, multiple rails and a bank ramp with a partial pyramid. Smooth cement and sturdy steel construction rank this site with other top city-owned skateboard parks across the country. Cuba Hunter Park also includes two playgrounds, a multi-use athletic field, a 0.25mile boardwalk winding through more than 3.5 acres of wetlands and a gymnasium with an elevated track.

### **Barbers Basketball**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m., M

### **Basket for Lunch (lunch break basketball)**

11 a.m. - 2 p.m., M, W

### **Basketball Full Court: Middle & High School (open)**

7 - 9 p.m., M

### **Basketball Full Court: Adults (open)**

7 - 9 p.m., W

### **Basketball Half Court and Gym Games (open)**

6 - 7 p.m., M, W  
6 - 9 p.m., T

### **Pickleball**

9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., W  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m., 2nd & 4th F

### **Volleyball (Open)**

6:30 - 8:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd F

### **Walk This Way**

8 - 10 a.m., M - Sa

### **Wheelchair Sports**

6:30 - 9 p.m., Th

## **EMMETT REED CENTER**

(904) 630-0958  
1093 W. Sixth St. - 32209  
8 a.m. - 8 p.m., M - F

This 12.5-acre complex is a neighborhood park serving the residents in the Jacksonville urban core. In addition to a wide range of amenities including playgrounds, 2 tennis courts and a swimming pool, the community center houses many community service programs.

### **I Will Work Out Program**

6 - 7:30 p.m., Th  
9 - 10:30 a.m., Sa

### **Karate (Adult)**

6 - 7 p.m., M, W

### **Karate (Youth)**

6 - 7 p.m., M, W

### **Free Weight Training**

8 a.m. - 8 p.m., M - F

## **FORESTVIEW FITNESS CENTER**

(904) 765-1109  
4203 Kenndle Road

Forestview Fitness Center offers free, structured fitness classes Mondays through Thursdays and every other Friday. Call for hours.

# Health & Wellness Programs

## **HENRY T. JONES CENTER**

(904) 399-0615  
3856 Grant Road - 32207  
2:30 - 7:30 p.m., M - F

The Henry T. Jones Community Center is part of the Pine Forest neighborhood and received a major renovation in 2001. The center offers senior citizen programs and youth summer camps.

Free Weight Training  
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., M - F  
2:30 - 7:30 p.m., M - F

## **MARY L. GIBBS CENTER**

(904) 573-3153  
6974 Wilson Blvd. - 32210  
11 a.m. - 9 p.m., M - F, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sa

The Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center is home to the charter S.O.S. Middle/High School, the Sweetwater Athletic Association (youth football & cheerleading) and Barco Field.

Aerobics/Fitness            6 - 7 p.m., M, W  
Line Dancing                6 - 7:30 p.m., Th

## **ROBERT F. KENNEDY CENTER**

(904) 630-0933  
1133 Ionia St. - 32206  
8 a.m. - 6 p.m., M - F

Kennedy Center is located in the historic Springfield Neighborhood in downtown Jacksonville. Indoor activities include arts and crafts, billiards and foosball and an indoor gymnasium for basketball or volleyball. Outdoor activities at the center include a softball field, swimming pool, tennis courts, playground area and outdoor basketball courts.

Church Basketball League    6 - 8 p.m., F  
Walk It Out                      6 - 8 p.m., M, W, F  
Free Weight Training            noon - 5 p.m., M - F

\*\* Schedules are subject to change.\*\*

## **COMMUNITY CENTERS**

JaxParks manages more than 24 community centers located throughout the city. These facilities are wonderful neighborhood assets providing opportunities for a diverse range of recreational, cultural and educational activities for people of all ages.

Balis Center  
(904) 306-2148  
1513 LaSalle St. - 32207  
2:30 - 7:30 p.m., M - F

Blue Cypress Center  
(904) 745-5466  
4012 University Blvd. - 32277  
(Rentals only)

Charles Clark  
(904) 924-5351  
8792 Sibbald Road - 32208  
(Rentals only)

Dinsmore Center  
(904) 924-5330  
7126 Civic Club Drive - 32219  
2:30 - 7:30 p.m., M - F

Johnnie Walker  
(904) 630-0321  
2500 W. 20th St. - 32209  
2:30 - 7:30 p.m., M - F



## Community Centers

Julian Barrs Center  
(904) 693-4909  
10151 Crystal Springs Road - 32221  
2:30 - 7:30 p.m., M - F

Lewis/Cobb Center  
(904) 765-6753  
4511 Portsmouth Drive - 32208  
(Rentals only)

McGirts Creek Center  
(904) 573-3183  
8435 118th St. - 32244  
(Rentals only)

Mitchell Center  
(904) 630-0331  
1010 Acorn St. - 32209  
2:30 - 7:30 p.m., M - F

Oceanway Center  
(904) 751-3386  
12215 Sago Ave. - 32218  
2:30 - 7:30 p.m., M - F

Westside Center  
(904) 630-5068  
1083 Line St. - 32209  
2:30 - 7:30 p.m., M - F

Windy Hill Center  
(904) 565-2669  
10540 Anders Blvd. - 23346  
2:30 - 7:30 p.m., M - F





# Enjoy summer adventures

Summer camps typically feature fun activities like games, sports and art. You'll certainly find all of those activities at JaxParks this summer. However, considering the unique resources and amenities of our wonderfully diverse park system, you can experience even more unique adventures in JaxParks. Your children will be able to explore the beaches and learn to surf at our Ocean Camp. Or go fishing on the St. Johns River at a Day-Enrichment Camp. They can even take their first tennis lessons at a Tennis Camp, where instruction will be geared to your child's specific skill level.

### Camps are offered in three two-week sessions:

Session 1      June 19 – June 30, 2017  
Session 2      July 3 – 14\*, 2017  
Session 3      July 17 - 29, 2017

\*Camps will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in honor of Independence Day.

### Summer Camp Vouchers

Financial vouchers are available for qualifying families participating in JaxParks' Day-Enrichment Camp. The vouchers are limited and will be provided through a lottery system.

Attendance at any one of seven voucher verification events is required to obtain a lottery ticket. Participants will need to bring all relevant paperwork to these events. Details on what is required are available online at [jaxparks.com](http://jaxparks.com).

Voucher Lottery Date: April 27, 2017

#### Voucher Verification Events:

M.L. Gibbs, 6974 Wilson Blvd.  
Noon - 6 p.m., April 17 - 18, 2017

Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m., April 19 - 20, 2017

Balis Center, 1513 LaSalle St.  
Noon - 7 p.m., April 20 – April 21, 2017

### DAY-ENRICHMENT CAMP

Campers will explore nature, play team sports, challenge their game skills and tap into

their creative imagination while developing education and social skills. They will also meet guest speakers and enjoy trips to Hanna and Huguenot parks, the Jacksonville Zoo and main library. Add to all of that a boat ride along the St. Johns River for a day of fishing and no one will want to miss this JaxParks summer camp.

*All sessions are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday*

Base Fee:      \$75 per two-week session  
Activity Fee:    \$20 per two-week session

Extended Day: \$20 per two-week session  
7 - 8 a.m./5 - 6 p.m.)

Ages: 6 - 12

Weekdays: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday

#### Locations:

- Balis, 1513 LaSalle St., 32207
- Cecil Recreation, 13611 Normandy Blvd., 32221
- Cuba Hunter, 3620 Bedford Road, 32207
- Emmett Reed, 1093 W. Sixth St., 32209
- H.T. Jones, 3856 Grant Road, 32207

# Summer Camps & Programs

- Julian Barrs, 10151 Crystal Springs Road, 32221
- Legends, 5130 Soutel Drive, 32208
- M.L. Gibbs, 6974 Wilson Blvd., 32210
- Oceanway, 12215 Sago Ave., 32218
- R.F. Kennedy, 1133 Ionia St., 32206
- Windy Hill, 10445 Anders Blvd., 32246

Contact: (904) 255-7900

## OCEAN CAMP

Participants will explore the waters and shores at JaxParks' premier oceanfront park. Surfing, sand castle building, beach art, volleyball and environmental adventures are all on the list of things to do during this exciting camp.

All sessions are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday

Fee: \$150 per session

Extended Day: \$25 per session  
7 - 9 a.m./4 - 6 p.m.

Ages: 8 - 15

Weekdays: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Hanna Park  
500 Wonderwood Drive

Contact: (904) 255-7927

Participants must pass a pre-registration swim test. Tests are offered at Fletcher and Sandalwood pools during normal operational hours.

## TENNIS CAMP

JaxParks youth tennis campers experience tennis instruction and skill games during the three 2 week sessions offered at each site. This camp is about fitness, fun, fundamentals and friends, as well as skill development. Kids are put in appropriate age and ability groups to achieve maximum exposure to the health and physical aspects of tennis. Participation is based on age and skill level.

Camp categories include 10 and Under Tennis for ages 6 and 7, 10 and Under Tennis for ages 8 through 10 and Advanced Beginners for ages 11 through 13.

### 10 and Under Tennis (6 - 7)

8 - 9:30 a.m., Monday - Thursday  
36' court only

- Session One: June 19 - 23, June 26 - 30
- Session Two: July 3 - 7, July 10 - 13
- Session Three: July 17 - 20, July 24 - 28

### 10 and Under Tennis (8 - 10)

8 - 11 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays  
60' court

- Session One: June 20, 22, 27, 29
- Session Two: July 6, 7, 11, 13,
- Session Three: July 18, 20, 25, 27

### Advanced Beginners (11 - 15)

8 - 11 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays  
78' Full Court

- Session One: June 19, 21, 26, 28
- Session Two: July 3, 5, 10, 12
- Session Three: July 17, 19, 26, 28

Fee: \$40 per two-week session

Ages: 6 - 15

Locations:  
Boone Tennis Complex  
3700 Park St.

C.T. Brown Tennis Courts  
4575 Moncrief Road

Southside Tennis Complex  
1539 Hendricks Ave.

**Can't wait until the summer? We've got a couple camp-etizers to tide you over until June.**

## HOLIDAY BLAST CAMP

January 3-6, 2017  
8:00am-5:00pm  
Various Gym Sites

Camp offered at gym sites for youth ages 6-12. Youth participate in recreation activities, academic enrichment and arts & crafts.

## SPRING BREAK CAMP

March 20-24, 2017  
8:00am-5:00pm  
Various Gym Sites

Camp offered at gym sites for youth ages 6-12. Youth participate in recreation activities, academic enrichment and arts & crafts.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

JaxParks' Summer Programs provide youth and teens with safe, structured activities during their summer recess from school. Program sites are located throughout Jacksonville and all activities are free of charge. Daytime programs are geared to youth ages 6 through 14. Programming designed for older teens happens during the evening hours in an effort to provide teenagers with positive, safe alternatives to crime and violence.

### Summer Night Lights

*Involved Communities Create Change*

JaxParks Summer Night Lights (SNL) provides impact programming for teens in an effort to reduce crime and offer alternative solutions for youth during the evenings. The teen anti-crime, anti-violence initiative kicks off its summer activities on Thursday, June 15, at three hub sites and eight pool locations. Activities will extend from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday and from 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday through August 5, 2017.

#### Hub Locations:

- C.T. Brown, 4575 Moncrief Road, 32208
- Emmett Reed, 1093 W Sixth St., 32209
- M.L. Gibbs, 6974 Wilson Blvd, 32210

#### Pool Locations:

- Charles Clark, 8793 Sibbald Road, 32208
- C.T. Brown, 4415 Moncrief Road, 32208
- Emmett Reed, 1093 W 60th St, 32209
- Eugene Butler, 900 Acorn St, 32209
- Harts Road, 11597 Harts Road, 32218
- R.F. Kennedy, 1139 Ionia St, 32206
- Thomas Jefferson, 390 N Jackson Ave, 32220
- Woodland Acres, 8200 Kona Ave, 32211

### Rec N' Roll Jax

Ages 6 - 14

Rec N' Roll Jax returns for full time for summer. The urban parks initiative provides free, structured and non-structured activities in 18 parks from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, June 12 through August 4, 2017.

#### Locations:

- Bruce Park, 6549 Arlington Road, 32211
- Clanzel T. Brown Park, 4575 Moncrief Road, 32208
- Grunthal Park, 1660 W. 13th St., 32209
- Henry Kooker Park, 2500 West 20th Street, 32206
- Jacksonville Heights Elementary School Park, 7701 Wheat Road, 32244
- Johnnie Walker Park, 2500 West 20th St., 32209
- Julius Guinyard Park, 1359 Jefferson St., 32209
- Lewis Cobb Park, 4511 Portsmouth Avenue, 32208
- Sweetwater Playground Park, 7220 Esther Street, 32210
- Tallulah Park, 336 Tallulah Ave., 32208
- Willowbranch Park, 2870 Sydney St., 32205
- Woodstock Park, 2839 West Beaver St., 32209
- Yancey Park, 3352 Soutel Drive, 32208



# Serve up some fun

Like swimming, Tennis is another lifetime sport that can be enjoyed by everyone from youth to seniors. The health advantages can include improved heart health, balance and coordination among many other fitness benefits. Whether you like to play tennis recreationally or competitively, want to improve your form and technique, or desire to learn the game for the first time, JaxParks has you covered. With three professional tennis complexes, you can take advantage of lessons, open play, league play and much more through the United States Tennis Association (USTA). For young learners, USTA's Quickstart program for ages 6 through 10 expertly instructs your child using specialized tennis equipment and coaching strategies.

### Locations:

- Boone Park Tennis Complex  
(904) 384-8687  
3730 Park St. - 32205
- C.T. Brown Tennis Complex  
(904) 768-2120  
4575 Moncrief Rd. - 32209
- Southside Tennis Complex  
(904) 399-1761  
1539 Hendricks Ave. - 32207

Call each tennis facility or visit [jaxparks.com](http://jaxparks.com) and select "Athletics" for more information regarding operational hours, holiday hours, programs, lessons, clinics, leagues and court use.

### FALL AND WINTER LEAGUE SCHEDULE

#### C.T. Brown Tennis Complex

- USTA - Adult Men  
Sa, times to be determined
- Working Women's Tennis League - A2, B1  
1 - 3 p.m. Saturday

#### Boone Park Tennis Complex

- First Coast Tennis Association - Ladies A  
9 a.m. to noon, Thursday (4 courts)

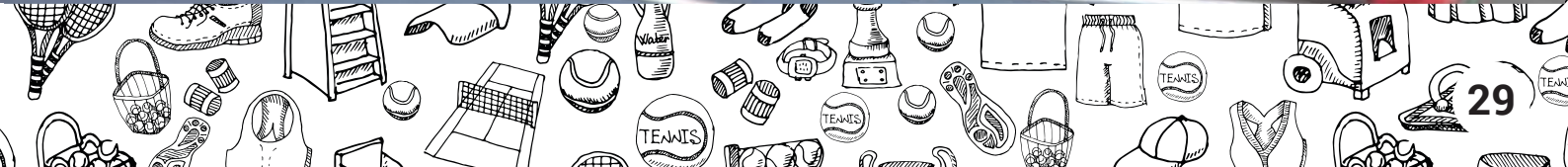
- First Coast Tennis Association - Ladies B  
9 a.m. to noon, Friday
- Inter-Club - Ladies A1 and A2 (7 courts)  
9 a.m. to noon, Thursday
- Inter-Club - Ladies B1 and B2 (7 courts)  
9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday
- Inter-Club - Ladies C1  
9 a.m. to noon, Thursday
- North Florida Tennis Association  
Mixed Doubles 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0  
6:30 p.m., Friday
- USTA - Adult Men  
Saturday, times to be determined
- Working Women's Tennis League - A1, A2 and C2  
1 - 3 p.m., Saturday

#### Southside Tennis Complex

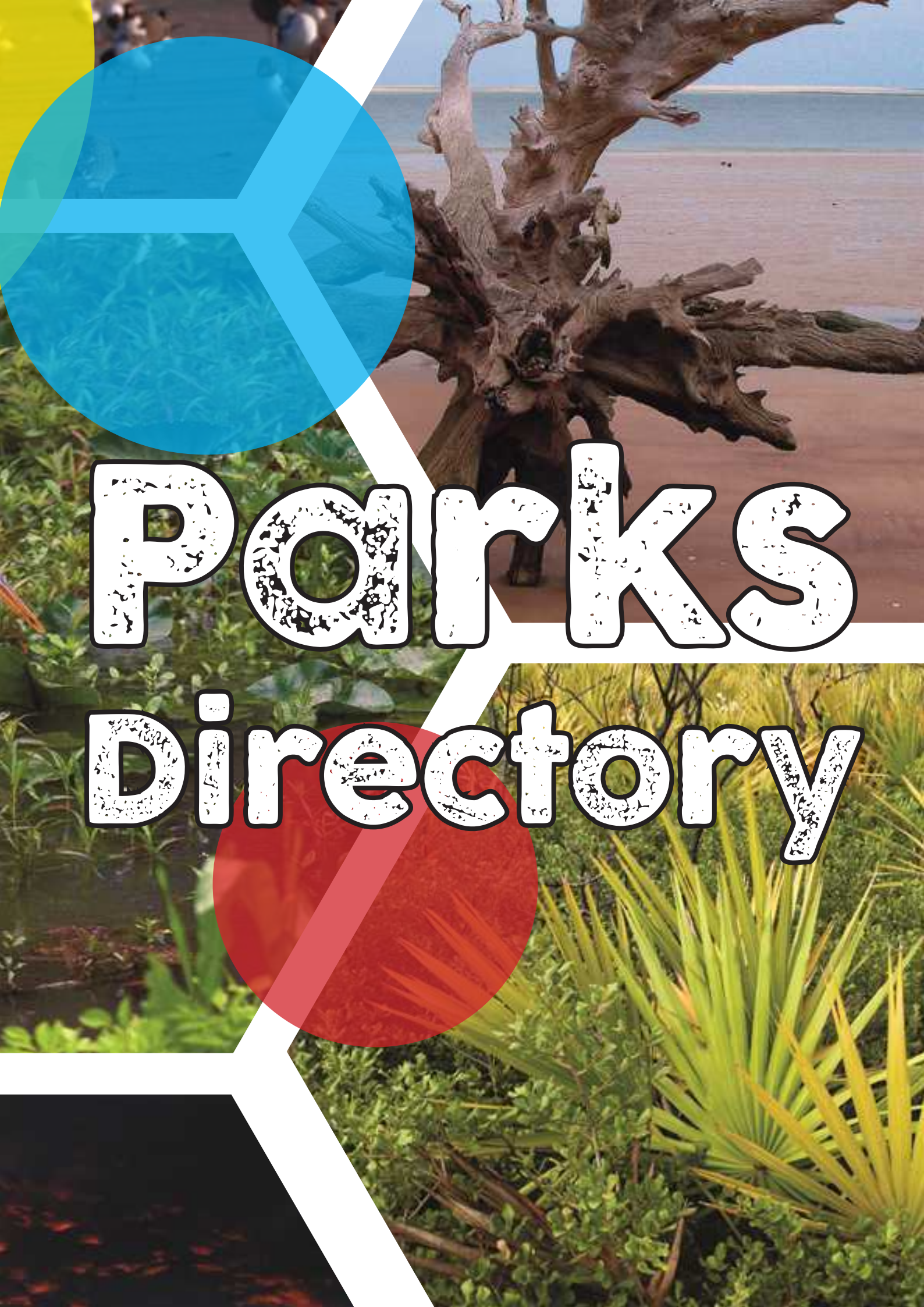
- First Coast Tennis Association - Ladies A1  
9 a.m. to noon, Thursday
- First Coast Tennis Association - Ladies C1  
9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday
- N. Florida Tennis Association - Mixed Doubles - 8.0  
6:30 p.m., Friday
- Working Women's Tennis League - A1, B1, B3 and C1  
1 - 3 p.m., Saturday



# Tennis Programs







# Parks Directory

# Jacksonville is a model city for the NPS Urban Agenda Initiative

**T**he National Park Service (NPS) is celebrating its 100th birthday by looking ahead to its next century and that forward-thinking approach directly benefits JaxParks and the community. Jacksonville is one of just 10 U.S. cities – and the only city in the Southeast – designated as a model city for the NPS Urban Agenda initiative.

The Urban Agenda, which coincides with the NPS's centennial celebration, is all about building relationships,

forging partnerships and identifying resources that help connect local, state and national parks to the next generation of park visitors and supporters. In receiving the model city designation, Jacksonville joins Boston, Detroit, New York, Philadelphia, Richmond (Virginia), Richmond (California), St. Louis, Tucson and Washington, D.C.

“While we celebrate the achievements of the past 100 years, this effort is really about ensuring our national, state

and local parks; public lands; and public waters are relevant to all Americans in the next century,” said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, whose department oversees the NPS.

The job of engaging potential partners, seeking funding and expertise, and connecting to a new generation of park patrons belongs to the Urban Fellows assigned to each model city. Nathan Souder, an NPS park ranger, is the Urban Fellow devoted to Jacksonville.



“The majority of my time is trying to understand community needs and then designing programming and structure so that ultimately it can increase relevancy,” Souder said.

Created on August 25, 1916 when President Woodrow Wilson signed the act establishing it, the National Park Service was initially responsible for 35 national parks and monuments. Today, the NPS system includes 412 areas including parks, monuments, historic sites, recreation areas and more across 84-million acres. The NPS presence in Jacksonville includes the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, a natural and cultural resource considered to be one of the Atlantic coast’s last unspoiled expanses of wetlands. The Timucuan Preserve also includes Fort Caroline.

Right now, national parks are enjoying record attendance, according to Souder. However, the demographic of current park goers doesn’t match the changing demographic of America, which includes more people of color and more people living in urban areas. As it turns 100, NPS recognizes the need to broaden its appeal to new and more diverse audiences.

“We need to become part of the community, which means we need to go outside of the park,” Souder said. “We need to go to the people and learn from them. We want to be part of the community as opposed to something that’s adjacent to it that people come and visit.”

# 2016

## National Park Service CENTENNIAL

One way you can help celebrate the National Park Service’s 100th anniversary is by joining its #FindYourPark campaign. The campaign encourages you to discover what parks have to offer and share your own experiences on social media. Whether it’s a local, state or national park, post a video explaining why your park is special to you.

# FIND YOUR PARK





# Let nature teach you something new today

Living in Jacksonville, you have the opportunity to explore and enjoy the largest urban park system in the country. Our Environmental Education programs offer you and your family in-depth and eye-opening experiences to help you learn about many of the plant, animal and nature elements that make our parks so exciting and wonderful. From snakes, spiders and bats, to wildflowers and beaches, you can learn about our area's natural treasures present and past through both outdoor activities and indoor programs. Participants should dress for the weather, wear closed toe shoes and bring insect repellent and water. For information on programs or to schedule field trips please call (904) 573-2498. Please note that programs may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. JaxParks also maintains 15 Environmental Parks throughout Duval County providing more opportunities for exploration and adventure. You'll find a complete list on page 38.

## Indoor Programs

Activities and workshops that span the gamut of our great outdoors presented indoors. For information on programs or to schedule field trips please call (904) 573-2498. Please note that programs may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

### SEPTEMBER

#### Butterfly Bonanza

Join us for a discussion on wildflowers that attract butterflies and the many butterfly species that appear in Northeast Florida.

- Sunday, Sep. 11  
Tillie K. Fowler  
Regional Park  
11 a.m. – noon  
(Meet at Nature Center)

### OCTOBER

#### Florida's Ancient Animals

Join us for a discussion of the animals that lived in prehistoric Florida. We'll examine replica teeth from Mammoth, Mastodon and Megalodon.

- Wednesday, Oct. 5  
Tillie K. Fowler  
Regional Park  
10-11 a.m.  
(Meet at Nature Center)

#### Turtles & Tortoises

Learn about the threatened Gopher Tortoise as well as other aquatic and terrestrial turtles found in Florida.

- Sunday, Oct. 9  
Tillie K. Fowler  
Regional Park  
2-3 p.m.  
(Meet at Nature Center)

## Adult Nature Study

This program is for ages eighteen (18) years old and older and combines a topical discussion held indoors, followed by an easy nature walk outdoors.

- Monday, Oct. 31  
Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park  
10-11 a.m.  
(Meet at Nature Center)

## NOVEMBER

### Turtles & Tortoises

Learn about the threatened Gopher Tortoise as well as other aquatic and terrestrial turtles found in Florida.

- Sunday, Nov. 6  
Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park  
11 a.m. - noon  
(Meet at Nature Center)

### Beaks and Feet

Learn about bird lifestyles by looking at the clues given by examining replicas of their beaks and feet.

- Tuesday, Nov. 8  
Camp Milton Historic Preserve  
10-11 a.m.  
(Meet at Education Building)

### Adult Nature Study

This program is for ages eighteen (18) years old and older and combines a topical discussion held indoors, followed by an easy nature walk outdoors.

- Wednesday, Nov. 9  
Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park  
10-11 a.m.  
(Meet at Nature Center)

### Nature Discovery

Join us for a closer look at Florida's flora and fauna inside the Nature Center.

- Wednesday, Nov. 16  
Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park  
10-11 a.m.  
(Meet at Nature Center)

## DECEMBER

### Adult Nature Study

This program is for ages eighteen (18) years old and older and combines a topical discussion held indoors, followed by an easy nature walk outdoors.

- Wednesday, Dec. 14  
Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park  
10-11 a.m.  
(Meet at Nature Center)

### Beaks and Feet

Learn about bird lifestyles by looking at the clues given by examining replicas of their beaks and feet.

- Wednesday, Dec. 14  
Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park  
1-2 p.m.  
(Meet at Nature Center)

### Moths & More

Learn about an underappreciated member of the order Lepidoptera.

- Sunday, Dec. 18  
Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park  
11 a.m. - noon  
(Meet at Nature Center)

## Outdoor Programs

Immerse yourself in natural Northeast Florida. Dress for the weather and wear closed toe shoes. Bring insect repellent and water. For information on programs or to schedule field trips please call (904) 573-2498. Please note that programs are presented weather permitting and may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

## SEPTEMBER

### Beach Walk and Talk

Set out on a guided tour of Huguenot Memorial Park and portions of the Great Florida Birding Trail. Weather permitting.

- Sunday, Sep. 11  
Huguenot Memorial Park \* §  
2-3 p.m.  
(Meet outside Nature Center)

### Guided Walk

Join us for a leisurely guided walk on the Tower Trail. Weather permitting.

- Sunday, Sep. 25  
Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park  
10-11 a.m.  
(Meet at Nature Center)

## OCTOBER

### Beach Walk and Talk

Set out on a guided tour of Huguenot Memorial Park and portions of the Great Florida Birding Trail. Weather permitting.

- Saturday, Oct. 8  
Huguenot Memorial Park \* §  
2-3 p.m.  
(Meet outside Nature Center)

### Trail Walk and Talk

Leisurely explore various trails in Northeast Florida with a guided tour. Weather permitting.

- Monday, Oct. 3  
Castaway Island Preserve  
9-9:30 a.m.  
(Meet at Education Building)
- Monday, Oct. 3  
Dutton Island Preserve \* +  
10-10:30 a.m. & 10:30-11 a.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 4  
Cedar Point Preserve \* +  
9-9:30 a.m. and 9:30-10 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 6  
Julington-Durbin Preserve \* +  
9-10 a.m.
- Monday, Oct. 17  
Sal Taylor Creek Preserve \*  
10-11 a.m.
- Monday, Oct. 17  
McGirts Creek Preserve \*  
3-4 p.m.  
(Meet at first soccer pavilion)
- Monday, Oct. 24  
Blue Cypress Park  
1-2 p.m.  
(Meet at fishing pier)

# NatureScope Programs

## Discovery Walk

Join a parks naturalist for a leisurely walk highlighting our preserves. Weather permitting.

- Tuesday, Oct. 4  
Beach and Peach Urban Park \* +  
10-11 a.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 18  
Ribault River Preserve +  
10-11 a.m.
- Monday, Oct. 24  
Reddie Point Preserve \*+  
10-11 a.m.  
(Meet at fishing pier)

## Wildflower Walk

Join a parks naturalist as we seek out seasonal wildflowers. Weather permitting.

- Tuesday, Oct. 4  
Beach and Peach Urban Park \* +  
11 a.m. - noon
- Monday, Oct. 17  
Sal Taylor Creek Preserve \*  
11 a.m. - noon
- Monday, Oct. 17  
McGirts Creek Preserve \*  
2-3 p.m.  
(Meet at first soccer pavilion)
- Friday, Oct. 21  
Julington-Durbin Preserve \* +  
9-10 a.m.

## Outdoor Observations

Exercise your powers of observation while on a guided walk. Weather permitting.

- Tuesday, Oct. 18  
Ribault River Preserve +  
11 a.m. - noon
- Monday, Oct. 24  
Reddie Point Preserve \*+  
9-10 a.m.  
(Meet at fishing pier)
- Monday, Oct. 24  
Blue Cypress Park  
noon-1 p.m.  
(Meet at fishing pier)

## Guided Walk

Join us for a leisurely guided walk on the Tower Trail.

Weather permitting.

- Sunday, Oct. 23  
Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park  
11 a.m. - noon  
(Meet at Nature Center)

## Bike Hikes

Join these leisurely nature - based rides along the Jacksonville-Baldwin Rails to Trails. October is Greenways and Trails month. Bring your own bikes. Riders age 16 and under must wear helmets. Meet at Camp Milton Historic Preserve Parking Lot. Weather permitting.

Monday, Oct. 10

- 9-10 a.m.
- 10-11 a.m.
- noon - 1 p.m.
- 1-2 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 19

- 9-10 a.m.
- 10-11 a.m.
- noon - 1p.m.
- 1-2 p.m.

## NOVEMBER

### Beach Walk and Talk

Set out on a guided tour of Huguenot Memorial Park and portions of the Great Florida Birding Trail. Weather permitting.

- Sunday, Nov. 6  
Huguenot Memorial Park \* §  
2-3 p.m.  
(Meet outside Nature Center)

### Trail Walk and Talk

Leisurely explore various trails in Northeast Florida with a guided tour. Weather permitting.

- Wednesday, Nov. 2  
Beach and Peach Urban Park +  
10-11 a.m.
- Monday, Nov. 7  
Castaway Island Preserve  
9-9:30 a.m.  
(Meet at Education Building)

- Monday, Nov. 7  
Dutton Island Preserve \* +  
10-10:30 a.m.  
and 10:30-11 a.m.
- Monday, Nov. 7  
Sal Taylor Creek Preserve \*  
10-11 a.m.
- Monday, Nov. 7  
McGirts Creek Preserve \*  
3-4 p.m.  
(Meet at first soccer pavilion)
- Tuesday, Nov. 8  
Cedar Point Preserve \* +  
9-9:30 a.m. and 9:30-10 a.m.
- Monday, Nov. 14  
Reddie Point Preserve \*+  
9-10 a.m.  
(Meet at fishing pier)
- Monday, Nov. 21  
Beach and Peach Urban Park +  
10-11 a.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 29  
Ribault River Preserve +  
11 a.m. - noon

## Outdoor Observations

Exercise your powers of observation while on a guided walk. Weather permitting.

- Wednesday, Nov. 2  
Beach and Peach Urban Park +  
11 a.m. - noon
- Monday, Nov. 7  
Sal Taylor Creek Preserve \*  
11 a.m. - noon
- Thursday, Nov. 10  
Julington-Durbin Preserve \*  
+ 9-10 a.m.
- Monday, Nov. 21  
Beach and Peach Urban Park +  
11 a.m. - noon

## Discovery Walk

Join a parks naturalist for a leisurely walk highlighting our preserves. Weather permitting.

- Monday, Nov. 7  
McGirts Creek Preserve \*  
2-3 p.m.  
(Meet at 1st soccer pavilion)

# NatureScope Programs

- Monday, Nov. 14  
Blue Cypress Park  
1-2 p.m.  
(Meet at fishing pier)

## Hike into History

Join a parks naturalist for a walk and learn about the area's Civil War history. Weather permitting.

- Tuesday, Nov. 8  
Camp Milton Historic Preserve  
11 a.m. – noon  
(Meet at the Education Center)

## Wildflower Walk

Join a parks naturalist as we seek out seasonal wildflowers. Weather permitting.

- Monday, Nov. 14  
Reddie Point Preserve \*+  
10-11a.m.  
(Meet at fishing pier)

- Monday, Nov. 14  
Blue Cypress Park  
noon – 1 p.m.  
(Meet at fishing pier)

- Tuesday, Nov. 29  
Ribault River Preserve +  
10-11 a.m.

## Guided Walk

Join us for a leisurely guided walk on the Tower Trail. Weather permitting.

- Sunday, Nov. 20  
Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park  
3-4 p.m.  
(Meet at Nature Center)

## DECEMBER

### Shorebird Basics

Learn about gulls, terns and various other shorebirds including outdoor identification. Bring binoculars if you have them. Weather permitting.

- Saturday, Dec. 3 Huguenot  
Memorial Park \* \$ 10-11 a.m.  
(Meet outside Nature Center)

### Discovery Walk

Join a parks naturalist for a leisurely walk highlighting our preserves. Weather permitting.

- Friday, Dec. 2  
Julington-Durbin Preserve \* +  
9-10 a.m.
- Monday, Dec. 5  
Sal Taylor Creek Preserve \*  
10-11 a.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 6  
Beach and Peach Urban Park +  
10-11 a.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 13  
Ribault River Preserve +  
11 a.m. – noon

### Trail Walk and Talk

Leisurely explore various trails in Northeast Florida with a guided tour. Weather permitting.

- Monday, Dec. 5  
Castaway Island Preserve  
9-9:30 a.m.  
(Meet at Education Building)
- Monday, Dec. 5  
Dutton Island Preserve \* +  
10-10:30 a.m. and 10:30-11 a.m.
- Monday, Dec. 5  
McGirts Creek Preserve \*  
3-4 p.m.  
(Meet at 1st soccer pavilion)



# Environmental Parks



- Tuesday, Dec. 6  
Cedar Point Preserve \* +  
9-9:30 a.m. and 9:30-10 a.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 6  
Beach and Peach Urban Park +  
11 a.m. - noon
- Monday, Dec. 12
- Castaway Island Preserve  
9-9:30 a.m.  
(Meet at Education Building)
- Monday, Dec. 12  
Dutton Island Preserve \* +  
10-10:30 a.m. and 10:30-11 a.m.
- Monday, Dec. 12  
Blue Cypress Park  
1-2 p.m.  
(Meet at fishing pier)
- Tuesday, Dec. 13  
Cedar Point Preserve \* +  
9-9:30 a.m. and 9:30-10 a.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 13  
Ribault River Preserve +  
10-11 a.m.

## Wildflower Walk

Join a parks naturalist as we seek out seasonal wildflowers. Weather permitting.

- Monday, Dec. 5  
Sal Taylor Creek Preserve \*  
11 a.m. – noon
- Monday, Dec. 12  
Reddie Point Preserve \*+  
10-11 a.m.  
(Meet at fishing pier)

## Outdoor Observations

Exercise your powers of observation while on a guided walk. Weather permitting.

- Monday, Dec. 5  
McGirts Creek Preserve \*  
2-3 p.m.  
(Meet at first soccer pavilion)
- Monday, Dec. 12  
Reddie Point Preserve \*+  
9-10 a.m.  
(Meet at fishing pier)
- Monday, Dec. 12  
Blue Cypress Park  
noon – 1 p.m.  
(Meet at fishing pier)

## Guided Walk

Join us for a leisurely guided walk on the Tower Trail. Weather permitting.

- Sunday, Dec. 11  
Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park  
11 a.m. – noon.  
(Meet at Nature Center)

\* Some terrain may not be appropriate for strollers.

+ Restrooms may not be available at all facilities.

‡ Entrance fees required to enter park.

# Environmental Parks

Beach and Peach Urban Park  
10013 Anders Blvd. - 32246

Blue Cypress Park  
4012 University Blvd. - 32277

Castaway Island Preserve  
2921 San Pablo Rd. S - 32224

Camp Milton Historic Preserve  
1225 Halsema Rd. N - 32220

Cedar Point Preserve  
7116 Cedar Point Rd. - 32226

Dutton Island Preserve Expansion  
793 Dutton Island Dr. - 32223

Huguenot Memorial Park  
10980 Heckscher Dr. - 32226  
(Entrance fees required)

Jacksonville-Baldwin Rails to Trails  
1225 Halsema Rd. N - 32234

Julington-Durbin Preserve  
13200 Bartram Park Blvd. - 32223

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park  
500 Wonderwood Dr. - 32233  
(Entrance fees required)

McGirts Creek Regional Park  
8435 118th St. - 32254

Reddie Point Preserve  
4499 Yachtsman Way - 32277

Ribault River Preserve  
2601 Ribault Scenic Dr. - 32208

Sal Taylor Creek Preserve  
5873 Nathan Hale Rd. - 32221

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park  
7000 Roosevelt Blvd. - 32244

## Specialty Parks

**Bethesda Park and Center**  
(904) 764-5531  
10790 Key Haven Blvd. - 32218

Park hours: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily

ADA-accessible recreation complex with 16-acre stocked lake and rental cabins

**Confederate Park Dog Park**  
(904) 630-CITY  
956 Hubbard St. - 32206

Park hours: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily

Picnic pavilions and designated large and small dog areas

**Cuba Hunter Skate Park**  
(904) 858-1366  
3620 Bedford Road - 32207

Park hours: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily

10,000-square-foot skateboard facility, 6-foot half pipe and 7-foot quarter pipe, jump boxes and multiple rails, bank ramp with a pyramid, nature trail, community center and gymnasium.

**Friendship Fountain Park**  
(904) 630-2489  
Southbank Riverwalk - 32207

Park hours: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily

Open green space and seating along riverfront, iconic Friendship Fountain

**Huguenot Memorial Park**  
(904) 251-3335  
10980 Heckscher Drive - 32226

April - October  
Park hours: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

November - March  
Park hours: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Oceanfront with swimming, fishing and surfing; picnic shelters, camping and access to the Great Florida Birding Trail.

**Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park**  
(904) 247-4700  
500 Wonderwood Drive - 32233

April - October  
Park hours: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

November - March  
Park hours: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Oceanfront plus 60-acre stocked freshwater lake, youth water park, picnic areas, camping for RVs, tents and cabins, hiking and biking trails and Dolphin Plaza event rental facility.

**Walter Jones Historical Park**  
(904) 268-0784  
11964 Mandarin Road - 32223

Park hours: 7 a.m. - sunset daily

Museum hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sa

Mandarin Historical Society Museum, boardwalk along St. Johns River and visual replicas of old farm house and barn from the area.

**To receive 2017 NatureScope program information contact Jean Schubert, [schubert@coj.net](mailto:schubert@coj.net) (904) 573-2498.**



# Walk or run 26.2 for a healthier you

Mayor Lenny Curry encourages all Duval County residents to run or walk 26.2 miles a month. By completing a MAYORTHON each month, citizens are joining the journey to a healthier Jacksonville!

## Parks with paved walking paths with marked distances

- Jacksonville-Baldwin Rail Trail = 14.5 miles  
850 N. Center St. a., 32234
- S-Line Rail Trail = 4.5 miles  
Jax Main Street, 32206
- Lonnie Miller = 0.6 miles  
7689 Price Ln., 32209
- Bob Hayes = 0.5 miles\*  
5054 Soutel Dr., 32208
- Riverview Park = 0.2 miles\*  
9620 E, Water Street, 32208
- James Field = 0.3 miles  
1701 Myrtle Ave., N. 32209
- Ed Austin = 1.7 miles\*  
11751 McCormick Rd., 32225
- Drew = 0.5 miles  
6621 Barnes Rd. S, 32216
- Losco = 0.5 miles  
10931 Hood Rd., 32257
- Woodstock = 0.5 miles\*  
2839 West Beaver Street, 32209
- Elizabeth "Betty" Wolfe Park = 0.25 miles  
3320 Chrysler Dr., 32257
- Palmetto Leaves Regional Park = 0.5 miles  
5760 Greenland Rd., 32257

- Huffman Boulevard Park = 0.4 miles  
2775 Huffman Blvd., 32246
- Southside Park = 0.2 miles  
1539 Hendricks Ave., 32207
- Chuck Rogers Park = 0.5 miles  
11950 San Jose Blvd., 32223
- Simonds-Johnson Park = 0.3 miles\*  
3730 Moncrief Rd., 32209
- Memorial Park = 0.25 miles  
1620 Riverside Ave., 32204

## Parks with unpaved trails with marked distances

- Losco Park = 3.1 miles (5K)  
10931 Hood Rd., 32257
- Julington-Durbin Creek Preserve =  
5K, 2 mile, 3 mile and 5 mile marked routes  
13200 Bartram Park Bl., 32233

## Parks with running tracks

- Mallison (outdoor)  
3151 Lenox Avenue, 32254
- Legends (indoor)  
5130 Soutel Drive, 32208
- Cuba Hunter (indoor)  
3620 Bedford Rd., 32207

\*Senior/Community Center located at the Park

## Parks with marked trails





# MAYORTHON

## 26.2 FOR A HEALTHIER YOU!

In an effort to improve the health outcomes of Jacksonville citizens, Mayor Lenny Curry encourages all Duval County residents to run or walk 26.2 miles a month. By completing a **MAYORTHON** each month, citizens are joining the journey to a healthier Jacksonville!

**JOURNEY TO**  
one CITY. one JACKSONVILLE.



**JOURNEY TO ONE** is a citywide health initiative developed by Mayor Curry to help citizens make better choices about exercise, nutrition, weight management, disease prevention and mental well-being. Visit [www.journeytoone.com](http://www.journeytoone.com) to learn more, track your Mayorthon log progress, and view suggested routes featuring Downtown locations and Jacksonville parks.

**EVERY ONE IN EVERY ZIP CODE LIVES WELL**



[TWITTER.COM/CITYOFJAX](https://twitter.com/CITYOFJAX)



[FACEBOOK.COM/CITYOFJAX](https://facebook.com/CITYOFJAX)

**WWW.JOURNEYTOONE.COM**

**CITY OF JACKSONVILLE**

[www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) | [www.journeytoone.com](http://www.journeytoone.com) | 904.630.CITY  
117 W. Duval St. Jacksonville, FL 32202



# Meet Jacksonville's urban fellow, Nathan Souder

Read more about the National Park Service Urban Agenda on page 32.

A native Midwesterner, Nathan Souder enjoyed lots of family vacations in Florida as a child but he had never visited Jacksonville.

“When this opportunity became available, I really knew nothing about Jacksonville. I think I had heard the name but only because of the (Jacksonville) Jaguars, to be honest,” Souder said. “Once I started looking into (JaxParks) and learned that it was the largest urban parks system in the country, I thought, ‘Why have I never heard of Jacksonville?’”

However, in preparing for his assignment, the more he learned about our community, the more he saw big potential.

“I took this job because the opportunity was so great,” Souder said. “Now, it’s a matter of finding the right opportunities and finding the right people who can move things forward.”

Those opportunities include not only resources in the form of local, state and federal park sites like the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, but also in the form of partners focused on youth development, culture, historic preservation and the environment. Additionally, NPS has more than 40 programs, including funding and consulting resources, designed to help local communities.

Souder said it’s critical to create relationships and initiatives “built on rock, not sand” so that progress continues beyond his initial two-year assignment.

However, Souder added that it’s also important to stay open to new trends. A great example is the Pokémon Go craze that’s drawing many first-time visitors to parks and other public places.

“We weren’t relevant to part of society until the game came out

and people came to the park to play it. Because Fort Caroline is a public, free park with exhibits, it has become a popular place to capture creatures using the app. We are now relevant to this new group of visitors,” Souder said. “To me, that’s exactly what we’re talking about. If visitors are outside and they’re moving and there’s an opportunity to engage a new population in a mode and a medium that’s comfortable to them, that’s what we have to do.”

For Souder, the Park Service’s goal to act as “One National Park Service” is a collaborative approach that fits perfectly with Mayor Lenny Curry’s vision for “One City. One Jacksonville.”

“The National Park Service is more than the sum of its parks,” Souder explained. “We want to be part of the community.”

# Your Destination for Exploration, Relaxation and Recreation



## 103rd Street Sports Complex

10244 103rd St. - 32210  
Neighborhood: Jax Heights South  
Acres: 14.5

A distinctive highlight of this facility is its half-mile asphalt Go-Kart track. The North Florida Kart Club, which has been active since the park's early days, hosts regional and national Go-Kart races here and helps with maintenance and park improvements through its fund-raising activities.

### Amenities:

- Bleachers
- Grills
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

## 9A/Baymeadows Regional Park

8000 Baymeadows Rd. E -  
32256  
Neighborhood: Baymeadows  
Acres: 29.9

A dedicated group of neighborhood volunteers, known as Baywatch, plays an important role in the ongoing growth and development of this park located between Baymeadows Road East

and State Road 9A in southeast Jacksonville.

### Amenities:

- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Park Benches
- Parking
- Concession Stand
- Grills
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Soccer Fields



## A. Philip Randolph Heritage Park

1096 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. -  
32206  
Neighborhood: East  
Jacksonville  
Acres: 4.1

This park is named in honor of A. Philip Randolph who grew up in Jacksonville and later became an influential figure in both the Civil Rights Movement and the American labor movement. The park also celebrates the memory of Olympic gold medalist and Dallas Cowboys star Bob Hayes. Hayes, who grew up less than a mile from the park,

is memorialized by a life-sized bronze statue.

### Amenities:

- Amphitheater
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restroom
- Security Lighting

## Adams Park

3419 Riverside Ave. - 32205  
Neighborhood: Avondale  
Acres: 0.08

Located in the historic Avondale neighborhood, this park is named in honor of Mimi Stockton Adams and Lee Adams to commemorate the couple's work on environmental preservation in our community.

### Amenities:

- Park Benches

## Adolph Wurn Park

2115 Dean Rd. - 32216  
Neighborhood: Sans Souci  
Acres: 5.8

This park has a long history in local youth athletics and is home to the Southside Seahawk teams, participants in the Pop Warner youth football program.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Bike Racks
- Concession Stand
- Football Field
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restroom
- Security Lighting
- Swimming Pool

**Alberts Field**

12073 Brady Rd. - 32223  
 Neighborhood: Mandarin  
 Acres: 16.3

Every year hundreds of children participate in organized baseball and softball games at Alberts Field. Named in honor of fine artists Bruno and Ann Alberts, this site has long been home to the Mandarin Sports Association, which has partnered with the City on the maintenance and development of the facility.

**Amenities:**

- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Youth Baseball Fields (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Concession Stand
- Grills
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

**Alejandro Garces Camp Tomahawk Park**

8419 San Ardo Rd. - 32217  
 Neighborhood: Briarwood  
 Acres: 20.5

Oak, pine and maple trees and a creek are highlights of the natural beauty of this park. The park also features trails and places to fish. The playground includes a Satellite Climber, which in 2007 was the first in the nation installed in a public park.

**Amenities:**

- Bike Racks
- Fishing
- Grills
- Multiuse Field
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

**Alimacani Boat Ramp**

11080 Heckscher Dr. - 32226  
 Neighborhood: Fort George Island  
 Acres: 0.7

Located on a scenic stretch of State Road A1A on Xalvis Island, the Alimacani Boat Ramp provides access to the Fort George River and its tributaries. A marsh area offers opportunities for bird watching.

**Amenities:**

- Boat Dock
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Fishing
- Grills
- Manatee Education
- Parking
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Scenic Overlook
- Security Lighting

**Alimacani Elementary School Park**

2051 S. San Pablo Rd. - 32224  
 Neighborhood: Atlantic Highlands  
 Acres: 5.4

This park, operated under a joint-use agreement between Duval County Public Schools and the City of Jacksonville, features many great amenities for youth athletics.

**Amenities:**

- Adult Baseball Field
- Basketball Courts
- Handball Courts
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables

- Playground
- Restrooms
- Soccer Field
- Tennis Courts
- Paved Trail

**Alimacani Park**

11080 Heckscher Dr. - 32226  
 Neighborhood: Fort George Island  
 Acres: 1.2

Located on Xalvis Island adjacent to the Fort George River, Alimacani Park and Fort George Island comprise a portion of the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve. The Alimacani Boat Ramp abuts the park on the west.

**Amenities:**

- Fishing
- Parking

**Andrew Jackson Pool**

128 W 30th St. - 32206  
 Neighborhood: Brentwood  
 Acres: 1.5

Please visit [www.jaxparks.com](http://www.jaxparks.com) for information about hours, swim lessons and other information about this pool location.

**Amenities:**

- Security Lighting
- Swimming Pool

**Angelina Danese Park**

3310 St. Augustine Rd. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: South Riverside  
 Acres: 0.2

This neighborhood park is a perfect place to relax beneath the trees or enjoy the playground with your children.

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

**Archie Dickinson Park**

410 Jackson Rd. - 32225  
 Neighborhood: Atlantic Blvd. Estate  
 Acres: 10



Located north of Atlantic Boulevard between Lee and Jackson Roads, plans for this 10 acre site include tennis courts, a skateboarding area, multipurpose fields and other features.

#### Amenities (Planned):

- Basketball Courts
- Multipurpose fields
- Parking
- Pavilions
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Skateboarding Area
- Tennis Courts

#### Argyle Forest Park

8533 Acanthus Dr. - 32244

Neighborhood: Argyle Forrest

Acres: 9.6

This neighborhood park includes a number of amenities for youth sports including baseball and softball programs organized by the Argyle Athletic Association.

#### Amenities:

- Youth Baseball Field
- Youth Softball Fields (Lighted)

- Bleachers
- Concession Stand
- Grills
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

#### Arlington Lions Club Park

4322-1 Richard Denby Gatlin Rd. - 32277

Neighborhood: University Park

Acres: 30.9

In addition to amenities for boating and fishing, this park's wooded grounds provide abundant nature areas and scenic views. A long boardwalk along the river links this site to the adjacent Blue Cypress Park.

#### Amenities:

- Boat docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Fishing
- Grills
- Manatee Education
- Parking
- Pedestrian Docks
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground





### Arlington Road Boat Ramp

5130 Arlington Rd. - 32211  
 Neighborhood: Monterey  
 Acres: 1

Located in the Arlington area of east Jacksonville, the Arlington Road Boat Ramp is adjacent to the St. Johns River and provides excellent water access to the downtown area.

#### Amenities:

- Boat docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Manatee Education
- Parking
- Security Lighting

### Arlingwood Park

1503 Mill Creek Rd. - 32211  
 Neighborhood: Arlington  
 Acres: 2.6

Arlingwood Park features multiple playground areas as well as a paved walkway.

#### Amenities:

- Bike Racks
- Grills
- Multiuse Field
- Tennis Courts (Lighted)
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting

### Atlantic Beach Elementary

298 Sherry Dr. - 32233  
 Neighborhood: Atlantic Beach  
 Acres: 2.7

Duval County Public Schools and the City of Jacksonville

have a joint use agreement allowing the general public to use the soccer fields at specified times.

#### Amenities:

- Soccer Fields

### Atlantic Highlands Park

1725 Sunnyside Ave. - 32224  
 Neighborhood: Atlantic Highlands  
 Acres: 0.7

This beautiful, tree-canopied park provides a fun playground for neighborhood children.

#### Amenities:

- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

## B

### Baker Point

4045 San Juan Ave. - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Fairfax  
 Acres: 0.4

This site offers a panoramic view of the St. Johns River and downtown Jacksonville. It is a popular location for photographers.

#### Amenities:

- Park Benches



## **Baker Skinner Park**

7641 Powers Ave. - 32217

Neighborhood: South Point

Acres: 37.9

This versatile park is named in honor of A. C. Skinner and Dick Baker in recognition of their commitment to park development in Jacksonville.

### Amenities:

- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Concession Stand
- Grills
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Trail
- Youth Baseball Fields (Lighted)
- Youth Softball Fields (Lighted)

## **Baldwin Middle/Senior High School**

345 North Chestnut St. - 32234

Neighborhood: Baldwin

Acres: 12.5

Duval County Public Schools and the City of Jacksonville have a joint-use agreement for the baseball fields. They are generally available for public use after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and are available on weekends.

### Amenities:

- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Adult Softball Field (Lighted)
- Football Field
- Parking
- Security Lighting
- Swimming Pool

## **Balis Park**

2000 San Marco Blvd. - 32207

Neighborhood: San Marco

Acres: 0.2

Located in The Square at San Marco, this beautiful park honors the memory of longtime San

Marco residents Sheffield and Abba Balis. Mrs. Balis funded the initial development of the park and her estate paid for later improvements.

### Amenities:

- Park Benches
- Security Lighting

## **Barney Browning Park**

6014 Norwood Ave. - 32208

Neighborhood: Tallulah/ North Shore

Acres: 2.9

Named in honor of businessman and North Jacksonville community leader Barney H. Browning Sr. (1917-1975), the park features lighted areas for basketball and softball.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Youth Softball Field (Lighted)

## **Bay and Broad Pocket Park**

529 Bay St. W - 32202

Neighborhood: Downtown Jacksonville

Acres: 0.25

This park, located on the northeast corner of Bay and Broad Streets, features a landscaped plaza with benches.

### Amenities:

- Park Benches

## **Beach and Peach Urban Park**

10013 Anders Blvd. - 32246

Neighborhood: Windy Hill

Acres: 72.1

This park, which contains a five-acre pond, gets its name from nearby Beach Boulevard and Peach Drive. The area provides opportunities for picnics, fishing, wildlife observation and much more.

### Amenities:

- Bike Racks
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Fishing
- Grills
- Picnic Tables
- Trail

## **Beach Blvd. Boat Ramp**

8540 Beach Blvd. - 32216

Neighborhood: Kilarney Shores

Acres: 0.5

The Beach Boulevard Boat Ramp is located in southeast Jacksonville along Big Pottsburg Creek, just south of Beach Boulevard.

### Amenities:

- Boat Dock
- Boat Ramp
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Fishing
- Manatee Education
- Parking
- Pedestrian Dock
- Security Lighting
- Trail

## **Beachwood Center and Park**

11758 Marina Dr. - 32246

Neighborhood: Beachwood

Acres: 2.1

Features of this neighborhood park include areas for athletics, picnics and a well-equipped playground.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike Racks
- Community Center
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Youth Baseball Field

## **Bee Street Park**

720 South Shores Rd. - 32207

Neighborhood: Southside

Acres: 8.3

The City has preserved this park in its natural state. Dense thickets, trees, marsh and a creek from the nearby St. Johns River prevent access to much of this area.

### **Belmonte Park**

1440 Belmonte Ave. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: San Marco  
 Acres: 0.4

Scenic oak trees surround the park's open expanse of lawn without any man-made amenities. The park is considered a prototype passive neighborhood park.

#### Amenities:

- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches

### **Belvedere Park**

1400 Belvedere Ave. - 32205  
 Neighborhood: Avondale  
 Acres: 0.2

#### Amenities:

- Park Benches
- Playground

### **Bent Creek Golf Course**

10440 Tournament Lane - 32222  
 Neighborhood: Jax Heights South  
 Acres: 246

Golfers have long enjoyed playing Bent Creek Golf Course, the City of Jacksonville's premier public golf course. The championship layout boasts Bermuda grass greens, plush fairways and a state-of-the-art lighted practice facility - home to the Bent Creek Golf Academy. Bent Creek is professionally managed for the City of Jacksonville by Billy Casper Golf.

#### Amenities:

- 18 Hole Golf Course
- Parking

### **Bert Maxwell Boat Ramp**

500 Maxwell Rd. - 32218  
 Neighborhood: Highlands  
 Acres: 4.3

The Bert Maxwell Boat Ramp is located in north Jacksonville, just west of the north end of the Trout River (Interstate 95) Bridge. The facility is named for Albert Maxwell (1910-1961), the Superintendent of Duval County's parks and playgrounds, who previously played professional baseball for the Jacksonville Tars, a team established in 1926. This boat ramp provides the best direct access to the lower Trout River.

#### Amenities:

- Boat Docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Fishing
- Grills
- Manatee Education
- Parking
- Pedestrian Docks
- Picnic Shelters
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms

### **Bethesda Park & Center**

10790 Key Haven - 32218  
 Neighborhood: Biscayne Terrace  
 Acres: 49

Bethesda Park is a year-round recreation facility that has the unique feature of being a completely accessible and barrier-free recreation complex. It provides easy access to the outdoors for the physically disabled. The specially designed park offers a wide range of facilities that cater to the needs of both individuals with disabilities and to the general public. Park amenities include a 20-acre stocked fishing lake, boardwalks, cabins, a lodge and picnic facilities.

#### Amenities:

- Boardwalks
- Camping Facilities
- Fishing
- Grills
- Parking
- Pedestrian Docks

- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms

### **Bettes Park**

3800 Bettes Circle - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Ortega  
 Acres: 1.6

Originally known as Ponce de Leon Park, Bettes Park was renamed in honor of local pharmacist and developer Charles Bettes. Situated in the midst of many elegant homes, the park provides benches for relaxing in the shade of picturesque oak trees

#### Amenities:

- Park Benches

### **Betz Tiger Point Preserve**

13990 Pumpkin Hill Road - 32226  
 Neighborhood: Pumpkin Hill  
 Acres: 524.7

Miles of trails with scenic views of nature await visitors to Betz Tiger Point Preserve. The park is open from sunrise to sunset.

#### Amenities:

- Boardwalk
- Equestrian Trails
- Fishing
- Grills
- Observation Deck
- Parking
- Picnic Shelters
- Restrooms
- Trails

### **Beverly Hills Park & Lewis-Cobb Community Center**

4511 Portsmouth - 32208  
 Neighborhood: Sherwood Forrest  
 Acres: 5

In addition to athletic fields and a playground, Beverly Hills Park includes a perimeter walkway provides the opportunity for walking or jogging. The Lewis-Cobb Community Center building is also located on the park grounds.



#### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Community Center
- Grills
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Softball Field

#### **Big Talbot Island State Park**

State Road A1A North - 32226

Neighborhood: Talbot Islands

Enjoy boating, fishing, hiking and much more on Big Talbot Island about 20 miles from downtown Jacksonville. This natural preserve offers a glimpse of Northeast Florida as it was hundreds of years ago. With its diverse habitats, this ecological treasure is ideal for studying plants, birds and other wildlife and the park's 20-foot bluffs provide breathtaking views of the shoreline.

#### Amenities:

- Boat Ramp
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Fishing
- Restrooms
- Picnic Tables
- Pavilions
- Trail

#### **Bird Island**

Heckscher Dr. - 32226

Neighborhood: Fort George Island

Acres: 49.7

Bird Island is a part of the Timucuan Trail partnership, which consists of places of historical, ecological and recreational interest. This section of beach and dunes is protected as a bird habitat and nesting area.

#### **Bishop Circle Park**

5661 Bishop Circle - 32207

Neighborhood: Lakewood

Acres: 0.2

Bishop Circle Park is a .22-acre site located on Jacksonville's Southside, off St. Augustine Road, at its intersection with Powers Avenue.

#### **Bishopswood Park**

6990 Argyle Forest Blvd. - 32244

Neighborhood: Argyle Forrest

Acres: 7.8

Bishopswood Park is located in southwest Jacksonville,



just north of the Orange Park area. The park includes benches for relaxing and a playground.

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches
- Playground

**Black Hammock Island Park**

15770 Sawpit Rd. - 32226

Neighborhood: Black Hammock Island

Acres: 24.5

Since the park's inception, the island's Civic Association has played a leading role in the development and management of the property. The park includes athletic fields and a community center.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Community Center
- Grills
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Tennis Courts
- Trail
- Youth Baseball Field

**Blue Cypress Park & Community Center**

4012 University Blvd. N - 32277

Neighborhood: University Park

Acres: 119.8

This multi-faceted facility includes a number of amenities for sports and athletics along with many recreational features including a community center.

**Amenities:**

- Bike Racks
- Bleachers
- Boardwalk
- Community Center
- Concession Stand
- Fishing
- Golf Course (Nine Holes)
- Grills
- Parking
- Pedestrian Dock
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Soccer Field

**Bob Hayes Sports Complex Next to Legends Center**

5054 Soutel Dr. - 32208

Neighborhood: Harborview

Acres: 25.2

The Bob Hayes Sports Complex includes a number of amenities for sports and athletics along with many recreational features including picnic areas and a community center.



**Amenities:**

- Bleachers
- Concession Stand
- Grills
- Parking
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restroom
- Soccer Fields
- Trail

**Bogey Creek Landing**

5420 Cedar Point Rd. - 32226  
 Neighborhood: Black Hammock Island  
 Acres: 6.5  
 This park site is undeveloped.

**Boone Park**

3700 Park Street - 32205  
 Neighborhood: Avondale  
 Acres: 26.3  
 In additions to areas for picnics and play, the Boone Park Tennis Complex is also located at this site.

**Amenities:**

- Bike Racks
- Bleachers
- Grills
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Tennis Courts (Lighted)

**Brackridge Park**

8650 Newton Rd. - 32216  
 Neighborhood: Brackridge  
 Acres: 21.9  
 Located in southeast Jacksonville, Brackridge Park features a large playground area and multiuse fields. The Jacksonville Jaguars Soccer Club provides much of the operation and maintenance of the soccer complex through a licensing agreement with the City.

**Amenities:**

- Bleachers

- Concession Stand
- Multiuse Field
- Parking
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Soccer Fields

**Brandy Branch Trailhead**

Beaver St. W - 32234  
 Neighborhood: Baldwin  
 Acres: 108  
 This is currently an undeveloped property along the Jacksonville-Baldwin Rail Trail. Future plans call for a trailhead site.

**Brannan Field Park**

7809 Forest Trail Rd. - 32222  
 Neighborhood: Chimney Lakes  
 Acres: 8.9  
 This park site is dedicated for wetland mitigation.

**Brooklyn Park**

1201 Jackson St. - 32204  
 Neighborhood: Brooklyn  
 Acres: 2

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Youth Baseball Field
- Park Benches

**Brookview Elementary School Park**

10441 McAleer Rd. - 32246  
 Neighborhood: Southside Estates  
 Acres: 7.2  
 Duval County Public Schools and the City of Jacksonville have a joint-use agreement for allowing public use of the park.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Courts (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Concession Stand
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

- Security Lighting
- Youth Softball Fields (Lighted)

**Brown L. Whatley Memorial Park**

Alexandria Place S - 32207  
 Neighborhood: San Marco  
 Acres: 1.7  
 Tree-shaded areas, numerous benches and open spaces combine to provide a pastoral environment at this neighborhood park.

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches

**Bruce Park**

6549 Arlington Rd. - 32211  
 Neighborhood: Arlington  
 Acres: 5.8  
 This community park located in the Arlington neighborhood features a large playground and amenities for athletics.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Courts (Lighted)
- Bike Racks
- Concession Stand
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Tennis Courts
- Youth Baseball Field

**Buck Park**

11128 McCormick Rd. - 32225  
 Neighborhood: Holly Oaks  
 Acres: 4.7

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Youth Softball Field

**Bulls Bay Preserve**

3000 Imeson Rd. - 32220  
 Neighborhood: Bulls Bay  
 Acres: 1220.3  
 Bulls Bay Preserve is part of

a conservation easement for mitigation. The site provides a buffer to a portion of the Jacksonville Baldwin Rail Trail.

**Amenities:**

- Trails

**Burnett Park**

3740 Burnett Park Rd. - 32257  
 Neighborhood: Southwood  
 Acres: 16.4

Burnett Park has been an asset to Mandarin residents for more than 50 years. The park is loaded with amenities for recreation and youth sports.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Community Center
- Concession Stand
- Grills
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Youth Baseball Fields (Lighted)

**Buster Ford Checkerboard Park**

804 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. - 32206  
 Neighborhood: East Jacksonville  
 Acres: 0.2

This park features lots of checkerboard tables for a game of checkers or chess under the shade of large oak trees.

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Security Lighting



**Caleb Park**

10312 Old Gainesville Rd. - 32221  
 Neighborhood: Normandy Estates  
 Acres: 2

Caleb Park is located within the community of Caleb in southwest

Jacksonville, just east of the intersection of Blair Road and Normandy Boulevard.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Youth Softball field

**Cameron Park**

1055 Day Ave. - 32205  
 Neighborhood: Murray Hill  
 Acres: 0.5

Named for Lindsay and Elizabeth Cameron whose family donated the land, this attractive neighborhood park is an open space with abundant trees and benches for relaxing. .

**Camp Milton Historic Preserve**

1225 Halsema Rd. N - 32220  
 Neighborhood: Otis  
 Acres: 280

Named in honor of John Milton (1807-1865), Florida's governor during most of the Civil War, Camp Milton features Civil War artifacts, historic reenactments and an education center.

**Amenities:**

- Bike Racks
- Education Building
- Park Benches
- Parking
- Trails

**Cardinal Park**

4715 Cardinal Blvd. - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Lakeshore  
 Acres: 0.3

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

**Carrol Road Park**

10240 Carrol Rd.- 32246  
 Neighborhood: Southside Estates  
 Acres: 3.9

This passive park is primarily wetlands. No development is planned for this site.

**Carvill Park & Community Center**

1302 Carvill Ave. - 32208  
 Neighborhood: 45th and Moncrief  
 Acres: 3.7

In addition to recreational amenities and a community center, this park is adjacent to a small community swimming pool.

**Amenities:**

- Adult Baseball Field
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Community Center
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Pool

**Castaway Island Preserve**

2921 San Pablo Rd. S - 32224  
 Neighborhood: Holiday Harbors  
 Acres: 306.3

Located along the Intracoastal Waterway, Castaway Island offers ample views of marsh wildlife. You can explore the area from an observation platform, from the wooden boardwalk, along a paved trail, or by kayak or canoe.

**Amenities:**

- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Parking
- Paved Trail
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Education Building
- Wildlife Observation Post

**Catherine Hester McNair Park**

551 W. 25th St. - 32206  
 Neighborhood: Brentwood  
 Acres: 16.7

# jaxparks

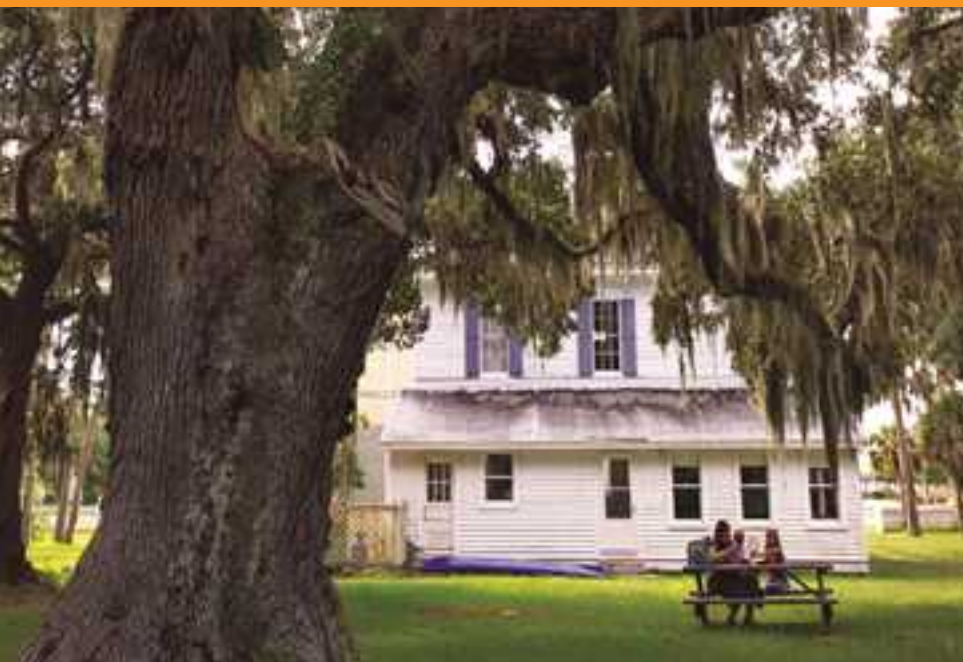
## PARKVENGER HUNT



How many buttons are visible on the sailor's jacket at the Jacksonville Navy Memorial, and what nautical icon decorates them?



Fill in the blanks of this quote from the base of the "Bullet" Bob Hayes statue: God \_\_\_\_ his feet, put a \_\_\_\_ in his soul and gave him a \_\_\_\_ to speak to the world.



Who is this historic home named after and why was this person important?

# Explore the beauty and history of our parks

The gazebo located in Yacht Basin Park (also known as “Mom’s Park”) in the Riverside/Avondale neighborhood is more than a shelter from the hot Florida sun or sudden afternoon rain shower – it’s an intricate piece of art! Avondale artist Kate Garcia Rouh has used small pieces of colored glass, stone and ceramic to craft a whimsical 360-degree mosaic. **If you count carefully you’ll find 14 koi fish swimming among the myriad flora and fauna that decorate this outdoor space.** It’s just one of many sculptures and historic landmarks that can be found in Jacksonville’s parks. Complete our park themed scavenger hunt to experience some more of our favorite waymarks. You can check your answers on page 122.



Which Jacksonville park does this big cat call home?



There's a historic marker sign steps away from this statue in Balis Park. What does the sign say inspired the layout of San Marco Square?



What group of people is the iconic “Life” sculpture by Charles Adrian Pillars located in Memorial Park dedicated to and how many individuals were in that group?

Catherine Hester McNair Park, also known as Brentwood Park, offers a wide range of athletic facilities for youth and adults as well as a variety of playground equipment.

**Amenities:**

- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Basketball Courts (Lighted)
- Bike Racks
- Bleachers
- Community Center
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

**Cecil Field**

13531 Lake Newman Dr. - 32221  
 Neighborhood: Jacksonville Farms

Acres: 378

Cecil Field's history dates to the early years of World War II when new military bases were built across the United States to fight a two-front war. The base was named for Commander Henry Barton Cecil. Cecil Field was decommissioned in 1999 and much of the property was dedicated to active recreational use.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court
- Bleachers
- Community Center
- Concession Stands
- Fishing
- Football Field
- Golf Course (18 Holes)
- Grills
- Gymnasium
- Park Benches
- Parking
- Pedestrian Docks
- Youth Baseball Fields (Lighted)

**Cecil Field Greenway AKA Cecil Field Conservation Corridor**

Normandy Blvd. - 32215  
 Neighborhood: Jacksonville Farms

Acres: 5348

Paved and unpaved trails run through this large area.

**Amenities:**

- Trails

**Cedar Hills Park**

6709 Watoma St. - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Cedar Hills  
 Acres: 12.3

**Amenities:**

- Adult Baseball Field
- Basketball Court
- Bike Racks
- Bleachers
- Concession Stand
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Youth Baseball Fields (Lighted)
- Youth Softball Fields (Lighted)

**Cedar Point Boat Ramp**

12000 Pumpkin Hill Rd. - 32226  
 Neighborhood: Pumpkin Hill  
 Acres: 400

The Cedar Point Ramp provides access to some of the best fishing spots in the region.

**Amenities:**

- Boat Ramp
- Fishing
- Parking

**Cedar Point Preserve**

7116 Cedar Point Rd. - 32226  
 Neighborhood: Pumpkin Hill  
 Acres: 613.5

A wonderful place hiking, biking or horseback riding, Cedar Point Preserve has well-marked trails and a beautiful view of the marsh.

**Amenities:**

- Horse Trails
- Trails

**Cemetery Park**

4000 Liberty St. N - 32209  
 Neighborhood: Brentwood  
 Acres: 1.1

This park presents a scenic

setting of lawn and trees for motorists that have turned on Winona Drive from bustling Main Street and acts as a visual and noise buffer between businesses south of the park and Evergreen Cemetery to the north.

**Amenities:**

- Security Lighting

**Cesery Park**

2601 Cesery Blvd. - 32211  
 Neighborhood: Lake Lucina  
 Acres: .4

The park and boulevard are named for William R. Cesery (1912-1996), a pioneer developer of Arlington.

**Amenities:**

- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting

**Chapelgate Park**

3824 Chapelgate Rd. - 32223  
 Neighborhood: Loretto  
 Acres: 0.16

Chapelgate Park is located in Mandarin's Chapelgate neighborhood, near the intersection of I-295 and Old St. Augustine Road.

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches
- Security Lighting

**Charles "Boobie" Clark Park, Center and Pool**

8793 Sibbald Rd. - 32208  
 Neighborhood: Harborview  
 Acres: 15.3

Formerly called Sherwood Forest Playground, this park was renamed after Jacksonville native Charles E. Clark, a Bethune Cookman College graduate who played pro football for the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals from 1972 until 1982.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Courts (Lighted)
- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)

- Bleachers
- Community Center
- Football Field
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

### Charles Reese Memorial Park

7260 Ken Knight Dr. W - 32208  
 Neighborhood: Ribault

Acres: 3.5

Originally known as Washington Heights Park, this site was renamed in honor of Charles Reese who was an active advocate in the Washington Heights community.

#### Amenities:

- Basketball Court
- Bleachers
- Boat Ramp
- Grills
- Parking
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Volleyball Court

### Cherry Street Park

1865 Cherry St. - 32205  
 Neighborhood: Riverside

Acres: 0.06

Amidst overhanging trees, you can view a wide panorama of the St. Johns River from this site.

#### Amenities:

- Park Benches
- Security Lighting

### Chets Creek Elementary

13200 Chets Creek Blvd. - 32224  
 Neighborhood: Sans Pareil

Acres: 4.8

The Duval County School Board and the City of Jacksonville have a joint-use agreement allowing the general public to use this facility at specified times..

#### Amenities:

- Multiuse Field
- Parking
- Park Benches

- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Soccer Field
- Trails
- Youth Baseball Field
- Youth Softball Field

### Chuck Rogers Park

11950 San Jose Blvd. - 32223  
 Neighborhood: Mandarin

Acres: 14

The park is named for Chuck Rogers (1909-1980), who worked for the Parks and Recreation Department for more than 40 years. Rogers started and ran the City's youth leagues in all sports and was later inducted into the Jacksonville Sports Hall of Fame.

#### Amenities:

- Concession Stand
- Grills
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Soccer Fields
- Trail

### Cisco Gardens Park

4238 Jones Rd. - 32219  
 Neighborhood: Cisco Gardens

Acres: 26.4

#### Amenities:

- Community Center
- Concession Stand
- Grills
- Parking
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Youth Baseball Field
- Youth Softball Fields

### Clanzel T. Brown Park & Community Center

4575 Moncrief Rd. - 32209  
 Neighborhood: 45th and Moncrief

Acres: 21

Originally called Golfair Park, this site was renamed in 1983

in honor of Clanzel T. Brown, a former director of the Urban League and a passionate advocate for civil rights. The park and adjoining tennis complex feature resources for athletes of all skill levels.

#### Amenities:

- Basketball Courts (Lighted)
- Bike Racks
- Bleachers
- Community Center
- Multiuse Field
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

### Colonial Manor Lake Park

3625 San Jose Blvd. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: Miramar

Acres: 5.8

Colonial Manor Lake Park consists of a five-acre lake and a narrow strip of land located along San Jose Blvd.

#### Amenities:

- Park Benches
- Parking

### Columbus Park

2850 Iroquois Ave. - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Ortega

Acres: 1

Columbus Park is one of four circular parks created along Baltic Street. Seen daily by throngs of passing motorists, the grounds contain numerous oak, pine and palm trees.

#### Amenities:

- Park Benches

### Concord Park

7932 Concord Circle E - 32208  
 Neighborhood: Lake Forrest

Acres: 1.4

With several towering pine trees providing shade and visual relief, the park offers a place for fellowship and relaxation.



#### Amenities:

- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting

#### Confederate Park

956 Hubbard St. - 32206  
Neighborhood: Hogans Creek  
Acres: 6

Confederate Park is located near downtown, in the Springfield area of north Jacksonville.

#### Amenities:

- Park Benches
- Security Lighting

#### Confederate Playground

949 Hubbard St. - 32206  
Neighborhood: Springfield  
Acres: 2.8

This park provides open space and recreational facilities for residents of the Springfield and downtown communities.

#### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike Racks
- Dog Park
- Multiuse Field
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Trail

#### Cortez Park

4260 Baltic St. - 32210  
Neighborhood: Ortega  
Acres: 1.7

Set amidst numerous oak trees, the quiet park becomes the site of merry-making during the annual Fall Festival at Old Ortega, which was designated a Historic District and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004.

#### Amenities:

- Park Benches
- Security Lighting

#### County Dock

2400 County Dock Rd. - 32223  
Neighborhood: Mandarin  
Acres: 0.2

County Dock is located at the end of County Dock Road. It is adjacent to Walter Jones Historical Park. There is also a hand launch boat ramp with limited parking.





**Amenities:**

- Boat Docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Fishing
- Manatee Education
- Pedestrian Docks
- Security Lighting

**Crabtree Park**

1704 University Blvd. W - 32217  
Neighborhood: Lakewood  
Acres: 2.2

Real estate developer Walter Crabtree, the park's namesake, developed the entire Lakewood area between 1946 and 1961, some of it around picturesque New Ross Creek that meanders through the northwest section. Over the years, sports have been the main activity at Crabtree Park.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Courts (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Youth Baseball Field
- Youth Softball Field

**Cradle Creek Preserve**

900 15th St. - 32250  
Jacksonville Beach  
Acres: 35.2

**Criswell Park**

5372 Park St. - 32210  
Neighborhood: Hillcrest  
Acres: 11

Criswell Park is home to the Lakeshore Athletic Association, which runs one of the city's most successful youth athletic programs and has partnered with the City in developing and maintaining the park.

**Amenities:**

- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Basketball Courts
- Bike Racks
- Bleachers
- Concession Stand
- Football Field
- Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)

**Crown Point Elementary**

3800 Crown Point Rd. - 32257  
Neighborhood: Arrowhead  
Acres: 4.1

Duval County Public Schools and the City of Jacksonville have a joint use agreement allowing the general public to use the soccer fields and multiuse field at specified times.

**Amenities:**

- Multiuse Field
- Soccer Fields



## Crystal Springs Elementary

1200 Hammond Blvd. - 32221  
 Neighborhood: Crystal Springs  
 Acres: 2.6

Duval County Public Schools and the City of Jacksonville have a joint use agreement allowing the general public to use the basketball courts and softball field at specified times.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Courts
- Youth Softball Field

## Crystal Springs Road Park & Julian Barrs Community Center

10151 Crystal Springs Rd. - 32221  
 Neighborhood: Crystal Springs  
 Acres: 37.7

In addition to a community center, Crystal Springs Road Park offers playgrounds, recreational and sports amenities and nature trails.

### Amenities:

- Adult Baseball Field
- Bike Racks
- Bleachers
- Community Center
- Fishing
- Grills
- Handball Courts
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Parking
- Pedestrian Docks
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Tennis Courts
- Trails

## Cuba Hunter Park & Community Center

4380 Emerson St. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: Englewood  
 Acres: 18.4

The property was originally owned by John Hunter, a retired Jacksonville Sheriff's Officer. The park is named after his daughter, who died protecting her nephew from a drunk driver.

Cuba Hunter Park's 10,000 sq. ft. skateboard facility has great features, including a 6-foot half pipe, a 7-foot quarter pipe, jump boxes, multiple rails and a bank ramp with a partial pyramid. Smooth cement and sturdy steel construction rank this site with other top city-owned skateboard parks across the country.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Gymnasium
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

## Curtis Lee Johnson Marina Boat Ramp (aka Lighthouse Marine Boat Ramp)

5434 San Juan Ave. - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Lakeshore  
 Acres: 1.3

Located on Jacksonville's Westside, this boat ramp provides access to Cedar River, Ortega River and the St. Johns River.

### Amenities:

- Boat Dock
- Boat Ramp
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Fishing
- Manatee Education
- Parking
- Pavilion
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting



## Dames Point Park

9101 Dames Point Rd. - 32226  
 Neighborhood: New Berlin

Acres: 9.1

Dames Point Park is located in north Jacksonville along the St. Johns River. It lies under the north approach to the Napoleon Bonaparte Broward Bridge, the longest cable-stayed bridge in the United States. The park opened in June 1989 and received a major renovation in 1992-93. The area is part of the original South Berlin and Dames Point communities, whose existence dates back to the last quarter of the nineteenth century. In 2001, the Jacksonville Port Authority, whose land surrounds the park, built a new two-lane road linking the site with Dames Point Drive, insuring permanent access to the park.

### Amenities:

- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Fishing Available
- Pedestrian Docks
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Water Features

## David Wayne Pack Park

4871 Ocean St. - 32233  
 Neighborhood: Mayport  
 Acres: 1.8

The park was renamed in 1995 to honor David Wayne Pack for his dedicated and effective service to the Mayport Community.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Car Parking
- Grills
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting

## Deerwood Rotary Children's Park

7901 Baymeadows Rd. E - 32256  
 Neighborhood: Deerwood  
 Acres: 4.4  
 Pablo Developers, LLC,

dedicated the park property to the City of Jacksonville on April 20, 2001. The Deerwood Rotary Club, with the financial assistance of the City of Jacksonville, contracted for the development of this colorful, unique and handicapped accessible park and organized volunteer services for portions of its development.

**Amenities:**

- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

**Desoto Park**

3970 Baltic St. - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Ortega  
 Acres: 0.4

Desoto Park resides in the Ortega neighborhood (platted in 1909) of southwest Jacksonville. It was one of four circular parks created along Park Avenue (now Baltic Street) and named after New World explorers. The Ortega Elementary School opened across the street in 1923 and the park served as a school playground and neighborhood park. The park is named for Hernando de Soto (1496-1542), the Spaniard who explored southeast America after landing at Tampa Bay in 1539. In 1950, the Ortega Co. donated the western portion of the park to the School Board for use by the school and dedicated the middle portion to the City for the extension of Baltic Street.

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches
- Security Lighting

**Dinsmore Boat Ramp**

6800 Dunn Ave. - 32219  
 Neighborhood: Dinsmore  
 Acres: 2.6

The Dinsmore Boat Ramp and Playground is located along

the Trout River in the Dinsmore area of northwest Jacksonville, near the intersection of Dunn Ave. and New Kings Rd. In the early 1900's, dairy farming became the principal industry in Dinsmore. Prior to creation of the boat ramp/playground area, which was developed as a Duval County facility sometime between 1956 and 1965, a bridge crossed the Trout River at the site and connected Dunn Avenue before the road was later re-routed. The boat ramps provide direct access to the upper portions of the Trout River and are well utilized by boats less than twenty-two feet in length.

**Amenities:**

- Boat docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Car Parking
- Fishing Available
- Pedestrian Docks
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

**Dinsmore Park & Community Center**

7330 Civic Club Dr. - 32219  
 Neighborhood: Dinsmore  
 Acres: 11.5

Dinsmore Park and Center is located in northwest Jacksonville. A small area that includes the park has been the heart of the Dinsmore community since at least the late 1800's. It contains the Dinsmore Cemetery, the Dinsmore Elementary School, the Dinsmore Baptist Church and the Dinsmore Community Center.

**Amenities:**

- Youth Basketball Courts (Lighted)
- Basketball Courts
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain

- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables

**Dinsmore Playground**

10632 Old Kings Rd. - 32219  
 Neighborhood: Dinsmore  
 Acres: 2.6

The Dinsmore Playground is located in the heart of the Dinsmore area of northwest Jacksonville, between Iowa Avenue and the historic Old Kings Road. Many early families such as the Plummers, Higginbothams and Picketts are buried in the nearby Dinsmore Cemetery that was established in the latter 1800's. Dinsmore Elementary School, built in 1953, is located across from the playground. The School Board leased land for the playground to Duval County in 1956 at a time when there were no public parks in Dinsmore. Currently, there is a joint-use agreement for the playground between the City and the School Board.

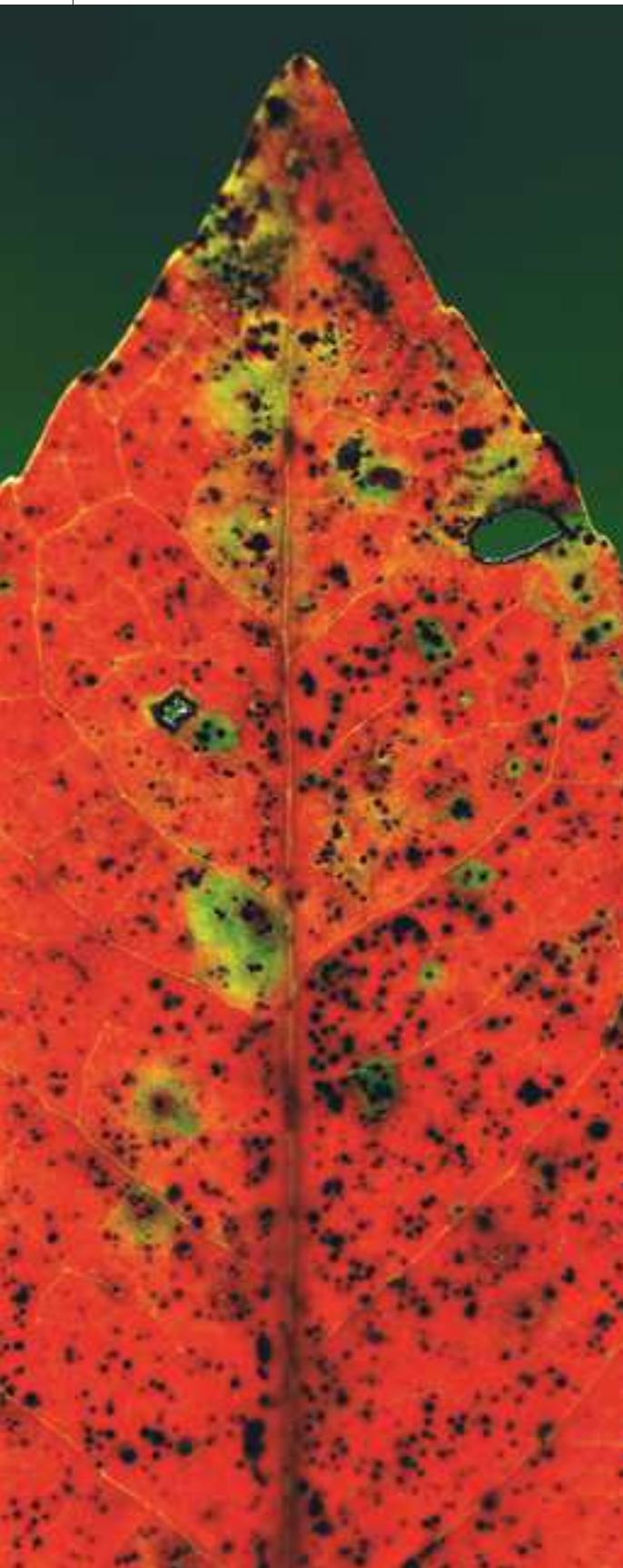
**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Soccer Field
- Hard Tennis Courts (Lighted)

**Drew Park**

6621 Barnes Rd. S - 32216  
 Neighborhood: Sans Souci  
 Acres: 25.5

The dedication of Drew Park Softball Complex was held on July 10, 1972, by Mayor Hans G. Tanzler, Jr. The four-diamond city complex was named after Jack Drew, a Jacksonville native and assistant city engineer for over 19 years. Drew was a softball player in the Recreation League of Jacksonville for over 20 years. Among his greatest softball accomplishments was



having pitched the first perfect game in the city leagues. His pitching record includes four perfect games, ten no-hitters and over 25 one hitters. The softball complex, at the corner of Barnes and Parental Home Roads, has hosted numerous men's and women's national and regional softball tournaments.

**Amenities:**

- Adult Baseball Fields
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

**Dutton Island Preserve**

793 Dutton Island Road West - 32233

Neighborhood: North Beach

Acres: 281.2

The Dutton Island Park and Preserve is located just east of the Intracoastal Waterway, in Atlantic Beach. Formerly known as Pine Island, it was renamed for its former owner, Walter Dutton.

**Amenities:**

- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Car Parking
- Fishing Available
- Pedestrian Docks
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Unpaved Trails
- Water Features
- Wildlife Observation Posts



**Earl Johnson Memorial Park**

5308 St. Augustine Rd. - 32207

Neighborhood: Lakewood

Acres: 56.2

Earl M. Johnson Memorial Park is located between Emerson St. and University Blvd. on the Southside. After the Civil War, much of the area was settled by African-American families and the community became known as Pine Forest (also Larsen). Most of the land was donated to the City in 1976 and utilized as the former Stetson Road Landfill. The park was created by 1990 and named



1816. His grandson, Napoleon Bonaparte Broward Jr., later served as governor of Florida from 1905-1909. The park's original name derives from Harts Road, built around 1840 by Jacksonville's founder Isaiah D. Hart from Jacksonville to the St. Marys River and also from the town of Harts Road (now Yulee) situated along its route. Robert F. King and the Montgomery Land Co. donated the site to the City in 2001. The park's name was changed in June 2007 to honor Ms. Napoleon, a resident of the nearby Turtle Creek Village neighborhood who lobbied for the park and was very active in the civic affairs of the community prior to her death.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Swimming Pools
- Paved Trails

that year for Earl M. Johnson (1928-1968), the first African-American member of the Jacksonville Bar Association. He worked tirelessly for civil rights throughout Florida, while serving 16 years on the City Council and on the Commission that drafted the new consolidated government in 1968.

**Amenities:**

- Bike racks
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Fishing Available
- Multiuse Field
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Soccer Field

**Eartha H. Napoleon Park (Harts Road)**

11597 Harts Rd. - 32218

Neighborhood: Turtle Creek

Acres: 2.8

Eartha H. Napoleon Park, originally known as Harts Road Park, opened in October 2003. The park comprises part of a 16,000-acre grant made to John Broward by the Spanish government in



## Ed Austin Regional Park

11751 McCormick Rd. - 32225  
 Neighborhood: Hidden Hills  
 Acres: 140.2  
 The City of Jacksonville purchased this 144-acre site in 1994, formerly the Dunes Golf course. Among the amenities at this park is the City's top disc golf course. Also known as the "Fore Palms Disc Golf Club," this 18-hole layout includes open and tree-lined fairways through the park on a course carefully designed to challenge all levels of players. Tournaments and weekly events are available for more advanced players, while beginners of all ages can learn the game and the techniques from advanced players and disc-golf professionals who frequent the course.

### Amenities:

- Adult Baseball Fields
- Baseball Youth
- Basketball
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Concession Stand
- Dog Park
- Drinking Fountain
- Gymnasium
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

## Ed White School Pool

1700 Old Middleburg Rd. - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Hyde Park  
 Acres: 7.7  
 This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

### Amenities:

- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Adult Softball Field (Lighted)
- Drinking Fountain
- Football Field
- Security Lighting
- Swimming Pools

## Edgewood Park 1, 2, 3 and 4

32205  
 Neighborhood: Avondale  
 Acres: 4.0  
 One of the nation's leading landscape architects, William Pitkin Jr., designed Avondale, including its fifteen parks. The residential lots, tree-lined streets and parks are frequently curvilinear and often irregular in form. The three largest parks, which reside in adjacent blocks along Edgewood Avenue, became known as Edgewood Park 1, 2, 3 and 4. Surrounded by attractive homes, the parks contain a spacious lawn and abundant trees and contribute to the distinctive sense of place that is Avondale.

## Edwards Park

1221 E 11th St. - 32206  
 Neighborhood: Phoenix  
 Acres: 2.9  
 Edwards Park is one of the few public parks in Jacksonville's Northside where pedestrian access isn't restricted by fencing. Instead this passive urban green space opens up to the community and is surrounded on all four sides by residential structures.

### Amenities:

- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

## Elizabeth Betty Wolfe Park

3320 Chrysler Dr. - 32257  
 Neighborhood: Pickwick Park  
 Acres: 5.0  
 The name of this this park changed from Pickwick Park to Elizabeth "Betty" Wolfe Park in 2011 by request of City Council.

## Elizabeth Park

1886 Elizabeth Pl. - 32205  
 Neighborhood: Riverside  
 Acres: 0.1  
 Small Elizabeth Park rests nestled against the St. Johns

River, between two elegant homes in the Avondale section of Jacksonville. Providing a panoramic view of the river, the park resides at the end of the long, one-block Elizabeth Place subdivision, developed by Stockton Broome in 1914. The development and the park are named for his daughter. His home, built in 1914 at 1845 Elizabeth Place, was designed by famed Jacksonville architect H.J. Klutho and featured Riverside Avondale's first private swimming pool. Stockton Broome's grandfather was a former governor of Florida.

### Amenities

- Park Benches

## Elizabeth R. Powell Park

Redpoll Ave. - 32219  
 Neighborhood: Lincoln Hills  
 Acres: 0.7

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain

## Ellis Property

Halsema Rd. N - 32220  
 Neighborhood: Baldwin  
 Acres: 108.1  
 Part of the Jacksonville-Baldwin Rail Trail Buffer.

## Emmett Reed Park & Community Center

1093 W 6th St. - 32209  
 Neighborhood: Mid Westside  
 Acres: 12.5  
 The complex is named for Emmett Reed, a native of Jacksonville, and an employee of the Recreation Department of the City of Jacksonville for over thirty years. In 2002, City of Jacksonville received an Urban Park Renewal and Recovery Program grant to build the Emmett Reed Tennis Facility.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Gymnasium
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Swimming Pools
- Hard Tennis Courts (Lighted)

**Englewood High School Pool**

4412 Barnes Rd. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: Englewood  
 Acres: 0.3

The property is owned by the Duval County Public Schools. The City has a joint use for the swimming pool.

**Amenities:**

- Drinking Fountain
- Security Lighting
- Swimming Pools

**Enterprise Park**

9401 Argyle Forest Blvd. - 32244  
 Chimney Lakes  
 Acres: 14.1

**Eugene Butler Middle School Park**

900 Acorn St. - 32209  
 Neighborhood: New Town  
 Acres: 5.2

The property is owned by the Duval County Public Schools. The city has a joint use of the pool and football field.

**Amenities:**

- Football Field
- Swimming Pools

**Eugene M. Glover Playground**

1701 Myrtle Ave - 32209  
 Neighborhood: Mid Westside  
 Acres: 0.2

The playground at J.P. Small Park was renamed in June 2007 to honor Eugene M. Glover. Mr. Glover, who passed away in 2006, was affectionately known by friends, colleagues and the

young people he worked with as the “Gentle Giant.” He spent 42 years working in a variety of capacities for the Parks Department; most notably at J.P. Small Park, which was named for his high school coach and mentor. A sign has been erected in the park officially naming the playground for the former Stanton High School and Florida A&M University athlete and brother of the former sheriff, Nat Glover.

**Amenities:**

- Picnic Shelters
- Playground

**Exchange Club Island**

5020 Arlington Expressway - 32211  
 Neighborhood: College Park  
 Acres: 33.4

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida dedicated Exchange Club Island, formerly known as Mud Island, to the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County on October 8, 1956 for use and development as a public park. The island is currently undeveloped.



**Fanning Island Property**

Heckscher Dr. - 32226  
 Neighborhood: Fort George Island  
 Acres: 29.1

**F.E.C. Park**

1620 Marco Place - 32207  
 Neighborhood: San Marco  
 Acres: 14.7  
 Formerly called Alexandria Oaks Park, F.E.C. Park was renamed in honor of the Florida East Coast Railroad. This park is hailed as a large open green space that accommodates a number of recreational uses. Oak, sycamore, palm and pine trees

are scattered throughout the park, and trees shade portions of a paved walking trail.

**Amenities:**

- Multiuse Fields
- Paved Trail

**Ferngully Preserve**

2280 Royal Fern Ln. S - 32223  
 Neighborhood: Mandarin  
 Acres: 26.4

The funds for the purchase of the park were donated by the Preservation Project Jacksonville, Inc., a nonprofit organization established to assist the City with its land acquisitions.

**Fishweir Park**

3925 Valencia Rd. - 32205  
 Neighborhood: Avondale  
 Acres: 10.09

Fishweir Park is located in the Avondale section of southwest Jacksonville and takes its name from nearby Fishweir Creek. The extension of the streetcar line to the area spurred residential growth leading to the development of the Fishweir Park and Stockton Place subdivisions about 1913 and the construction of nearby Fishweir Elementary School in 1917.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Youth Softball Field (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Water Feature

**Fletcher High School Pool**

700 Seagate Ave. - 32266  
 Neighborhood: Neptune Beach  
 Acres: 0.85

The City and Duval County Public Schools have a joint use agreement for the pool.

**CONTINUED ON PAGE68**



**HAPPY  
100TH  
BIRTHDAY  
NATIONAL  
PARK  
SERVICE**

# Explore the Timucuan Ecological & Historic Preserve

The centennial kicks off a second century of stewardship of America's national parks and engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs. We invite you celebrate this historic occasion by taking a day to get to know the national park that's in your own backyard -- the Timucuan Ecological & Historic Preserve.

Established in 1988, this 46,000-acre preserve includes Fort Caroline National Memorial, the Theodore Roosevelt Area, Kingsley Plantation, Cedar Point, and thousands of acres of woods, water and salt marsh. Operated under a partnership agreement by the National Park Service, Florida State Park System, the City of Jacksonville, and more than 300 private and corporate landowners, it was created as a National Park unit in 1988 and is named for the Timucua, the native people who lived along the waterways in northeast Florida.

Much of the Preserve is undeveloped salt marsh accessible only by boat, but there are several sites in the Preserve open to visitors wishing to learn more about this area's natural and cultural history. The ecosystems within the Timucuan Preserve are among the most productive in the world and provide a glimpse of what "Old Florida" was like.

- Explore Fort Caroline National Memorial and learn about the lives and deaths of 16th-century French colonists.
- Walk among live oaks and thickets of palmettos where pre-Columbian and Timucua Indians once lived.
- Visit a plantation where enslaved men, women, and children of African descent labored, raised families, worshipped, celebrated, and mourned.
- Hike the Theodore Roosevelt Trail and climb the wildlife observation platform overlooking the salt marsh habitat.
- Find tranquility in a day at the beach, ride a segway or wind your way by kayak through the marshy expanse.

## **Fort Caroline National Memorial**

Home of the Timucuan Preserve Visitor Center, this park memorializes the site of a 16th-century French colony – the first European settlement in the area. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Thanksgiving, New Year's Day and Christmas Day. Free admission. 12713 Ft. Caroline Rd. (904) 641-7155.

## **Kingsley Plantation**

Located on historic Ft. George Island within the Timucuan Preserve, this site includes the oldest standing plantation house in Florida and the remains of original tabby slave cabins. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Thanksgiving, New Year's Day and Christmas Day. Ranger talks offered daily. Free admission. Located off Hwy A1A just north of the St. Johns River ferry. (904) 251-3537.

## **Theodore Roosevelt Area**

This 600-acre natural area within the Timucuan Preserve has over 5 miles of hiking trails winding through one of North Florida's most pristine areas. Summer hours: 6 am to 8 pm; Winter hours: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, New Year's Day and Christmas Day. Free admission. Located 1.5 miles southeast of the entrance to Fort Caroline National Memorial. (904) 641-7155.

For more information please visit [www.nps.gov/timu](http://www.nps.gov/timu).



- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

### **Fletcher Park**

1652 Atlantic Blvd. - 32207  
Neighborhood: San Marco  
Acres: 1.5

Fletcher Park is located along Atlantic Boulevard, in the San Marco section of South Jacksonville, which from 1907-1932 was a separate municipality. First known as Belote Green, for prominent South Jacksonville politician William Belote, the park was established in 1918 (during World War I) as part of Fletcher Park, a federal housing development created to provide homes for workers that were building naval ships at the nearby Merrill Stevens Shipyard. Prominent architect Henry Klutho designed Fletcher Park, which was named for Florida's U.S. Senator Duncan U. Fletcher (1859-1936), a Jacksonville resident who served continuously for 27 years. Later, the park also became known as Fletcher Park, which has seen many improvements since the San Marco Preservation Society formed in 1975, such as re-location of the old St. Paul's Episcopal Church building to the grounds in 1994 and the Stockton Cottage in 2003.

### Amenities:

- Car Parking
- Security Lighting
- Swimming Pools

### **Fletcher Morgan Park**

6736 Beach Blvd. - 32216  
Neighborhood: Sans Souci  
Acres: 13.91

From the early 80's to the early 90's the park department used this facility for many types of outdoor activities. However Fletcher Morgan Park has become one of the busiest ball fields in the city. In April 1995, with the help of Councilman Eric Smith, the park department entered into an agreement with the School Board to provide ballfields along with the management provided by the San Souci Athletic Association to have baseball and softball facilities for youth and adults.

### Amenities:

- Youth Basketball Courts (Lighted)
- Basketball Court
- Bike racks





**Amenities:**

- Car Parking
- Park Benches
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Visitor/Interpretive Center

**Florida C. Dwight Memorial Playground**

1199 W Church St. - 32204

Neighborhood: Mixon Town

Acres: 2.5

The park comprised a portion of the Town of La Villa, which was subdivided and incorporated after the Civil War and remained independent until annexed by Jacksonville in 1887. After the City purchased the land in 1904, it became a park for the area's white residents known as La Villa Park. In 1929, the City's second playground for African-American children was established there and named La Villa Playground. Florida Dwight (1886-1977), the playground's first recreation director, pioneered organized recreation for the City's African-American community from 1918 (with the opening of Oakland Park) until her retirement in 1950. To honor her years of devoted work, the playground was renamed in 1983 and then designated a local historic landmark in 1995.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Youth Softball Field (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Community Center
- Park Benches
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Hard Tennis Courts

**Flossie Brunson Eastside Park**

1050 Franklin St. - 32202

Neighborhood: East Jacksonville

Acres: 7.4

In May 2003, the park was renamed by City Council resolution to Flossie Brunson-Eastside Community Center & Playground to honor Flossie Brunson's life and many contributions to the citizens of Jacksonville. After her retirement in 1976 from the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Brunson organized the Lower Eastside Neighborhood Development Corporation to improve and stabilize the neighborhood.

**Amenities:**

- Adult Baseball Fields (Lighted)
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

**Flynn Park**

2738 Orange Pickers Rd. - 32223

Neighborhood: Mandarin

Acres: 5.8

The park is named for James J. Flynn, a Mandarin resident, whose family operated a seed and feed store on Flynn Road for most of the 1900's. Flynn purchased Mandarin's



first Model-T Ford, which was utilized as the town's only taxi service to Jacksonville and St. Augustine.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Adult Softball Field

**Forest Center and Park**

2039 Forest St. - 32204  
 Neighborhood: Mixon Town  
 Acres: 4.4

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Community Center
- Playground
- Adult Softball Field
- Hard Tennis Courts (Lighted)

**Forestry Tower Park**

10430 Beach Blvd. - 32246  
 Neighborhood: Windy Hill  
 Acres: 6

The name of this park derives from a former fire lookout tower that rises 100 feet above the grounds. It was called the Flagler Fire Tower (Henry Flagler's FEC Railway line to the beach passed adjacent to the property) after being moved to the site by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1938 and renamed the Southside Fire Tower in 1959.

**Amenities:**

- Bike racks
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Paved Trails

**Forestview Park & Community Center**

4203 Kenndle Rd. - 32208  
 Neighborhood: Harborview  
 Acres: 9.3

The Charter Company donated the land for the park to the City in 1971 and by 1975 the park contained two lighted baseball fields, a community center and an undeveloped wooded area. Eventually part of the community center was converted into a fitness center, which provides a weight room, stationary bikes and a wellness program that includes aerobics classes, nutrition classes and walking on a paved path.

**Amenities:**

- Youth Basketball Courts (Lighted)
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

**Fort Caroline Club**

4131 Ferber Rd. - 32277  
 Neighborhood: Woodmere  
 Acres: 1.3

Fort Caroline Club is located in the Fort Caroline Club Estates neighborhood of north Arlington, adjacent to the St. Johns River and the Lonnie Wurn Boat Ramp. Wurn-Arlington Construction Co. began developing the subdivision in 1958 and built a recreation building, swimming pool, tennis courts and a play area on the property, which was sold in 1962 to the neighborhood association, Fort Caroline Club, Inc. Excluding the recreation building (clubhouse), the Club signed an agreement with the City in 1984 allowing use of the other recreation facilities by the

general public, and then sold all of the property to the City in 2001.

**Amenities:**

- Bike racks
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Concession Stand
- Picnic Shelters
- Restrooms
- Swimming Pools
- Tennis Hard

**Fort Caroline National Memorial**

12713 Fort Caroline Rd. - 32225  
 Neighborhood: Timucuan Ecological & Historic Preserve  
 Beyond the entrance to the Fort Caroline National Memorial lies 6,000 years of history from 16th century Florida when the French claimed a presence along the river to today. Explore exhibits about the area's natural history, European exploration and the Timucua Native Americans.

**Amenities:**

- Boat Dock
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Trail
- Visitor/Interpretive Center
- Wildlife Observation Posts

**Fort George Island State Cultural Site**

11241 Fort George Rd. - 32226  
 Neighborhood: Talbot Islands  
 A haven for cultural and water enthusiasts alike, this former colonial port stands today as a reminder of the grandeur of its era.

**Amenities:**

- Boat Ramp
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Fishing
- Pavilion
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Trail
- Visitor Center

## Fouraker Park

8140 Lenox Ave. - 32221  
 Neighborhood: Normandy Estates  
 Acres: 1.5

## Freedom Commerce Center Property

Phillips Hwy. - 32256  
 Neighborhood: Baymeadows Center  
 Acres: 92.9

## Friendship Fountain

1015 Museum Cir. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: San Marco  
 Acres: 11  
 When the park opened in 1965, the Fountain of Friendship (named at the suggestion of a Rotary Club member because one of the Club's cardinal principles is friendship) was the world's largest and tallest fountain, capable of spraying 17,000 gallons of water a minute to a height of 120 feet. Accentuated by colored lights at night, it soon became a popular tourist destination and local recreation site. Currently, both the Museum of Science and History and a popular restaurant with its own marina occupy portions of the original park property. The park provides a wonderful view of downtown Jacksonville and access to the Southbank Riverwalk that opened in 1985.

### Amenities:

- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Security Lighting

## Fulton Road Landing

5099 Fulton Rd. - 32225  
 Neighborhood: St. Johns Bluff  
 Acres: 0.6

This is an undeveloped boat ramp at the end of Fulton Road in the Arlington area. An electronic gate was installed in 2006.

### Amenities:

- Boat Ramp



## GENA Park

4603 Clinton Ave. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: Englewood  
 Acres: 0.3  
 The idea for the park resulted from a collaboration between members of the (GENA) and City Council member, and former GENA president, Suzanne Jenkins. After Jenkins authorized City funds to purchase the property from the Jacksonville Electric Authority in December 2002, the City created the park in 2004.

### Amenities:

- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

## Gamewell Tot Lot

6608 Terry Parker Dr. S - 32211  
 Neighborhood: Arlington  
 Acres: 0.1  
 The Gamewell Tot Lot is located at the intersection of Terry Parker Drive and Gamewell Road. While the park takes its name from Gamewell Road, the other adjacent street is named for local philanthropist H. Terry Parker. After moving to Florida from the Savannah area in 1911, Parker later donated the land for Terry Parker Junior-Senior High School in Arlington.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Park Benches
- Playground

## Garden City Elementary School Park

2814 Dunn Ave. - 32218  
 Neighborhood: Highlands  
 Acres: 8.4

The City and the Duval County School Board have a joint-use agreement for this park. The school also owns and maintains a ten-acre nature area south of the property.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

## Garden City Park

11246 Lem Turner Rd. - 32218  
 Neighborhood: Garden City  
 Acres: 0.5  
 The first official post office in Garden City was built on a portion of this property before it became a park.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

## Genovar Park

12810 Genovar St. - 32256  
 Neighborhood: Bayard  
 Acres: 5.0  
 Genovar Park became the property of Duval County on Sept. 1, 1954 when Willard Genovar, following the death of his mother, Lois Genovar, donated the 5-acre parcel to the county.

### Amenities:

- Baseball Youth
- Basketball Court
- Grills
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches



- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Youth Softball Field

### **Gerrie's Park**

6629 Ft. Caroline Rd. - 32277

Neighborhood: Woodmere

Acres: 1.4

Fort Caroline Playground was re-designed and provided with new amenities in a major improvement project completed in 2002. At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the City acknowledged the dedication of Mrs. Geraldine Atkinson, a longtime-resident who for decades has championed the playground, which often hosts events such as weddings, birthday parties and reunions.

#### Amenities:

- Bike racks
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

### **Girvin Road Park**

515 Girvin Rd. - 32225

Neighborhood: Arlington

Acres: 2.0

Girvin Road Park is adjacent to the Girvin Road Landfill (138 acres) which opened in 1973 and closed in 1993.

### **Glen Myra Park**

1429 Winthrop St. - 32206

Neighborhood: Fairfield

Acres: 4.4

#### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Shuffleboard

### **Glynlea Park**

6801 Altama Rd. - 32216

Neighborhood: Glynlea/Grove Park

Acres: 7.7

This facility opened as a Duval County park in 1956 and



River, roughly dividing the Jacksonville communities of San Jose and Mandarin. When surveyed in 1792 for Francis Goodwin, the stream was known as Azza Creek, later to be known as Goodmans Lake, Goodbys Lake and Goodbys Creek. During the latter twentieth century, tremendous residential and commercial development occurred around the creek, prompting the City and its non-profit partner, The Trust for Public Land, to seek preservation of the site. In January 2002, the Trust acquired 39 acres along the southernmost point of Goodby's Creek and later that month deeded it to the City, which purchased the property with Preservation Project funds. It has a conservation easement on the property preventing future development.

### Goodbys Lake Boat Ramp

9020 San Jose Blvd. - 32257

Neighborhood: San Jose

Acres: 4

This boat ramp serves the busy Baymeadows area and is located on the south side of Goodbys Lake and San Jose Boulevard. It has three lanes and is ADA accessible.

#### Amenities:

- Boat Docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Fishing

that same year the Southside Youth Athletic Association (SYAA) was formed and has been providing youth programs at the park ever since. The SYAA, which sent two boys (Storm Davis and Joel Davis) from its baseball program to the major leagues, has worked with the City over the years to improve and maintain the park.

#### Amenities:

- Youth Basketball Courts (Lighted)
- Youth Softball Field (Lighted)
- Basketball Court
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Hard Tennis Courts (Lighted)

### Goodby's Creek Preserve

9145 San Jose Blvd. - 32257

Neighborhood: Craven

Acres: 34.1

Goodby's Creek is a tributary of the St. Johns



- Picnic Table
- Pavilion
- Restrooms

## Granada Park

3960 Alcazar Ave. - 32207

Neighborhood: Miramar

Acres: 0.4

Granada Park displays the Spanish theme and Mediterranean architecture that were very popular in Jacksonville during the 1920's. The rectangular park lies in the middle of Granada Boulevard. Granada is a city in Spain, noted as a capital for the Moors, who invaded and ruled much of Spain from the 8th and 15th centuries.

### Amenities:

- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting

## Greenland Park

11808 Fayal Dr. - 32258

Neighborhood: Greenland

Acres: 35.5

Greenland Park was dedicated April 20, 1990. In 1991, a monument was dedicated in the park to Brandon O'Leary, a 13-year-old who was killed earlier in the year.

### Amenities:

- Adult Baseball Fields (Lighted)
- Youth Basketball Courts (Lighted)
- Basketball Court
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Football Field
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

## Greenridge Road Park

3850 San Jose Blvd. - 32207

Neighborhood: San Jose

Acres: 2.9

Greenridge Road Park sits in the heart of the old Red Bank Plantation that was owned by the Albert Philips family. The plantation house built in the 1850's still exists and is the City's second oldest building still being used as a residence. The park, adjacent to a creek that empties into the St. Johns River, stretches between lovely homes while providing the natural amenities of scenic trees and landscape.

### Amenities

- Park Benches

## Greenscape Celebration Park

801 LaSalle St. - 32207

Neighborhood: San Marco

Acres: 0.3

Greenscape Celebration Park serves as a scenic outlook to the St. Johns River.

## Gregory Drive Elementary School Park

7800 Gregory Dr. - 32210

Neighborhood: Jacksonville

Heights

Acres: 8.6

Duval County Public Schools and the City of Jacksonville have a joint use agreement allowing the general public to use the park's resources at specified times.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court
- Parking
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Volleyball Court
- Youth Baseball Field

## Grove Park

1500 Grove Park Blvd. - 32216

Neighborhood: Glynea/Grove Park

Acres: 11.3

## Grunthal Park

1660 W 13th St. - 32209

Neighborhood: Mid Westside

Acres: 1.5

Grunthal Park is located adjacent to Grunthal Street in northwest Jacksonville, across from the City's Joe James

Community Center. Initially developed around 1945, and expanded between 1956 and 1958, it was known as the Joe James Playground. The nearby community center opened in 1963. Joe H. James, Jr. (1892-1966) was a white real estate broker, who organized and directed the Jacksonville Negro Welfare League during the 1920's and 30's and served as chairman of both the Colored Division of the Community Chest and the Charity Agency Federation.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Hard Tennis Courts (Lighted)



## Half Moon Island Park

US Hwy 17 near Nassau River -

32210

Neighborhood: Eagle Bend

Acres: 270.5

## Hammond Park

2142 Melson Ave. - 32254

Neighborhood: Allendale

Acres: 13.7

In 1923, the property comprised part of a site used for airplane takeoffs and landings and was named Paxon Field for the tract's owner, E. H. Paxon. After opening in 1955 as Paxon Park, the name was changed to honor Duval County Commissioner Joseph F. Hammond (1885-1967), who, except for two years, served continuously from 1921-1961. He also served as president of the National Association of County Officials. Three area schools and the Hammond Senior Center (formerly the Youth Center) reside near the park.

**Amenities:**

- Youth Basketball Courts (Lighted)
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

**Harborview Boat Ramp**

4100 Harborview Dr. - 32208  
 Neighborhood: Harborview

**Amenities:**

- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Water Features

**Helen Cooper Floyd Park, aka "Little Jetties"**

3600 SR A1A - 32233  
 Neighborhood: Mayport  
 Acres: 78.1

Helen Cooper Floyd Park is located on a peninsula southwest of Mayport, at the convergence of the Intracoastal Waterway and the St. Johns River. In 1830, bar pilots and fishermen established the village that eventually became Mayport. The park property was known for decades as the Little Jetties. The City leased the property from the Navy, made improvements and shortly thereafter the park was dedicated in November 1992. Around the first part of 1999, the park was renamed. A Mayport native, Helen Cooper Floyd (1922-1998) was a schoolteacher, journalist and historical researcher and writer. After moving with her family to Pascagoula, Mississippi around 1963, she eventually compiled and wrote two booklets and a book about the folk history of Mayport. Little Jetties Park

is currently closed during construction of the Mile Point Project by USACE. It should reopen in 2017.

**Amenities:**

- Car Parking
- Fishing Available
- Pedestrian Docks
- Water Features

**Hemming Park**

135 Monroe St. W - 32202  
 Neighborhood: Downtown Jacksonville  
 Acres: 1.5

Hemming Park is located across from City Hall in the heart of downtown Jacksonville. First established as a public square by the City's founder Isaiah D. Hart around 1857, it is Jacksonville's oldest park. Known first as City Park and then St. James Park, it was renamed Hemming Park in 1899 to honor Civil War veteran Charles C. Hemming, who donated the park's Confederate monument (the City's oldest and tallest) the previous year.

**Amenities:**

- Bike Racks
- Park Benches
- Picnic tables

**Henry J. Klutho Park**

204 W 3rd St. - 32206  
 Neighborhood: Springfield  
 Acres: 18.3

The City's first zoo opened at the Henry J. Klutho Park in 1914, followed by the first municipal swimming pool in 1922. Founded in 1904, The City renamed a portion of Springfield Park in 1984 to honor Henry J. Klutho, a Springfield resident whose high-rise buildings in downtown and Prairie School of architecture transformed Jacksonville after the Great Fire of 1901.

**Amenities:**

- Bike racks
- Car Parking
- Multiuse Field

- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Security Lighting
- Youth Softball Field
- Hard Tennis Court (Lighted)

**Henry L. Brown Kooker Park**

2902 Bennett St. - 32206  
 Neighborhood: Longbranch  
 Acres: 5.6

The City acquired the site in 1922 from Samuel and Ida Kooker, and soon thereafter the property was developed and named Kooker Park. The Boys and Girls Club of Northeast Florida initiated a program at the park in 1972 and currently maintains a building on the grounds, which boasts several picturesque oaks. Henry L. Brown built a 30-year career with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida. He became the area director of Kooker Park Boys and Girls Club, which serves low-income youth, and coached many city, state, and national youth teams before his death. In 2003, the park was renamed in his honor.

**Amenities:**

- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

**Henry T. Jones Community Center**

3856 Grant Rd. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: Pine Forrest  
 Acres: 1.2

Henry T. Jones organized and served as president of the Pine Forest Community Action Committee for over 38 years. A masonry contractor for 28 years, he built the swimming pool at



Pine Forest Park and also arranged activities and summer field trips for youths in the area in addition to coaching the baseball team for over 30 years.

**Amenities:**

- Benches
- Bike racks
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

**Henry T. Jones Park**

2335 Gattis Ln. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: Pine Forest

Acres: 6.3

Originally known as Pine Forest Park, the name was changed in 1998 by City Council resolution. Henry T. Jones, a masonry

contractor, built the Park's swimming pool, and over 40 years ago organized the Pine Forest Community Action Committee to prevent the neighborhood from being industrialized and destroyed.

**Amenities:**

- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Multiuse Field
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Swimming Pools
- Hard Tennis Court (Lighted)

**Highlands Middle School Pool**

10913 Pine Estates Rd. - 32218

Neighborhood: Garden City

Acres: 0.7

This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

**Amenities:**

- Drinking Fountain
- Security Lighting
- Swimming Pools





**Historic Kings Road Park**  
1972 Kings Ave. - 32207  
Neighborhood: San Marco  
Acres: 0.42

- Amenities:
- Park Benches
  - Security Lighting

**Hogan's Creek Greenway**  
730 E. Bay St. - 32202  
Neighborhood: Downtown Jacksonville  
Acres: 5.8

**Holiday Hill Elementary School Park**  
6900 Altama Rd. - 32216  
Neighborhood: Glynea/Grove Park  
Acres: 3.41  
This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

- Amenities:
- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
  - Basketball Court
  - Bleachers
  - Park Benches
  - Picnic Tables
  - Playground

**Holiday Road Park**  
6795 Holiday Rd. N - 32216  
Neighborhood: Glynea/Grove Park  
Acres: 1.7  
The property comprised part of a 16,000-acre Spanish land grant made to Francis Richard in 1817 for the purpose of harvesting timber and constructing and operating a water-powered sawmill. The site is an undeveloped, wooded tract at the end of Holiday Road, across from the Holiday Hill Elementary School.

**Hollybrook Park**  
319 Cherokee St. - 32254  
Neighborhood: Lackawanna  
Acres: 18.1

- Amenities:
- Adult Baseball Field
  - Basketball Court (Lighted)
  - Park Benches
  - Playground

**Hollywood Park**  
Hollywood Ave. - 32205  
Neighborhood: Riverside  
Acres: 0.5

**Home Gardens Park**  
6367 Mockingbird Rd. - 32219  
Neighborhood: Picketville  
Acres: 3.9

- Amenities:
- Bleachers
  - Park Benches
  - Picnic Shelters
  - Picnic Tables
  - Playground
  - Security Lighting
  - Shuffleboard
  - Youth Softball Field

CONTINUED ON PAGE 80



## Get Healthy in the Park with Your Pets



Jacksonville has one of the largest and most diverse urban park systems in the nation, with more than 400 park and recreational sites for citizens to enjoy, including the furry ones! One of those parks is Fort Caroline National Memorial, the first of Jacksonville's parks to host the National Bark Ranger program. The Bark Ranger program, administered by the National Park Service, is a community outreach effort that allows local dogs (and their human companions) to become park ambassadors helping promote Jacksonville's dog-friendly parks and what we can do to make them an enjoyable and safe experience for everyone.

Participation in the Bark Ranger program includes learning how to hike safely in the park with a pet and committing to the park pet policy rules of B.A.R.K.

- Bag your poop
- Always wear a leash
- Respect wildlife
- Know where you can go

Davi the Dachshund is one of Fort Caroline National Memorial's Bark

Rangers who has been on the job since October 2015. He earned his Bark Ranger badge at a canine event called Bark for Life. "I enjoy watching my dog explore the natural beauty of these parks and wear his Bark Ranger tag with pride," said Rebecca Miller (Davi's human). "Davi and I love walking the trails at Fort Caroline National Memorial Park. We both like the challenge of the steep inclines and rugged terrain. It's a fun way to spend the day together!"

Another thing that makes Fort Caroline National Memorial so special is its place in history. One of the oldest parks in Jacksonville, it memorializes the French presence during 16th century Florida. Located a short distance from the southern bank of the St. Johns River, the park offers walking trails, play areas, history tours, youth programs, community events and much more. It is also home to a full-scale model of the original Fort de la Caroline that is maintained by the National Park Service. Admission to Fort Caroline National Memorial (12713 Fort Caroline Road) is free and it is open 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., seven days a week.

### MORE PARKS FOR YOUR POOCH TO EXPLORE

#### Confederate Park Dog Park

949 Hubbard St. - 32206

This fenced off-leash dog park features benches under shaded pavilions, wide open green spaces, waste disposal stations, doggie drinking fountains, a paved path around the perimeter of the park, and separate sections for small and large dogs.

#### John Roberts Dog Park at Ed Austin Park

11751 McCormick Rd. - 32225

Enjoy an off leash romp under shady trees or take a stroll around the old golf cart trail of this property which used to be an 18 hole golf course twenty years ago. This park features separate large and small dog areas, benches and a water faucet where Fido can quench his thirst.

#### The John Gorrie Dog Park at Riverside Park

753 Park St. - 32204

This dog park is currently being planned for the northwest corner of Riverside Park, adjacent to College Street. It will feature designated areas for both large and small dogs,

a walking path, shaded pavilion, and benches.

#### Oceanway Dog Park

12215 Sago Ave. - 32218

This public dog park features designated areas for large and small dogs along with a pet water fountain, paved paths, benches, and plenty of trash cans and waste baggies.

#### Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park

7000 Roosevelt Blvd. - 32244

This park features off leash areas for small and large dogs, as well as miles of trails to explore with your four-legged friend.

# I'M BETTER B1NGGO

NAME:

AGE:

DRINK 8 GLASSES OF WATER	 TRY A NEW VEGETABLE	COMPLETE 10 PUSHUPS	WALK OR JOG 1 MILE	USE LOWFAT MILK IN CEREAL 
EAT 2 CUPS OF FRESH FRUIT 	PREPARE A LOWFAT MEAL WITH YOUR PARENTS	 RUN IN PLACE FOR 2 MINUTES	GO TO BED 30 MINUTES EARLY	VISIT A LOCAL PARK
WATCH ONLY 2 HOURS OF TV 	COMPLETE 20 JUMPING JACKS	<b>START YOUR JOURNEY HERE</b>	 AVOID FAST FOOD	RIDE YOUR BIKE 
READ A NUTRITION LABEL	PICK UP TRASH IN NEIGHBORHOOD	WASH HANDS BEFORE EATING 	WALK 4 BLOCKS	AVOID SUGARY DRINKS
AVOID COMPUTER GAMES	LIMIT CELL PHONE USE 	COMPLETE 10 SIT-UPS	DANCE TO A FAVORITE SONG 	START A VEGETABLE GARDEN

JOURNEY TO **ONE**  
one CITY. one JACKSONVILLE.

ONCE YOU'VE MARKED AN X THROUGH EACH COMPLETED ACTIVITY, MAIL THIS BINGO CARD TO:  
JAX MAYORTHON KIDS CLUB, OFFICE OF MAYOR LENNY CURRY, 117 W. DUVAL ST., JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202.  
WE'LL SEND YOU AN OFFICIAL JAX MAYORTHON KIDS CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD!

[www.journeytoone.com](http://www.journeytoone.com)

## Hood Landing Boat Ramp

12925 Hood Landing Rd. - 32223  
 Neighborhood: Julington Creek  
 Acres: 0.4

During the Spanish and English occupations, plantations existed along the creek, and numerous farms bordered the creek after Florida became a U.S. territory/state. The ramp was built sometime during the period from 1956 through 1961, a time of unprecedented growth for Duval County's recreational facilities. The stretch of Julington Creek between the ramp and the St. Johns River is a favorite habitat for manatees.

### Amenities:

- Boat Docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Fishing Available
- Security Lighting

## Huffman Boulevard Park

2775 Huffman Blvd. - 32246  
 Neighborhood: Sandalwood  
 Acres: 14.8

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Multiuse Field
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

## Huguenot Memorial Park

10980 Heckscher Dr. - 32226  
 Neighborhood: Fort George Island  
 Acres: 363.5

Waterfront campsites, a bird observation area and gorgeous views of some of North Florida's remaining natural areas await visitors to Huguenot Memorial Park. In addition to the natural beauty of the area, the park also

offers swimming, fishing, surfing, a boat launch area, picnic shelters, restrooms and shower facilities to make your stay comfortable and enjoyable.

### Amenities:

- Beach Access
- Boat Ramps
- Camping Facilities
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Fishing Available
- Grills
- Nature Center
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

## Huguenot Park

3145 Nain Rd. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: Spring Park  
 Acres: 1.7

The Huguenots were French Protestants of the 16th and 17th centuries. In 1562, a group of Huguenots led by Jean Ribault, sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to the mouth of the St. Johns River and European colonization of the Jacksonville area began. Huguenot Park resides on Jacksonville's Southside, near the intersection of Spring Park Road and Emerson Street. John and Joanna Hunter donated the property to the City in 1952, with the stipulation that it be used for a park and named as a memorial to the Huguenots. The park was undeveloped in 1969, but by 1977 it had been completely fenced and contained a baseball field.

### Amenities:

- Bleachers
- Park Benches
- Playground
- Adult Softball Field

## Huntington Forest

10106 Huntington Forest Blvd. - 32257  
 Neighborhood: Sunbeam  
 Acres: 2.6

The Riverside Group, the developer of the Huntington Forest subdivision, donated the land for the park to the City in 1986.

### Amenities:

- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Playground

## Hyde Grove Elementary

2056 Lane Ave. S - 32205  
 Neighborhood: Hyde Park  
 Acres: 4.4  
 This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

### Amenities:

- Multiuse Field
- Youth Softball Field



## International Paper

Otis Rd. - 32220  
 Neighborhood: Otis  
 Acres: 825.0

## Intracoastal Boat Ramp

2510 Second Ave. - 32250  
 Neighborhood: Intracoastal Waterway  
 Acres: 1.9

This boat ramp provides access to the Intracoastal waters and serves the Southside and Beaches areas.

### Amenities:

- Boat Docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Fishing
- Manatee Education
- Park Benches
- Parking
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms

## Isle of Palms Park

3780 Eunice Rd. - 32250  
 Neighborhood: Isle of Palms  
 Acres: 5.0

**Amenities:**

- Bike racks
- Car Parking
- Grills
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Hard Tennis Court
- Paved Trails

**Ivey Road Park**

9000 Ivey Rd. - 32216  
 Neighborhood: Holiday Hill/  
 Century  
 Acres: 14.0



**J. Gardner Nip Sams Memorial Park**

6602 Richardson Rd. - 32209  
 Neighborhood: Carver Manor  
 Acres: 14.5

**Amenities:**

- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Youth Softball Field
- Hard Tennis Court (Lighted)

**J.E.B. Stuart School Park**

4717 Wesconnett Blvd. - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Confederate Point  
 Acres: 2.5  
 This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

**Amenities:**

- Youth Baseball Field
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand

- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Youth Softball Field (Lighted)

**J.S. Johnson Park**

1112 Jackson St. - 32204  
 Neighborhood: Brooklyn  
 Acres: 1.3  
 The park and its service center, built in 1970, are named for Rev. John S. Johnson (1884-1969) who served as minister for several local AME churches and was pastor of St. Stephens at the time of his death. He served on the board of directors of Edwards Waters College and the Eartha M. M. White Nursing Home, as well as on the executive committee of the NAACP. Over the years, the Service Center has provided free lunches for children and senior citizens.

**Amenities:**

- Bike racks
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Hard Tennis Court

**Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens**

1445 Milcoe Rd. - 32225  
 Neighborhood: Arlington  
 Acres: 121.1  
 From around 1944 to 1961, the Humphries Gold Mining Company operated strip mines in this area of Jacksonville, harvesting zircon and other minerals required for the production of titanium. After mining ended, the property became an urban wild and illegal dump site. The City of Jacksonville purchased the property for use as a passive recreation and open space buffer for a nearby wastewater

treatment plant during the 1970s and it was left untouched for thirty years. During this time 13 distinct ecosystems developed, including fresh water and tidal marshes, upland hardwood forest, pine flatwoods and dry prairie, bottomland forest and live oak hammock. In 2004, a group of conservation-minded nature lovers recognized the site's value and began discussions with the City to lease the property for recreational use as an arboretum. The Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens officially opened to the public in November 2008. Alligators, snakes, lizards, foxes, squirrels, turtles and armadillo make their home at JAG, as well as quail, pheasants, osprey, owls and smaller birds. All of the trails, benches, board walks and picnic tables in the arboretum were built by volunteers from the community.

**Amenities**

- Boardwalk
- Car Parking
- Park Benches
- Pavilion
- Picnic Tables
- Site Rentals
- Unpaved Trails
- Water Feature

**Jacksonville Baldwin Rail Trail**

850 N Center St. - 32234  
 Neighborhood: Marietta  
 Acres: 172.1  
 This trail is part of a nationwide, federally initiated "Rails to Trails" program designed to turn abandoned railroad lines into "linear parks." The Jacksonville-Baldwin Rail Trail is a 100-foot-wide Right-of-Way (ROW) currently extending approximately 14.5 miles from Imeson Road in Jacksonville to the town of Baldwin. A 12-foot-wide paved trail currently exists for hikers, bikers and rollerbladers to enjoy, with an equestrian trail paralleling



the paved trail. The trail is contiguous with the Camp Milton Historic Preserve, which serves as a mid-point trailhead. There are approx. 8.5 miles of spur trails onto the Jacksonville Rail Trail Buffer Properties that are designated for unpaved day hiking and equestrian use.

**Amenities:**

- Bike racks
- Car Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Equestrian Trails
- Paved Trails
- Unpaved Trails
- Visitor/Interpretive Center

**Jacksonville Heights Elementary School Park**

7701 Wheat Rd. - 32244  
Neighborhood: Oak Hill  
Acres: 5.6

This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

**Amenities:**

- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

**James and Downing Park**

1061 James St. - 32205  
Neighborhood: Riverside  
Acres: 0.1

**Amenities**

- Park Benches

**James Fields Park**

3327 Lane Ave. - 32254  
Neighborhood: Biltmore  
Acres: 4.7

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court
- Bleachers
- Park Benches
- Playground
- Security Lighting



- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

### Jammes Road Park

6382 118th St. - 32244  
 Neighborhood: Oak Hill  
 Acres: 17.0

#### Amenities:

- Security Lighting

### Jasmine Park

4030 College St. - 32205  
 Neighborhood: Murray Hill  
 Acres: 0.2

The City purchased the lots for creation of the park in 1928, making it one of the older municipal parks.

#### Amenities:

- Park Benches

### Jennings State Forest

1865 Cherry St. - 32205  
 Acres: 25K

The diversity and quality of the natural resources on Jennings State Forest include unique plants, wildlife and more than 15 different natural community types, including sandhills, flatwoods and dome swamps.

- Soccer Field
- Adult Softball Field (Lighted)
- Hard Tennis Court (Lighted)
- Paved Trails

### James P. Small Park

1701 Myrtle Ave. - 32209  
 Neighborhood: Mid Westside  
 Acres: 4.8

Before being renamed, Durkee Field was home to the Negro League and minor league baseball teams. Henry Aaron, Leroy "Satchel" Paige, Roy Campanella, James "Cool Papa" Bell and William "Judy" Johnson passed through on their way to baseball's "Hall of Fame." The name of the park changed to J. P. Small Memorial Park Stadium in July 1980. James P. Small coached and taught at Stanton HS for 33 years, then coached at Raines HS for one year before retiring. He died in 1975.

#### Amenities:

- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters



**Amenities:**

- Campgrounds
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Fishing
- Grills
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Swimming
- Trails
- Wildlife Viewing

**Jerusalem and White**

2331 Jerusalem St. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: St. Nicholas  
 Acres: 0.3

**Jesse B. Smith Memorial Plaza**

133 Forsyth St. E - 32202  
 Neighborhood: Downtown  
 Jacksonville

Acres: 0.1  
 Jesse B. Smith Memorial Plaza is named for a longtime city employee who served in the fields of economic development and planning, and was deputy director of the Planning and Development Department (housed in the Florida Theatre building) when he died in 1996 at age 59. His dedicated work brought a host of new businesses and thousands of jobs to Jacksonville, and his positive outlook influenced all who knew him.

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches

**Jessie Ball DuPont Park**

1207 Prudential Dr. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: Southside  
 Acres: 2.7

Jessie Ball duPont Park, home of the Treaty Oak, is located in the Southbank area. In the 1930s, the Garden Club, Mrs. Jessie duPont, and a Times Union reporter, Pat Moran, began efforts to preserve the tree. Moran coined the name Treaty Oak while writing a fictitious story about how white settlers and Indians met under the tree to sign peace treaties. Mrs. duPont and the Alfred I. duPont Foundation purchased

the land containing the tree around 1934 and donated it to the City in 1964. The City acquired the remainder of the property between 1964 and 1971, the year the park was named in honor of Jessie duPont (1884-1970), an ardent philanthropist and part-time Jacksonville resident.

**Amenities:**

- Car Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Security Lighting

**Jim King Park and Boat Ramp at Sisters Creek**

8203 Heckscher Dr. - 32226  
 Neighborhood: Pumpkin Hill  
 Acres: 22.6

This is the site of the annual Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament.

**Amenities:**

- Boat docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Car Parking
- Fishing Available
- Grills
- Manatee Education
- Pedestrian Docks
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

**Jim Rink Park**

801 Cedar St. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: Southside  
 Acres: 0.2

**Amenities:**

- Car Parking
- Park Benches
- Security Lighting

**Jim Wingate Property**

4849 Cedar Point Rd. - 32226  
 Neighborhood: The Cape  
 Acres: 24.

**Joe Carlucci Sisters Creek Park and Boat Ramp**

8414 Heritage River Rd. - 32226  
 Neighborhood: Little Marsh Hill  
 Acres: 4.2

Known as Two Sisters Creek when Florida was a colony of Spain, the name derives from two similar hardwood hammocks that were situated on both sides of the creek, which is now part of the Inland Waterway. The City Council renamed the facility in 1991 to honor Joseph A. Carlucci, a City Councilman who served for 10 years before being elected to the Florida Senate, an office he held until his death.

**Amenities:**

- Boat docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Fishing Available
- Grills
- Manatee Education
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms

**Joe Davis Memorial Park**

2545 Larsen Rd. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: Pine Forest  
 Acres: 0.5

Originally named Larsen Acres or Larsen Road Park, Joe Davis Memorial Park was renamed for the head of the family whose commitment to the neighborhood made the purchase of the property possible. The park's playground was assembled in a single day in March 2002 by volunteers from CNA Insurance, The Claims Administration Corporation, The Jacksonville Housing Partnership, and residents of the Larsen community.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court
- Bike Racks
- Drinking Fountain

- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting

## Joe James Center

1631 Hurst Pl. - 32209  
 Neighborhood: Mid Westside  
 Acres: 0.1  
 Joe H. James, Jr. (1892-1966) was a White real estate broker who organized and directed the Jacksonville Negro Welfare League during the 1920s and 30s. He also served as chairman of both the Colored Division of the Community Chest and the Charity Agency Federation.

### Amenities:

- Community Center

## John D. Liverman Park

6680 Grace Ln. - 32205  
 Neighborhood: Normandy Village  
 Acres: 19.7  
 John D. Liverman Park is located in the Normandy section of west Jacksonville. The name Normandy dates back to 1944 when Normandy Boulevard was named as a memorial to the soldiers killed in the World War II invasion at Normandy, a province of France. In 1973, the Normandy Community Club donated a 12-acre parcel to the City for the initial park, and asked that it be named for its past-president John D. Liverman Jr. (1925-67), who served in Europe during WWII and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

### Amenities:

- Youth Baseball Field
- Adult Softball Field
- Hard Tennis Court
- Park Benches

## John Murray Forbes Park

2700 St. Johns Ave.  
 Neighborhood: Riverside  
 Acres: 0.2

## John N. McPherson Park

526 West 8th St - 32206  
 Neighborhood: Springfield  
 Acres: 1.3  
 The City Council changed the name in 2004 from Gateway Park to honor John McPherson, a 27-year Navy veteran of three wars, who was a community activist, volunteer, and supporter of neighborhood improvements, who often inspired others by example.

### Amenities:

- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Security Lighting

## John Stockton Elementary School Park

4827 Carlisle Rd. - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Ortega Forest  
 Acres: 7.5  
 The park is located at the John Stockton Elementary School in the Ortega Forest section of Jacksonville, which comprised part of a large plantation that was named Ortega in 1804. The original Ortega subdivision was platted in 1909 by the Ortega Company headed by John N.C. Stockton (1857-1922), but it was not until 1946 that the development of Ortega Forest began during the postwar migration to the suburbs. Built in 1955, the school was named for Mr. Stockton, who is best remembered for his devoted public service. He worked tirelessly distributing relief funds during the yellow fever epidemic of 1888, chaired the Board of Public Works through the financial crisis of 1893 and after the Great Fire of 1901, and often gave of his time and means to his fellow citizens.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters

- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Soccer
- Youth Softball Field
- Hard Tennis Court
- Paved Trails

## John T. Lowe Boat Ramp at Goodby's Lake

9021 San Jose Blvd. - 32257  
 Neighborhood: Craven  
 Acres: 4  
 Goodbys Creek is a tributary of the St. Johns River, roughly dividing the Jacksonville communities of San Jose and Mandarin. When surveyed in 1792 for Francis Goodwin, the stream was known as Azza Creek, later to be known as Goodmans Lake, Goodbys Lake, and Goodbys Creek. Manatees are found along the channel during the March-November season.

## Johnnie W. Walker Park & Community Center

2500 West 20th St. - 32209  
 Neighborhood: Grand Park  
 Acres: 8.9  
 In 2005, the name was changed from Grand Park to honor Johnnie W. Walker (1937-2004), who devoted much of her life to community service. In addition to serving as president of the Grand Park and Brooklyn Community Associations, she actively worked for civil rights as a volunteer with the NAACP and the Democratic Party, and was also a sister of the Order of the Eastern Star.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Football
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

# Parks Directory



- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms

## Joseph Stilwell Middle School Park

7840 Burma Rd. - 32221

Neighborhood: Rolling Hills

Acres: 8.5

This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

### Amenities:

- Adult Baseball Court
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Football
- Park Benches
- Playground
- Youth Softball Field
- Paved Trails

## Julington Durbin Creek Preserve

13130 Bartram Park Blvd. - 32223

Neighborhood: Julington Creek

Acres: 2023.9

The area is located on a peninsula formed at the confluence of Julington and Durbin creeks, and has approximately nine miles of shoreline along the two creeks. The peninsula is a long sandy ridge that grades into floodplain swamp and marsh along the creeks' shores. Natural communities consist

## Joseph Lee Center

5120 Perry St. - 32208

Neighborhood: Brentwood

Acres: 1

The ultramodern building opened as a Teen Center in October 1962, and the City provided supervised recreation and held weekend dances for teenagers. The facility soon evolved into a community center for all age groups. The Center was named for Joseph Lee (1862-1937), considered the father of the American playground movement. After creating his own Boston playground in the early 1890s, he observed and recorded the results. Lee then championed playgrounds in articles, books, and speeches across America, and served for 27 years as president of the organization that became the National Recreation Association in 1930.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Car Parking
- Community Center





## Justina Road Elementary Park

3143 Justina Rd. - 32277

Neighborhood: Arlington Manor

Acres: 3.3

This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

### Amenities:

- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Concession Stand
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Soccer
- Youth Softball Field (Lighted)

## K

## Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

500 Wonderwood Dr. - 32233

Neighborhood: North Beach

Acres: 446.9

Located on the sandy shores of the Atlantic Ocean, Hanna Park boasts sunny beaches, freshwater lakes, wooded campsites, and 1.5 miles of sandy beaches. Dolphin Pavilion is

of sandhill along the higher areas near the center of the peninsula and flatwoods at the lower elevations. The preserve contains extensive floodplain wetlands, providing water quality and floodplain protection for both creeks and the St. Johns River. Known wildlife at the preserve include: bald eagle, osprey, gopher tortoise, bobcat, turkey, deer, and numerous species of wading and songbirds. Manatees seasonally swim in both creeks. Recreational activities include: hiking, picnicking, horseback riding, bicycling, and nature study.

### Amenities:

- Fishing Available
- Unpaved Trails

## Julius Guinyard Park and Pool

1359 Jefferson St. - 32209

Neighborhood: Hogans Creek

Acres: 4.6

The land for what is now Julius Guinyard Park and swimming pool was acquired by fee simple from the Housing Authority of Jacksonville in June 1949. The swimming pool, constructed at this park in 1951 and originally called "Blodgett Homes Pool," is one of the oldest public pools in the City of Jacksonville. In 2006, the park was renamed after Mr. Julius Guinyard, a former City Parks employee.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Grills
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Youth Softball Field (Lighted)
- Swimming Pools



available for oceanfront rentals for meetings, weddings or reunions.

**Amenities:**

- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Camping Facilities
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Fishing Available
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Pedestrian Docks
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables

**Kings Road Historic Preserve - Thomas Creek Wildlife Properties**

New Kings Rd. & Thomas Creek - 32221  
 Neighborhood: Forrest Trails  
 Acres: 3167.3

**Amenities:**

- Unpaved Trails



**Lake Lucina Elementary Park**

6527 Merrill Rd. - 32277  
 Neighborhood: Fairways Forest  
 Acres: 8  
 This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

**Amenities:**

- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Basketball Court
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

**Lake Shore Middle School Pool**

2519 Bayview Rd. - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Lakeshore  
 Acres: 6.0  
 This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

**Amenities:**

- Youth Baseball Field
- Basketball Court
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Youth Softball Field
- Swimming Pools

**Lakeside Park I and II**

4190 Lakeside Dr. - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Fairfax  
 Acres: 0.7

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches

**Landon Park**

1800 San Marco Blvd. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: San Marco  
 Acres: 0.8  
 Landon Park, in the San Marco section of the City, takes its name from the John and Mary Landon family who moved to the area in 1867. Their daughter Julia became the teacher for South Jacksonville's first school, and she taught continuously for 36 years until her retirement in 1919. After the area's first high school was constructed in 1926-27, on the site of her old home, it was named Landon High School in her honor. The original park was established on the 1925 plat of the San Marco subdivision, and it more than doubled in size by the closing of an adjacent street and an additional land purchase in 1939. The nearby commercial district was modeled after St. Mark's Square in Venice.

**Amenities:**

- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Playground

**Lannie Road Park**

3461 Lannie Rd. - 32218  
 Neighborhood: Forest Trails  
 Acres: 166.9  
 Lannie Road Park is situated in upper northwestern Jacksonville, near the portion of Thomas Creek that separates Duval and Nassau counties. The City's 1425-acre Thomas Creek Preserve is also located in the area. The property comprised part of a tract purchased by the City in 1972 for use as a correctional facility by the Sheriff's Office. In 1992, 60 acres of the site (which was undeveloped land of the Montgomery Correctional Center) were used for creation of the park, as a home for the Gateway Radio Control Club. The Club operates a flying field for radio-controlled, miniature airplanes. Its facilities--which include a covered pavilion with picnic tables and workbenches, taxiways, a runway, and a clubhouse--are open to the public. Weekend classes are provided for beginners.

**Amenities:**

- Adult Baseball Field
- Basketball Court
- Car Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

**Largo Well Park**

1964 Largo Rd. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: San Marco  
 Acres: 0.1

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches

**Lem Merrett Park**

845 Ellis Rd. - 32205  
 Neighborhood: Normandy  
 Acres: 6.1  
 Lem Merrett Park is located on

Ellis Road in west Jacksonville is named for Willis Lem Merrett (1919-1978), Duval County Commissioner for the district from 1961 until 1968. During the period between 1988 and 1997, many improvements were made to the park, due mainly to the efforts of Cary "Red" Lyda (1919-2000), who lived nearby and took a great interest in the community's children. He established a park association, obtained private donations, and oversaw City improvement projects. This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

**Leonard Abess Park**

12743 Leonard Abess Blvd. - 32225  
 Neighborhood: East Arlington  
 Acres: 34.1

The park was named for Leonard L. Abess Sr., a prominent banker who was instrumental in providing the land to the City of Jacksonville for park development.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Football
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

**Low Brantley Park & McGirts Creek Community Center**

8435 118th St. - 32244  
 Neighborhood: Jax Heights South  
 Acres: 87.8

A large portion of this park will help preserve the environmentally sensitive area around McGirts Creek. A highlight of the park is the "Field of Dreams" Miracle League field, where special needs children are able to experience playing in their own baseball league. Conceived by the West Jacksonville Rotary and funded by private donations, Low Brantley Field was dedicated in May 2007.

**Liberty Park**

1938 Liberty St. - 32206  
 Neighborhood: Springfield  
 Acres: 0.7

Liberty Street, which was named in Jacksonville's founding year of 1822, had previously been known as Ferry Road, because the ferry across the St. Johns River to the south bank operated at the southern terminus of the street. In 1929, the City accepted a donation of the park property, which resided adjacent to the Corinne Scott Elementary School that was built in 1926. The park was created sometime between 1929 and 1942, and possesses the same amenities today that it did in 1974. The school closed in 1991 and in recent years has been renovated into apartments targeting middle-income, urban professionals. This two-story building and several old oak trees along the perimeter enhance the setting of Liberty Park.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

- Security Lighting
- Shuffleboard

**Lift Ev'ry Voice & Sing Park**

120 N Lee St. - 32204  
 Neighborhood: LaVilla  
 Acres: 0.25

On September 10, 2013, the City of Jacksonville designated the James Weldon and John Rosamond Johnson Birth Site, located at the northwest corner of Lee and Houston Streets as a landmark site; and named it the Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing Park. The property was the location of the family home of James Weldon Johnson and his brother John Rosamond Johnson, in which both brothers were born, raised and lived during a significant portion of their lives; and is also the location where the brothers composed Lift Every Voice and Sing, originally composed to commemorate Abraham Lincoln's birthday but later became known as the Negro National Anthem. James Weldon Johnson later attained additional national prominence by being appointed the United States Consul to Venezuela and Nicaragua; and likewise, John Rosamond Johnson went on to achieve additional notoriety in the vaudeville scene by composing or assisting in more than 200 musical compositions made popular through vaudeville performances in New York's Broadway Boulevard venues and Carnegie Hall.

**Lillian S. Davin Park**

2311 River Rd. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: San Marco  
 Acres: 0.26

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches
- Security Lighting

**Lillian Saunders Center**

2750 Bartley Cir. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: Spring Park  
 Acres: 0.27



#### Amenities:

- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Shuffleboard

#### **Little Talbot Island State Park**

12157 Heckscher Dr. - 32226

Neighborhood: Talbot Islands

Acres: 2,500

One of the few remaining undeveloped barrier islands in Northeast Florida, this park offers more than five miles of beautiful beaches, majestic dunes and undisturbed salt marshes. A paved bike path runs two miles from the park's entrance to the southern tip of the island.

#### Amenities:

- Beach Access
- Boat Ramp
- Camping
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Fishing
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Swimming
- Trails
- Visitor/Interpretive Center

#### **Loblolly Mitigation Preserve**

East Fifton Rd. - 32234

Neighborhood: Baldwin

Acres: 4201

#### **Loblolly Park**

Normandy Blvd. - 32234

Neighborhood: Baldwin

Acres: 500

#### **Long Branch Park**

4110 Franklin St. - 32206

Neighborhood: Longbranch

Acres: 4.0

#### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Car Parking
- Senior Center
- Park Benches
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Shuffleboard

#### **Lonnie C. Miller Sr. Regional Park**

7689 Price Ln. - 32208

Neighborhood: Harborview

Acres: 106.2



- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting

### Loretto Nature Center

3900 Loretto Rd. - 32223  
 Neighborhood: Mandarin  
 Acres: 27.4

This site features a mix of jurisdictional wetlands and uplands bordering the heavily-wooded Oldfield Creek.

#### Amenities:

- Boardwalk
- Park Benches
- Trails

### Losco Regional Park

10931 Hood Rd. S - 32257  
 Neighborhood: Mandarin Station  
 Acres: 220.6

#### Amenities:

- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

#### Amenities:

- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Paved Trails
- Volleyball

### Lonnie Wurn Boat Ramp

4131 Ferber Rd. - 32277  
 Neighborhood: Woodmere  
 Acres: 3.3

#### Amenities:

- Boat Docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Car Parking
- Fishing Available
- Manatee Education
- Park Benches
- Pedestrian Docks



# Parks Directory

- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Soccer Field
- Paved Trails
- Unpaved Trails

## Lovelace Park

6401 Barnes Rd. - 32216  
Neighborhood: Sans Souci  
Acres: 36.7

### Amenities:

- Car Parking
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Paved Trails

## Lynn Park

5109 Lambing Rd. - 32210  
Neighborhood: Jacksonville  
Heights  
Acres: 1.1

### Amenities:

- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Paved Trails

# M

## Main St. Park

Main St. - 32202  
Neighborhood: Downtown  
Jacksonville  
Acres: 0.8

### Amenities:

- Art Exhibit

## Mallison Park and Center

3151 Lenox Ave. - 32254  
Neighborhood: Lackawanna  
Acres: 9

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike Racks
- Bleachers

- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Football / Rugby Fields
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Park Benches
- Playground
- Restrooms

## Mandarin High School Pool

4831 Greenland Rd. - 32258  
Neighborhood: Greenland  
Acres: 6.9

### Amenities:

- Car Parking
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Swimming Pools

## Mandarin Park

14780 Mandarin Rd. - 32223  
Neighborhood: Mandarin  
Acres: 36.9

### Amenities:

- Boat Docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Fishing Available
- Grills
- Multiuse Field
- Pedestrian Docks
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

## Manson Bull Felder Park

1045 Fuller Ln. - 32206  
Neighborhood: Springfield  
Acres: 0.12

### Amenities:

- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting

## Marion Park

840 Marion Cir. - 32208  
Neighborhood: Lake Forrest  
Acres: 1.8

### Amenities:

- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Tennis Clay Court
- Tennis Hard Court
- Water Feature

## Marjenhoff Park

1955 Southhampton Rd. - 32207  
Neighborhood: St. Nicholas  
Acres: 1.5

### Amenities:

- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

## Martin Luther King Elementary

8801 Lake Placid Dr. E - 32208  
Neighborhood: Harborview  
Acres: 6.2

## Mary Lena Gibbs

6974 Wilson Blvd. - 32210  
Neighborhood: Sweetwater  
Acres: 10.1

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike Racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Football Field
- Grills
- Gymnasium
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

## Maxville Park

18065 Pennsylvania Ave. - 32234  
Neighborhood: Maxville  
Acres: 307.2

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike Racks

- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

### May Mann Jennings Park

628 Winona Dr. - 32206  
 Neighborhood: Tallyrand  
 Acres: 22.7

### McCoy's Creek Blvd Park

2805 Mc Coys Creek Blvd - 32254  
 Neighborhood: Lackawanna  
 Acres: 18.6

### McCue Park and Boat Ramp

2510 Second Ave. - 32250  
 Neighborhood: Jacksonville Beach  
 Acres: 1.9

### McGirts Creek Park

8435 118th St. - 32244  
 Neighborhood: Settlers Landing  
 Acres: 87.8

A highlight of the park is the "Field of Dreams" Miracle League field, where special needs children are able to experience playing in their own baseball league.

#### Amenities:

- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike Racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

### McGirts Creek Park Expansion

8400 118th St. - 32244  
 Neighborhood: Settlers Landing

Acres: 425.3

The McGirts Creek Park expansion will help preserve the environmentally sensitive area around McGirts Creek.

### Melvin Park

7401 Melvin Rd. - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Cedar Hills  
 Acres: 3.1

#### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Car Parking
- Park Benches
- Playground

### Memorial Park

1620 Riverside Ave. - 32204  
 Neighborhood: Riverside  
 Acres: 5.85

#### Amenities:

- Car Parking
- Fishing Available
- Park Benches
- Security Lighting
- Paved Trails

### Metropolitan Park

1410 Gator Bowl Blvd. - 32202  
 Neighborhood: Midtown  
 Acres: 28.6

#### Amenities:

- Bike Racks
- Boat Docks
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Pedestrian Docks
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

### Michael B. Scanlan Mayport Boat Ramp

4870 Ocean St. - 32233  
 Neighborhood: Mayport  
 Acres: 0.6

This 24 hour boat launch facility is the busiest ramp in the City providing quick access to the Atlantic Ocean and Intracoastal Waterway.

#### Amenities:

- Boat Docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Restroom

### Mickey King Park

3758 Hendricks Ave. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: Miramer  
 Acres: 0.6

### Mitchell Community Center and Park

1010 Acorn St. - 32209  
 Neighborhood: New Town  
 Acres: 1

#### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Shuffleboard

### Modesky Park

1162 Green Cay Ave. - 32233  
 Neighborhood: North Beach  
 Acres: 5.6

#### Amenities:

- Basketball Court
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting

### Monticello Wildlands

Forest Trail Rd. - 32219  
 Neighborhood: Cisco Gardens  
 Acres: 403.7  
 Originally six properties, acquired in 2002-06, the Monticello Wildlands is a true Preservation Partnership project. The City of Jacksonville, the State of Florida and the Division of Forestry all partnered on the acquisition and ownership of these properties. The City currently holds title to an



outparcel of the Monticello Drug property, the International Paper property, and the Monticello A property.

**Murray Drive Playground**  
1187 Murray Dr. - 32205  
Neighborhood: Murray Hill  
Acres: 0.6

- Amenities:
- Park Benches
  - Playground

**Murray Hill Art Center at Herbert Bayer**  
4327 Kerle St. - 32205  
Neighborhood: Murray Hill  
Acres: 0.6

- Amenities:
- Car Parking
  - Community Center
  - Park Benches
  - Picnic Tables
  - Restrooms

**Murray Hill Four Corners Park**  
4602 Lawnview Rd.- 32205  
Neighborhood: Murray Hill  
Acres: 7.4

- Amenities:
- Park Benches
  - Security Lighting
  - Paved Trails

**Murray Hill Playground**  
4208 Kingsbury St. - 32205  
Neighborhood: Murray Hill  
Acres: 10.1

- Amenities:
- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)
  - Basketball Field (Lighted)
  - Bleachers
  - Car Parking
  - Concession Stand
  - Drinking Fountain
  - Park Benches
  - Picnic Shelters
  - Picnic Tables
  - Playground
  - Restrooms
  - Security Lighting

**Myrtle Avenue Park**  
217 Myrtle Ave. - 32204  
Neighborhood: Brooklyn  
Acres: 0.4





**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

## N

**Nathan Krestul Park**

2001 LaVaca Rd.- 32217  
 Neighborhood: San Jose Forrest  
 Acres: 2.0

**Amenities:**

- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Security Lighting
- Water Features

**Native Parks 1 and 2**

Park St. - 32205  
 Neighborhood: Avondale  
 Acres: 0.4

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches

**New Berlin Boat Ramp**

New Berlin Rd. - 32226  
 Neighborhood: New Berlin  
 Acres: 0.15

**Amenities:**

- Boat Ramps

- Security Lighting
- New Berlin Model Airplane Field**  
 10525 Island Dr. - 32226  
 Neighborhood: Pumpkin Hill  
 Acres: 320.33

**Amenities:**

- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Tennis Hard Court

**Norman Studios**

6337 Arlington Rd. - 32211  
 Neighborhood: Arlington  
 The historic Norman Film Studios (1916) is currently undergoing extensive renovation and will not open to the public until renovations are complete.

**Normandy Boulevard Sports Complex**

10851 Normandy Blvd. - 32221  
 Neighborhood: Jacksonville Farms  
 Acres: 14.6

**Amenities:**

- Bike Racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Football Field
- Picnic Shelters



# Parks Directory

- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Soccer Field

## Normandy Center

1751 Lindsey Rd. - 32221  
Neighborhood: Normandy  
Manor  
Acres: 1

### Amenities:

- Community Center
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting

## Normandy Park

1728 Lindsey Rd. - 32221  
Neighborhood: Normandy  
Manor  
Acres: 10.3

### Amenities:

- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

## North Shore Park

7901 Pearl St. - 32208  
Neighborhood: Tallulah/ North  
Shore  
Acres: 2.6

### Amenities:

- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Fishing Available
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Paved Trails

## Northbank Riverwalk - Jacksonville Landing

201 East Coastline Dr. - 32202  
Neighborhood: Downtown  
Jacksonville  
Acres: 11

### Amenities:

- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Paved Trails

## Northbank Riverwalk Artist Square

729 Riverside Ave. - 32204  
Neighborhood: Brooklyn  
Acres: 2.4

## Norwood Park

6919 Norwood Drive - 32208  
Neighborhood: Lake Forrest  
Acres: 4



## Oak Harbor Boat Ramp

2428 Seaway St. - 32233  
Neighborhood: North Beach  
Acres: 4

### Amenities:

- Boat Docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Fishing Available
- Manatee Education
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting

## Oak Hill Elementary Park

6900 Daughtry Blvd. - 32210  
Neighborhood: Cedar Hills  
Acres: 4.1  
Duval County Public Schools and  
the City of Jacksonville have a  
joint use agreement allowing the  
general public to use the park's  
resources at specified times.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court
- Bleachers

- Park Benches
- Parking
- Pavilion
- Playground
- Soccer Field
- Youth Softball Field (Lighted)

## Oakland Park

657 East Union St. - 32206  
Neighborhood: Springfield  
Acres: 1

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

## Oceanway Community Center and Pool

12215 Sago Ave. - 32218  
Neighborhood: Oceanway  
Acres: 27

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike Racks
- Bleachers
- Boat Docks
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Dog Park
- Drinking Fountain
- Fishing Available
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Pedestrian Docks

## Ortega Hills Park

4791 Ortega Hills Dr. - 32244  
Neighborhood: Ortega Hills  
Acres: 0.3

## Ortega Hills Playground

5000 Greenway Dr. - 32244  
Neighborhood: Ortega Hills  
Acres: 0.8

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court
- Bike Racks
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

- Security Lighting
- Otis Road Trail Head**  
Otis Rd. - 32234  
Neighborhood: Baldwin  
Acres: 691.7

**Our Community Club Park**  
6200 Old Middleburg Rd. - 32222  
Neighborhood: Jax Heights S.  
Acres: 21.2

- Amenities:
- Adult Baseball Field
  - Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
  - Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)
  - Bike Racks
  - Bleachers
  - Car Parking
  - Concession Stand
  - Park Benches
  - Picnic Shelters
  - Picnic Tables
  - Playground
  - Restrooms

## P

**Pablo Creek Preserve**  
Southside of JTB at Hodges Blvd.  
- 32256  
Neighborhood: Sans Pareil  
Acres: 2625.7

**Palmer Terrace**  
Palmer Ter. - 32207  
Neighborhood: St. Nicholas  
Acres: 0.35

- Amenities:
- Park Benches

**Palmetto Leaves Regional Park**  
5760 Greenland Rd. - 32257  
Neighborhood: Greenland  
Acres: 467.8

- Amenities:
- Bike Racks
  - Car Parking
  - Grills
  - Picnic Shelters
  - Picnic Tables
  - Restrooms

- Youth Softball Field (Lighted)
- Palms Fish Camp**  
6359 Heckscher Dr. - 32226  
Neighborhood: Pumpkin Hill  
Acres: 5.4

- Amenities:
- Boat Docks
  - Boat Ramps
  - Boat Trailer Parking
  - Canoe/Kayak Launch
  - Car Parking

**Panama Park**  
6912 Buffalo Ave. - 32208  
Neighborhood: Panama Park  
Acres: 9.8

- Amenities:
- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
  - Basketball Court (Lighted)
  - Bleachers
  - Car Parking
  - Drinking Fountain
  - Park Benches
  - Picnic Tables
  - Playground
  - Restrooms
  - Security Lighting
  - Adult Softball Field (Lighted)
  - Hard Tennis Court (Lighted)

**Parkwood Heights Elementary Park**  
1709 Lansdowne Rd. - 32211  
Neighborhood: Arlingtonwood  
Acres: 4.1  
Duval County School Board and the City of Jacksonville have a joint use agreement for the use of the playground and softball field.

- Amenities:
- Bleachers
  - Park Benches
  - Picnic Shelters
  - Picnic Tables
  - Playground
  - Youth Softball Field (Lighted)

**Patton Park**  
2850 Hodges Blvd. - 32246  
Neighborhood: Golden Glades/  
The Woods  
Acres: 120.6

The Patton family donated the property, which is now referred to as Patton Park, on December 29, 1993. The park consists of twelve year round soccer fields, owned by the City of Jacksonville and leased to the First Coast Soccer Association, Inc.

- Amenities:
- Bleachers
  - Car Parking
  - Concession Stand
  - Drinking Fountain
  - Football Fields
  - Park Benches
  - Picnic Shelters
  - Picnic Tables
  - Playground
  - Restrooms
  - Security Lighting
  - Soccer Fields

**Paxon High School**  
3239 W 5th St. - 32254  
Neighborhood: Allendale  
Acres: 9.3

The property is owned by the Duval County School Board. The City of Jacksonville has a joint use for the swimming pool and baseball field.

- Amenities:
- Adult Baseball Fields (Lighted)
  - Restrooms
  - Security Lighting
  - Swimming Pools

**Peace Memorial Park**  
1515 Mallory St. - 32205  
Neighborhood: Riverside  
Acres: 0.6

Peace Memorial Park is located across from the Willowbranch Library. The Garden Club of Jacksonville conceived of the idea for planting the site with peace roses in 1950, as a symbol of world peace following World War II. After the City's planting of 200 rose bushes, the park was dedicated in April 1951 and widely acclaimed for its beauty and charm. Unfortunately, roses are no longer growing in the

# #FightBlight

## while you explore JaxParks

There are more than 400 parks for you to discover throughout the city, which means you better get started! And as long as you're traversing from one side of Jacksonville to the other, taking advantage of everything JaxParks has to offer, keep an eye out for unsightly blight.

Make sure to have the MyJax app downloaded and ready to go the next time you're playing a pick-up game of basketball at your neighborhood community center, feeding ducks at the pond, taking an evening stroll through your favorite greenspace, or hunting pocket monsters to add to your Pokédex.

The MyJax mobile app allows you to report concerns such as litter, potholes, missed garbage collections, and a host of other issues. You can pinpoint the issue location using GPS, attach photos and receive automatic status updates from your smart device.

Keep Jacksonville clean and improve the overall quality of life for the citizens of Duval County!



# Download the MyJax Mobile App Today!



Available on the  
**App Store**

<http://tinyurl.com/myjaxapple>



ANDROID APP ON  
**Google play**

<http://tinyurl.com/myjaxgoogle>

**WWW.COJ.NET/BLIGHT**

park, which now provides an open expanse of lawn with a few venerable trees and a single bench. But two stone markers placed on the grounds in 1958 and 1960 by chapters of the American War Mothers offer reminders of the inspiration that led to the park's creation.

Amenities:

- Park Benches

### **Pine Forest Elementary School Park**

3939 Grant Rd. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: Pine Forest  
 Acres: 4.7  
 Duval County School Board and the City of Jacksonville have a joint use agreement for the athletic/playground facilities. The park is home to the Pine Forest Athletic Association, a 30-year-old volunteer organization that currently serves about 200 area youth through its football, cheerleading, and baseball programs.

Amenities:

- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Concession Stand
- Football Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground Equipment
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

### **Pope Duval Park**

13500 W Beaver St. - 32215  
 Neighborhood: Otis  
 Acres: 411.6  
 This regional park was named for William Pope DuVal, the first territorial governor of Florida (1822-1834). The park property was formerly the northern end of Cecil Field and declared surplus by the Navy in the early 1970s. The U.S. Department of the Interior gave the property to the City of Jacksonville.

Amenities:

- Bike racks
- Car Parking
- Fishing Available
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Pedestrian Docks
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Paved Trails

### **Powers Park**

3153 Green St. - 32205  
 Neighborhood: Murray Hill  
 Acres: 13.2  
 The City established the park soon after purchasing a three-block tract from Arthur M. Powers in 1929. A Riverside resident, Mr. Powers was the Secretary-Treasurer of Sabel Brothers, a downtown wholesaler of shoes, shoemaker equipment, and leather goods. This park is a passive facility, without athletic or playground amenities. It provides a scenic, natural setting with many picturesque trees, and attractive green space for the area's residents.

Amenities:

- Multiuse Field

### **Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park**

13802 Pumpkin Hill Rd. - 32226  
 Acres: 5.8  
 Pumpkin Hill Creek State Park protects one of the largest contiguous areas of coastal uplands remaining in Duval County. The uplands protect the water quality of the Nassau and St. Johns rivers, ensuring the survival of aquatic plants and animals. The area also provides an important refuge for birds. Equestrians, hikers and off-road bicyclists can explore more than 16 miles of trails.

Amenities:

- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Fishing
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms

- Trails



### **Raines High School**

3663 Raines Ave. - 32209  
 Neighborhood: Edgewood Manor  
 Acres: 5.6  
 Duval County School Board and the City of Jacksonville have a joint use agreement for the use of the football field and pool.

Amenities:

- Football Field
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Swimming Pools

### **Ray Greene Park**

2149 Leonid Rd. - 32218  
 Neighborhood: Highlands  
 Acres: 38  
 The park opened in 1957, and is named for former Duval County Commissioner C. Ray Greene Sr. (1892-1964), who served continuously from 1934 to 1962. A pharmacist who lived in Brentwood and operated the Brentwood Pharmacy, he said that his greatest satisfaction from public service was his work to prevent juvenile delinquency. An off-road bicycle course was built at the park in the early 1980's.

Amenities:

- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Basketball
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

### **Raymond E. Davis Park**

3011 Spires St. - 32209  
 Neighborhood: Mid Westside  
 Acres: 0.9  
 Local residents, led by City



Councilman Reggie Fullwood, actively sought a park for the area's children. The Jacksonville Electric Authority, which maintains a water treatment facility and electric substation at the site, donated the western portion of the property to the City in 2001 for use as a park. After its completion in 2002-2003, the facility was named Spires Street Park. Members of the Spires family were early settlers in the area. The City Council renamed the park in 2004 to honor the pastor of a nearby church for his service to the community, particularly its young people. In addition to a 16-year career as an occupational specialist with the School System, Reverend Davis served on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Northeast Florida and the Johnson Branch of the YMCA.

#### Amenities:

- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Paved Trails

#### **Reddie Point Preserve**

4499 Yachtman Way - 32277  
Neighborhood: Charter Point  
Acres: 101.8

#### Amenities:

- Beach Access
- Bike Racks
- Car Parking
- Fishing Available
- Kayak Launch
- Picnic Shelter
- Picnic Tables
- Unpaved Trails

#### **Reed Island**

32205  
Neighborhood: Alderman Park  
Acres: 125.9

Reed Island is an undeveloped anchorage located in the St. Johns River.

#### **Ribault High School Pool**

3701 Winton Dr. - 32208  
Neighborhood: Ribault  
Acres: 23.8

Ribault High School Pool is under a joint use agreement with the Duval County School Board and the City of Jacksonville.

#### Amenities:

- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Swimming Pools



This passive park boasts spectacular view of the Ribault River.

**Amenities:**

- Bike Racks
- Car Parking
- Fishing Available
- Park Benches
- Security Lighting
- Paved Trails

**Ringhaver Park**

5198 118th St. - 32244  
 Neighborhood: Ortega Farms  
 Acres: 576

Ringhaver Park is named for Lambert C. Ringhaver (1910-1976), whose family made a memorial donation for the initial park development. Mr. Ringhaver was the founder of Ring Power Corp., and served as president of the Florida Forestry Association, as a trustee of Jacksonville University, and as president of the Greater Jacksonville Open for two terms. The multi-use park is home to the Westside Soccer Club and the Ortega Stream Valley nature area, which contains an 826-foot boardwalk along the Ortega River and a pier that may be used for launching kayaks and canoes.

**Amenities:**

- Bleachers
- Canoe/Kayak Launch

**Ribault River Preserve**

3250 Clyde Dr. - 32208  
 Neighborhood: Harborview  
 Acres: 35.3

**Amenities:**

- Fishing Available

**Ribault River Preserve Expansion**

2617 Ribault Scenic Dr.  
 Neighborhood: Ribault  
 Acres: 2.6

This land acquisition was funded by the City of Jacksonville and a grant from the Florida Communities Trust. It's managed by the City as a park to protect natural resources and provide the public opportunities for educational and recreational activities.

**Amenities:**

- Boat Docks
- Picnic Tables
- Trail

**Ribault Scenic Drive Park**

Ribault Scenic Dr. - 32208  
 Neighborhood: Lake Forest Hills  
 Acres: 1.6



- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Pedestrian Docks
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

## Ritz Park

916 State St. W - 32202  
 Neighborhood: LaVilla  
 Acres: 0.2

Ritz Theatre & LaVilla Museum celebrates the rich legacy of the African American community that thrived in LaVilla for more than 100 years. The theatre and museum are revered as the premiere cultural institution in Jacksonville showcasing art, music, drama, poetry, and African American history. The stories and legends of LaVilla, known as the "Harlem of the South," live on within the walls of the refurbished museum and theatre.

### Amenities:

- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables

## River Oaks Park

1000 River Oaks Rd. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: Miramar  
 Acres: 10.3

The Works Progress Administration (WPA), established by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1935 to provide public service jobs for the unemployed during the Great Depression, supplied the labor and most of the funding to create the park, which opened in 1940. Portions of the grounds form a flood plain, with areas of natural wetlands. Groups such as Greenscape of Jax and the Audubon Society have worked to enhance the park, whose stately trees and lawn provide a natural landscape and visual enjoyment for the residents and passing

pedestrians and motorists.

## Riverfront Park

901 Landon Ave. - 32207  
 Neighborhood: San Marco  
 Acres: 0.5

Riverfront Park is located on a fifteen-foot, one-block strip of land along the St. Johns River in San Marco, between Landon Avenue and La Verne Street. For decades the park's bulkhead has been a favorite spot for local fishermen and manatees have been seen surfacing near the shore. The river view and cooling breezes bring out the visitors with folding chairs and on winter evenings, when the river sunsets are most beautiful, people congregate at the park to enjoy the view.

### Amenities:

- Park Benches
- Security Lighting

## Riverside Park

753 College St. - 32204  
 Neighborhood: Riverside  
 Acres: 11.4

Riverside Park is Jacksonville's second-oldest park, established in the early 1890's. Workers created walk paths, a carriage lane, and two spring-fed lakes that were stocked with ducks. Ornamental stone bridges and camphor trees further beautified the landscape, which became one of the South's loveliest parks by 1907. Other past amenities included a bandstand and tennis courts, and the Men's Garden Club and the city created a camellia garden on the grounds in 1967. Following several years of improvements initiated by Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP), disaster struck the park in 1997, when a savage storm devastated the grounds. Fifty-two trees were lost, but the city and RAP worked diligently to restore this Riverside landmark.

### Amenities:

- Basketball
- Bike racks
- Car Parking
- Dog Park
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Water Feature

## Riverview Park

9620 East Water St. - 32208  
 Neighborhood: Riverview  
 Acres: 10.2

The City of Jacksonville developed this property along the Trout River in 1979, and the Riverview Community Center (now a Senior Center) opened at the site in 1985. Through the years, the wooded area and river setting, coupled with a playground area for children, have made the facility a popular get-a-way spot for families. And today, the Center offers a myriad of activities and services for the area's senior citizens.

### Amenities:

- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Fishing Available
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Pedestrian Docks
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

## Robert E. Lee High School Pool

1200 South McDuff Ave. - 32205  
 Neighborhood: Riverside  
 Acres: 0.8

Duval County School Board and the City of Jacksonville have a joint use agreement for the use of the pool.

### Amenities:

- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Swimming Pools

## Robert F. Kennedy Park & Community Center

1133 Ionia St. - 32206  
 Neighborhood: Springfield  
 Acres: 4.7

This park and community center is located in the historic Springfield Neighborhood in downtown Jacksonville. With a fully equipped kitchen, restrooms, tables and chairs for functions as large as 370 people, the center hosts many special events, both large and small.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Gymnasium
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

## Rolliston Park

7505 Rolliston Rd. - 32208  
 Neighborhood: Tallulah/ North Shore  
 Acres: 1.7

This passive park consists of an elongated expanse of lawn, bordered by a tree-lined canal, the Trout River and Rolliston Road.

### Amenities:

- Picnic Tables

## Rondette Park

3500 Rondette Lake Rd. - 32277  
 Neighborhood: Arlington Hills  
 Acres: 50.1

In 1974, Arlington Park was established and became home to the Rondette Athletic Association that formed the same year and still exists today. The Association provides youth baseball/softball programs and has been an active partner with the City in maintaining and improving the park over the years.

### Amenities:

- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

## Royal Terrace

5630 Benedict Rd. - 32209  
 Neighborhood: Royal Terrace  
 Acres: 1.2

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court
- Bike racks
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Paved Trails

## Russell Bill Cook Jr. Park & Center

3300 Jones St. - 32206  
 Neighborhood: Longbranch  
 Acres: 3.7

### Amenities:

- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Basketball Field (Lighted)
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Water Feature

## Rutledge Pearson Center

1314 Union St. - 32209  
 Neighborhood: New Town  
 Acres: 0.7

Rutledge Pearson was president of the local branch of the NAACP during the height of the civil

rights movement. He was a civics teacher who taught his black students lessons that were more reflective of the world that they lived in rather than just the lessons that were put forth in their hand-me-down textbooks.

### Amenities:

- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

## Ryder Park

2332 Automobile Dr. - 32209  
 Neighborhood: Grand Park  
 Acres: 1

The terminal of Ryder Truck Lines, Inc. was located near the park property, and the company began in 1971 exploring ways to foster goodwill within the community. After meeting with community leaders and realizing the need for a playground, Ryder donated the land for the park to the City in 1972, along with additional funds toward development. In 2003 the Grand Park Athletic Association signed an agreement with the City regarding team practices and games at the site.

### Amenities:

- Youth Baseball Field
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground



## S-Line Rail Trail

Jax Main St. - 32206  
 Neighborhood: Brentwood  
 Acres: 48.3

The opportunity to create the S-Line trail presented itself with the availability of an abandoned length CSX railroad Right-of-Way, appropriately, in the shape of an "S". The City of Jacksonville



seized the opportunity to create a ribbon of open space in the surrounding urban matrix by purchasing this property. Much of the 4.5-mile trail runs through residential areas, providing residents alternative off street routes for jogging, walking, biking and rollerblading.

### **S. A. Hull Elementary School Park**

7528 Hull St. - 32219

Neighborhood: Lincoln Hills

Acres: 1.8

This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

#### Amenities:

- Youth Baseball Field
- Basketball Court
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Paved Trails

### **Sal Taylor Creek Preserve**

5873 Nathan Hale Rd. - 32221

Neighborhood: Chimney Lakes

Acres: 404.78

Previously known as the "Nathan Hale

Property," the preserve was renamed Sal Taylor after the Sal Taylor Creek tributary that joins Black Creek. Sal Taylor Creek Preserve offers kayakers, hikers and horseback riders beautiful views of backwater streams, swamps, forest areas and wildflowers.

#### Amenities:

- Equestrian Trails
- Unpaved Trails

### **San Jose Acres Park**

2965 Caballero Dr. - 32227

Neighborhood: San Jose Forrest

Acres: 0.2

San Jose Acres Park is a passive use pocket park.

### **San Jose Elementary School Park**

5805 St. Augustine Rd. - 32207

Neighborhood: Pine Forrest

Acres: 7.2

This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site. The City may use the property after 5 p.m. on weekdays and all day on Saturday and Sunday.

#### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Youth Softball Field
- Youth Softball Field (Lighted)





### San Mateo Elementary Park

600 Baisden Rd. - 32218  
 Neighborhood: San Mateo  
 Acres: 3.7

This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

#### Amenities:

- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Adult Softball Field (Lighted)
- Youth Softball Field

### San Mateo Little League

1185 Kraft Rd. - 32218  
 Neighborhood: San Mateo  
 Acres: 12

Historically a Little League Park, the City of Jacksonville acquired this property from the Zion family in December 2004. The San Mateo Little League association is very active at this location, with multiple softball and baseball teams.

#### Amenities

- Adult Baseball Field
- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Youth Baseball Fields
- Youth Baseball Fields (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Picnic Tables
- Youth Softball Fields

- Youth Softball Fields (Lighted)
- Drinking Fountain
- Security Lighting

### San Mateo Neighborhood Park

11452 Renne Dr. - 32218  
 Neighborhood: San Mateo  
 Acres: 2.9

#### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Paved Trails

### San Pablo Elementary Playground

801 18th Ave. N - 32246  
 Neighborhood: Jacksonville Beach  
 Acres: 7.6

Duval County School Board and the City of Jacksonville have a joint use agreement for the San Pablo Soccer Complex, picnic facilities and playground equipment. The City shall have use of the joint use amenities after 5:00PM Monday-Friday, and all day on Saturday and Sunday.



**Amenities:**

- Park Benches
- Playground
- Soccer Field
- Youth Softball Field

**Sandalwood High School Pool**

2750 John Prom Blvd. - 32246

Neighborhood: Sandalwood

Acres: 6

Duval County School Board and the City of Jacksonville have a joint use agreement for the use of the swimming pool.

**Amenities:**

- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Swimming Pools

**Saratoga Lake Park**

141 University Blvd. - 32211

Neighborhood: Oak Haven

Acres: 5.1

The park consists of a lake with an island in the middle, and also an adjacent lot. The backyards of homeowners ring the lake on three sides. From the public area adjacent to University Boulevard, which contains a picnic table and bench, park visitors may enjoy a nice view of Saratoga Lake.

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables

**Scott Park**

2745 Hamilton Circle - 32209

Neighborhood: Magnolia Gardens

Acres: 11.7

Scott Park is named for educator and author Dr. John I. E. Scott (1901-1981). A native of Jamaica, he became an American citizen in 1932 and served in the local school system for 30 years, first as a principal and later as the director of African-American education in Duval County. As of 2006, the City of Jacksonville and

the Duval County School Board have a joint-use agreement for the park, which hosts the youth baseball and football games of the Inner City Athletic Association.

**Amenities:**

- Youth Baseball Field
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Football Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Youth Softball Field

**Seaton Creek Historic Preserve**

2145 Arnold Rd. - 32218

Neighborhood: Pecan

Acres: 847

Acquired by the City in 2013, this property was the site of the southernmost battle of the Revolutionary War, the Battle of Thomas Creek. The site currently provides opportunities for hiking, biking, horseback riding, picnicking, nature appreciation and scenic overlooks on Seaton and Houston Creeks.

**Amenities:**

- Picnic Tables
- Kayak Landing
- Unpaved Trails

**Seminole Park**

4170 McGirts Blvd. - 32210

Neighborhood: Ortega

Acres: 2.3

Seminole Park is adjacent to the Ortega River (formerly McGirts Creek). In 1909, the Ortega Company, founded by John N. C. Stockton and Charles C. Bettes, began development of the subdivision, which was designed by the prominent architect Henry J. Klutho. Like many of the streets in Ortega, the park is named for an Indian

tribe, the Seminoles of Florida. Often home to such activities as flag football games, karate classes, and even weddings, the park also contains a marker that tells the history of the notorious bandit Daniel McGirtt, a resident of Ortega from long ago. The picturesque grounds of Seminole Park gently slope from McGirts Boulevard to the river, adding to the charm of Old Ortega, which was designated a Historic District and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004.

**Amenities:**

- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches

**Sidney Gefen Riverwalk Park**

505 Alfred Dupont Place

Neighborhood: Brooklyn

Acres: 1.8

**Signet Park**

197 W 67th St. - 32208

Neighborhood: Tallulah/ North Shore

Acres: 0.3

Perimeter trees surround much of the open lawn comprising this small, passive site where park visitors may relax and enjoy a panoramic view of the Trout River as it flows to its union with the St. Johns River.

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Security Lighting
- Water Features

**Simonds-Johnson Park**

3730 Moncrief Rd. - 32209

Neighborhood: Moncrief

Acres: 3.9

Many neighborhood youngsters have benefited from Simonds-Johnson Park's athletic facilities such as professional athletes Ken Burroughs of the Houston Oilers and Leonard (Truck) Robinson of the Washington Bullets. A community center was built on

the grounds in 1957, and is the current site of the Tony Boselli Foundation partnership with the City to provide afterschool enrichment.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

**Singleton Park**

6725 Hema Rd. - 32209

Neighborhood: Carver Manor

Acres: 6.7

The park is named for Isadore Singleton, husband of the well-known public servant, Mary Singleton. Prior to his death in 1964, Mr. Singleton was a civil rights activist, who also served as president of the Jacksonville Black Chamber of Commerce, on the board of directors for Brewster Hospital, and as area coordinator for the Peace Corps.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Football Field
- Park Benches
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Youth Softball Field (Lighted)
- Hard Tennis Court (Lighted)

**Southbank Riverwalk**

1001 Museum Circle - 32207

Neighborhood: Southside

Acres: 6.2

Bordering the St. Johns River, opposite the Northbank Riverwalk and Jacksonville Landing, this newly

reconstructed promenade is usually filled with joggers, tourists, folks sitting on benches, and lovers walking hand-in-hand, all of them watching the riverboats, the shorebirds, and downtown's skyline reflected in the water.

**Amenities:**

- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Paved Trails
- Water Features

**Southside Estates Elementary School Park**

9764 Jupiter Ct. S - 32246

Neighborhood: Southside Estates

Acres: 33.5

This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

**Amenities:**

- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Basketball Court
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Hard Tennis Court

**Southside Park**

1541 Hendricks Ave. - 32207

Neighborhood: San Marco

Acres: 4.7

Southside Park is located in San Marco section of South Jacksonville, which existed as a separate municipality in 1925, when the park was first established and known as Central Park. Through the cooperative efforts of the San Marco Preservation Society and the City, and a large bequest from the estate of longtime San Marco resident and benefactor

Abla Balis (1901-1996), a new community center (connected to the expanded library) and a new outdoor park opened at the site in 2003 and 2004 respectively, which together with the adjacent tennis facility comprise today's park.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

**St. Johns Marina**

901 Museum Circle - 32207

Neighborhood: San Marco

Acres: 1.2

The St. Johns Marina is located on the south bank of the St. Johns River, just east of the Acosta Bridge. The marina's two boat ramps provide boaters nearby access to the many activities taking place along both sides of the river in the downtown area.

**Amenities:**

- Boat Docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Fishing Available
- Manatee Education
- Pedestrian Docks
- Security Lighting

**St. Johns Park**

1403 Riverplace Blvd. - 32207

Neighborhood: Downtown Jacksonville

Acres: 0.1

**St. Nicholas Playground**

2260 Spring Park Rd. - 32207

Neighborhood: Spring Park

Acres: 4.8



#### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike Racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Adult Softball Field (Lighted)
- Youth Softball Field
- Paved Trails

#### **St. Nicholas Train Station Park**

2564 Atlantic Blvd. - 32207

Neighborhood: Spring Park

Acres: 0.5

Where the St. Johns River narrows near downtown Jacksonville was called “Pass de San Nicolas” by the Spanish, and the lovely village of St. Nicholas later evolved in the area after the Civil War. After the Florida East Coast Railway Co. took over the train service from South Jacksonville to the beaches in 1899, a depot was built in St. Nicholas. It served the area until the railroad ceased operations in 1932, and was moved to the park in 2004 for restoration and use by the St. Nicholas Business Association. Traymore Road separates the park into two expanses of lawn, each with a nice canopy of trees along the rear portion. Park was renamed from Traymore Park to the St. Nicholas Train Station Park in 2008.

#### Amenities:

- Picnic Tables

#### **Stinson Park**

4050 San Juan Ave. - 32210

Neighborhood: Fairfax

Acres: 2

The park is named for William M. Stinson, a physician and the president of Riverside Realty Co., the developer who dedicated the land for the park to Duval County in 1912. A medical officer during World War I, he was active in local civic affairs and died in 1954.

#### Amenities:

- Bike racks
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Pedestrian Docks
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Paved Trails



## Sunny Acres

2850 Wompi Dr. - 32225

Neighborhood: Regency

Acres: 9.1

Created on County-owned land as a park for handicapped children, it was planned and funded by the Motion Picture Charity Club, a local organization composed of individuals that distributed and exhibited motion pictures. After the official opening in June 1964, the park was named by the children. Of special note have been summer camps for the handicapped, and the dedicated work of countless volunteers. Programs for disabled adults, which included recreational and life-skills instruction and some vocational training, were added later. As handicapped exclusive programs were phased out at the park in 1996, the City began an innovative recreation program for children who are being educated at home instead of attending a school. The popular home school program has spread from Sunny Acres to other City parks.

### Amenities:

- Youth Baseball Field
- Basketball Court
- Bike Racks
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches

## Stockton Park

4021 Ortega Blvd. - 32210

Neighborhood: Ortega

Acres: 3.2

Originally named Ortega Park, it was expanded in 1965 when the City filled an acre of submerged land and built a bulkhead along its length. The park is named for John N. C. Stockton (1857-1922), president of the Ortega Company, the subdivision's developer. Best remembered for his devoted public service, he worked distributing relief funds during the yellow fever epidemic of 1888, chaired the Board of Public Works in 1893 and after the Great Fire of 1901, and served in the Florida Legislature.

### Amenities:

- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Fishing Available
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables



- Pedestrian Docks
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

## Sweetwater Playground

7220 Esther St. - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Sweetwater  
 Acres: 1

Sweetwater Playground is located in the Sweetwater section of southwest Jacksonville, in a region settled by freed slaves after the Civil War. According to local legend, the area got its name when a barrel of syrup fell off a wagon and spilled onto the land.

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Car Parking
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting



## T. K. Stokes Boat Ramp

2120 Riverview St. - 32208  
 Neighborhood: Riverview  
 Acres: 2.56

The T. K. Stokes Boat Ramp is located in northwest Jacksonville, on the north side of the Ribault River. It was named for Thomas K. Stokes, Jr. (1915-2002), a local civic leader and Duval County commissioner. He served as the Illustrious Potentate of the local Morocco Temple of the Shrine, as president of the Opportunity Branch of the YMCA, and as a board member of the Big Brothers.

### Amenities:

- Boat Docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Car Parking

- Fishing Available
- Manatee Education
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting

## Tallulah Park

382 Tallulah Ave. - 32208  
 Neighborhood: Tallulah/ North Shore  
 Acres: 4

Fun fact: Tallulah is an American Indian name and means "leaping water."

### Amenities:

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Shuffleboard
- Youth Softball Field (Lighted)
- Hard Tennis Courts (Lighted)

## Tara Woods Park

4824 Lofty Pines Circle E - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Ortega Farms  
 Acres: 3.2

## Taye Brown Regional Park

13951 Normandy Blvd. - 32221  
 Neighborhood: Jacksonville Farms-Terrace  
 Acres: 883

Taye Brown Regional Park is home to the Cecil Recreation Complex and the Jacksonville Equestrian Center. Opened on March 2004, the 4,000-seat Equestrian Center is a 123,130 square-foot indoor non-air conditioned structure with an earth floor performance ring and amenities. It also includes an outdoor covered arena, a total of 426 stalls, and areas for trailer and spectator parking. The 37,000 square-foot community center houses an Olympic sized swimming pool, an instructional pool and a community meeting room. The softball complex

houses four fields for girls' fast pitch softball and a two-story amenity building.

## Terrace Park

657 Edgewood Ave. N - 32254  
 Neighborhood: Woodstock  
 Acres: 2.7

### Amenities:

- Youth Baseball Field
- Basketball Court
- Bike racks
- Park Benches
- Playground

## Terry Parker Pool and Park

7301 Parker School Rd. - 32211  
 Neighborhood: Arlingtonwood  
 Acres: 7.7

The property is owned by the Duval County School Board. The City has a joint use agreement for the pool and baseball field. The pool has a mobile ADA lift for pool access.

### Amenities:

- Youth Baseball Field
- Car Parking
- Football Field
- Park Benches
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Soccer Field
- Adult Softball Field
- Swimming Pool
- Hard Tennis Courts (Lighted)

## Thomas Creek Preserve & Fish Camp

17200 Ethel Rd. - 32218  
 Neighborhood: Jax. North Estates  
 Acres: 1467.8

The Thomas Creek Preserve is located in upper northwestern Jacksonville, near and along Thomas Creek, which divides a portion of Duval and Nassau Counties. The southernmost battle of the American Revolutionary War, and the only one fought in present-day Duval County, took place at Thomas Creek on May 17, 1777. Most of the land was owned at one

time by members of the Ogilvie family, who originally settled in the area from Scotland in the mid-1800's and established the Ogilvie Cemetery near the Preserve. During the period from 1999 to 2002, the City and the St. Johns River Water Management District purchased the property as part of Preservation Project Jacksonville. The site comprises part of the 46,000-acre Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve that was first established in 1988.

**Amenities:**

- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Car Parking
- Fishing Available

**Thomas Jefferson Elementary**

8233 Nevada St. - 32220

Neighborhood: Marrietta

Acres: 4.1

This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

**Amenities:**

- Multiuse Field
- Soccer Field

**Thomas Jefferson Park**

320 Jackson Ave. - 32220

Neighborhood: Marrietta

Acres: 25.5

In addition to the park, the adjacent elementary school that was built in 1926 and the privately owned civic center that opened in 1952 are named for Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), third president of the U.S. from 1801 to 1809. For many years, the Marietta Bullsby Athletic Association has provided youth baseball/softball/T-ball programs at the park and worked with the City in improving and maintaining the facility.

**Amenities:**

- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Basketball Court (Lighted)

- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

**Tidewater Acres Park**

7144 Berry Avenue - 32211

Neighborhood: Woodland Acres

Acres: 0.3

Tidewater Acres Park is located in east Jacksonville, two blocks north of Atlantic Blvd. adjacent to the Tidewater Acres subdivision. The name Tidewater likely derives from the tributaries of the Arlington River that flow through the area, such as Pottsburg and Silversmith Creeks. The park is part of the large Oakwood Villas neighborhood platted in 1910 by Walter C. Warrington (1879-1965), whose family retained title to the park property until 1989. Following a Mayor's Neighborhood Summit, residents contacted City Council member Lynette Self about a park, resulting in the City's purchase of the land in 2002 and the park's construction in Jan.-Apr. 2004. Situated next to the Whiteway Club, a homemaker's organization begun in 1927, the park has been popular with the area residents since opening.

**Amenities:**

- Grills
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

**Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park**

7000 Roosevelt Blvd. - 32244

Neighborhood: Ortega Hills

Acres: 505

Remnants of a 16-foot wide old brick road linked Ortega to Jacksonville pre-dates 1917 but

was heavily used when Camp Johnston was built as part of the preparations to train American troops during World War I. The road can be found at several locations in the park. In 2005 the park was renamed for Tillie K. Fowler. Tillie was a true "steel magnolia" -- a woman of impeccable grace and civility who was tenacious and fearless in her advocacy on behalf of issues important to the City of Jacksonville and the needs of the United States' armed forces, particularly the U.S. Navy.

**Amenities:**

- Bike Racks
- Car Parking
- Dog Park
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Nature Center
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Paved Trails
- Unpaved Trails

**Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve**

12713 Fort Caroline Rd. - 32225

Acres: 46K

This 46,000 acre preserve represents a unique collaboration between the City of Jacksonville, the State of Florida and the National Park Service. This group of parks and resources includes historic and prehistoric sites, undisturbed natural areas, salt marsh and forested uplands. Activities include hiking, biking, wildlife observation and Ranger-led historic and nature programs. Water-based activities include boating, fishing and kayaking.

*Check out the story on page 67 to learn more about this park, or visit the National Park Service website at [www.nps.gov/timu](http://www.nps.gov/timu).*



**Amenities:**

- Beach Access
- Boat Docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Camping
- Fishing
- Parking
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Swimming
- Trails

**Timucuan Elementary**

5429 110th St. - 32244

Neighborhood: Wesconnett

Acres: 2.6

This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

**Amenities:**

- Soccer Field
- Youth Softball Field

**Timuquana Park**

4541 Timuquana Rd. - 32210

Neighborhood: Venetia

Acres: 0.6

The name Timuquana derives from the native Indians, the Timuquas, who were living in the area when the first Europeans arrived in the sixteenth century

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

**Tom Marshall Park**

1471 Elmar Rd. - 32218

Neighborhood: Jamestown

Acres: 7.8

Tom Marshall (1902-1953) graduated from local schools and the University of Florida Law School in 1929. He excelled as an athlete, but chose the practice of law over a professional career as a baseball pitcher. From 1933-40, he served on the City Council, as president and chairman of major committees, and from 1940 until his death as a Duval County Commissioner. The Northside Athletic Association plays youth baseball games at the site, and for many years has been an active participant with the City in park improvements.

**Amenities:**

- Adult Baseball Field
- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike Racks





- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Unpaved Trails
- Visitor/Interpretive Center

### Trout River Pier

Interstate 95 & Trout River - 32208

Neighborhood: Duval

Acres: 0.2

Located where Interstate 95 crosses the Trout River, 5 miles north of downtown, the old Trout River Bridge is now a public pier.



### Venetia Elementary School Park

4300 Timuquana Rd. - 32244

Neighborhood: Venetia

Acres: 7.6

This southwest-Jacksonville park is located in the Venetia neighborhood, named for the Venetia region in northeast Italy. Most of the neighborhood streets have Italian names such as Garibaldi Avenue, after the Italian nationalist. Timuquana Road, adjacent to the park, derives its name from the Timuquan Indians that lived in the area

- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

### Touchton Road Park

8551 Touchton Rd. - 32216

Neighborhood: Brackridge

Acres: 42.6

This property is currently undeveloped. Approximately 35 acres are under a conservation easement, and plans for the remaining 7 acres include the development of the following amenities: parking, playground, skate area, racquetball courts, fitness trail and picnic pavilions.

### Tree Hill Nature Center

7152 Lone Star Rd. - 32211

Neighborhood: Arlington

Acres: 46.1

Tree Hill Nature Center is an urban wilderness preserve with hilltop and wetland areas consisting of southern mixed hardwood forest, mixed hardwood swamp and freshwater stream. The Tree Hill Nature Center property was acquired for the purpose of preserving environmentally sensitive flora and fauna, expanding environmental education programs, facilitating greater environmental awareness and protecting the property from encroaching development. This park offers an indoor nature center, interactive exhibits, learning laboratory, wildflower gardens, meeting room, gift shop, nature trails and wildlife viewing areas.

Amenities:

- Bike racks
- Car Parking
- Park Benches



when the first Europeans arrived in the sixteenth century. The City of Jacksonville and the Duval County School Board have a joint-use agreement for the park.

**Amenities:**

- Youth Baseball Field
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Handball Court
- Park Benches
- Pedestrian Docks
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Soccer Fields
- Hard Tennis Courts

**Verdie Forest**

Acres: 118

Verdie Forest is part of the Timucuan Preserve Corridor and is managed by the City of Jacksonville.

**Verona Park**

7155 San Jose Blvd. - 32217

Neighborhood: San Jose Forrest

Acres: 9.7

Verona Park follows a creek that runs westerly from St. Augustine Rd. across San Jose Blvd. to the St. Johns River. Surrounded by attractive homes, most of the park is in a natural state, with the exception of the eastern end that provides six benches and playground equipment for young children.

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches
- Playground

**Victoria Park**

2948 Knights Ln. - 32216

Neighborhood: Sans Souci

Acres: 8

Victoria Park is home to the River City Softball Association, which for many years has been a partner with the City in the improvement and maintenance of the property. The Association

operates a program for hundreds of girls ages 5 through 18, and hosts softball tournaments that attract teams from across Florida and south Georgia.

**Amenities:**

- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Youth Softball Fields (Lighted)
- Hard Tennis Court

**Victory Park**

3781 University Club Blvd. - 32277

Neighborhood: Woodmere

Acres: 10.7

Victory Park is an active community park in Arlington located near Fort Caroline Middle School. An asset to the surrounding community, Victory Park was officially opened to the community in April 1996. The park provides area residents with a soccer field, 2 tennis courts, and a one-quarter mile paved walking trail.

**Amenities:**

- Bike Racks
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Soccer Field

**Walter Jones Historical Park**

11964 Mandarin Rd. - 32223

Neighborhood: Mandarin

Acres: 11.1

Major William Webb purchased 31.2 acres on the St. Johns River in Mandarin in 1873. He built a home, barn and 1,000-foot dock extending into the St. Johns River. Walter Jones, proprietor of the Mandarin Store and Post Office, moved his family to the homestead in the early 1900s and his family members occupied the property until 1992. The City of Jacksonville acquired approximately 10 acres of Major Webb's original homestead from the descendants of Walter Jones in 1994 for the purpose of creating the city's first historical park. The park opened to the public in August 2000 and includes the restored farmhouse, barn, outbuildings, sawmill, schoolhouse, nature trail along a riverfront boardwalk, picnic area and restrooms. The park and farmhouse are handicapped accessible. The Mandarin Museum & Historical Society operates the park facilities under a contract with the city.

**Amenities:**

- Bike Racks
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Paved Trails

**Warren W. Schell Jr. Memorial Park**

510 West 6th St. - 32206

Neighborhood: Springfield

Acres: 3.3

Warren W. Schell Jr. Memorial Park is located adjacent to Hogans Creek, in the Springfield section of north Jacksonville. The park was originally part of Springfield Park, which



opened in 1901. After its founding in 1904, the Springfield Improvement Association sponsored beautification projects designed by Henry J. Klutho and engineered by Charles V. Imeson. The City changed the name of Springfield Park to Henry J. Klutho Park in 1984, and renamed a portion of Klutho Park in 1992 to honor Warren Schell (1916-1992), a local African-American physician, civil rights advocate, and prominent community leader, who served as chairman of the Jacksonville Urban League for twenty years.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

**Warrington Park**

325 N. Bowlan St. - 32216  
 Neighborhood: Woodland Acres  
 Acres: 6.7  
 Walter C. Warrington (1879-1965) was a real estate broker and former City Councilman who served as chairman of the parks and boulevard committee. In 1955, he donated property to Duval County for the development of a neighborhood park. Additions to the park over the years have included a health clinic in 1974, a swimming pool in 1977, and a senior center around 1980.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Shuffleboard
- Adult Softball Field (Lighted)

**Water & Broad St. Pocket Park**

663 Water St. S - 32202  
 Neighborhood: Downtown Jacksonville  
 Acres: 0.2  
 This park is a passive landscaped park located under the Acosta Bridge ramp which merges into Broad St.

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches

**Wayne B. Stevens Boat Ramp**

4555 Ortega Farms Blvd. - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Ortega Farms  
 Acres: 4.2  
 The Wayne B. Stevens Boat Ramp, Originally known as the Fishing Creek Boat Landing, is located along Fishing Creek. The creek flows into the Ortega River about two thousand feet downstream from the ramp. While three Jacksonville police officers were ocean fishing east of Mayport in March 1975, their boat capsized and Wayne B. Stevens (1949-1975) drowned. Soon thereafter, the ramp was renamed in his honor. An avid fisherman, he lived with his wife and two children on Timuquana Road, in the vicinity of the boat ramp.

**Amenities:**

- Boat Docks
- Boat Ramps
- Boat Trailer Parking
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Car Parking
- Fishing Available
- Grills
- Manatee Education
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

**Wesconnett Elementary School Park**

6045 Malcone Ln. - 32244  
 Neighborhood: Wesconnett  
 Acres: 8.4  
 The City of Jacksonville has a joint-use agreement for this facility with the Duval County

School Board. The Westside Athletic Association and the Westside Football League formed in 1986 to provide youth softball and football/cheerleading programs at the park. Though the Association discontinued its softball program in 2002, the League is still active as part of the Jacksonville Pop Warner Football Conference.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Football Fields
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Youth Softball Field (Lighted)

**Wesconnett Playground**

5869 105th St. - 32244  
 Neighborhood: Wesconnett  
 Acres: 2  
 It is generally acknowledged that the name Wesconnett derives from the West, Silcox, and Turknett families, who were early settlers in the area. But some people claim that the "con" in Wesconnett stands for the Cone family.

**Amenities:**

- Car Parking
- Basketball Court
- Playground

**Westbrook Center and Park**

905 Westbrook Rd. - 32209  
 Neighborhood: Woodstock  
 Acres: 8.9  
 Westbrook Center and Park is located in Jacksonville's urban core and spreads out along both sides of Three-Mile Branch (also known as McCoy Creek) which flows through the middle of the property. Most of the grounds are in a natural state, graced by noble trees, with two bridges providing access across the creek.



**Amenities:**

- Community Center
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

**Westridge Park**

2301 Maple Grove Rd. - 32221

Neighborhood: Herlong

Acres: 1

**Amenities:**

- Grills
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

**Westside High School Pool**

5530 Firestone Rd. - 32244

Neighborhood: Oak Hill

Acres: 0.3

This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

**Westside Park**

1061 Line St. - 32209

Neighborhood: Robinsons Addition

Acres: 1.8

The Westside Senior Center is located at the park, offering many diverse activities and services for citizens 60 years of age and older, such as weekday lunches, health support services, field trips, and bible study classes.

**Amenities:**

- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Shuffleboard

**Westwood Park**

5900 West Tampico Rd. - 32244

Neighborhood: Oak Hill

Acres: 0.6

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters



- Picnic Tables
- Playground

### Wheat Road Park

7706 Wheat Rd. - 32244

Neighborhood: Jacksonville Heights

Acres: 7.9

Established in the 1970's, the West Duval Youth Association (WDYA) began using the ball fields at both the nearby Jacksonville Heights Elementary School and the park for its programs, which include Pre-T-ball, T-ball, softball, and baseball for children 4-12 years of age. The association's headquarters are situated on the north side of Wheat Road. With funding and improvements by the City and many volunteer hours of work and stewardship by the WDYA, the park is a good example of a successful public/private partnership.

#### Amenities:

- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Grills
- Park Benches

- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Youth Softball Field (Lighted)

### Whitehouse Park

11100 General Ave. - 32220

Neighborhood: Whitehouse

Acres: 15.7

Whitehouse Park currently operates as a predominantly sports oriented park, but also offers a passive/playground component used mostly by the adjacent Whitehouse Elementary School.

#### Amenities:

- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Adult Softball Field (Lighted)

### Wigmore Park

1805 Wigmore St. - 32206

Neighborhood: Talleyrand

Acres: 4.4



We challenge you to name the

# ONE THING

you love most about Jacksonville!

With the #MyOneThing campaign, citizens in neighborhoods across our city are encouraged to share one thing they love about Jacksonville. Whether it's your favorite neighborhood park, restaurant, museum, sports team, or annual event – Jacksonville has a lot to love.

WHAT'S YOUR ONE THING? Use the hashtag #MyOneThing on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to share what you love about Jacksonville.

# #MyOneThing

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Grab a marker and write down one thing you love about Jacksonville on this page.
2. Take a selfie or short video with your #MyOneThing and share it on social media -- Twitter, Facebook, Instagram.
3. Remember to include the hashtags #MyOneThing and #lovejax in your post, and don't forget to give your neighborhood a shout-out (example: #Avondale, #Downtown, #Northside).
4. Challenge a friend or colleague to do the same.
5. Visit our website to view other Jacksonville residents' stories, photos and videos.

[WWW.COJ.NET/MYONETHING](http://WWW.COJ.NET/MYONETHING)

**Amenities:**

- Youth Baseball Field
- Basketball
- Bike racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground

**Wiley Road Playground**

2150 Lane Ave. - 32210  
 Neighborhood: Cedar Hills Estates  
 Acres: 13.3

**Amenities:**

- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Youth Softball Field (Lighted)

**William F. Sheffield Regional Park**

3659 New Berlin Rd. - 32226  
 Neighborhood: The Cape  
 Acres: 336.3  
 Acquired in 2003, this former dairy site is currently in design for a regional park. At final build out, the park will contain soccer fields, baseball and softball facilities, a community center and pool, skateboard park and trails. Two large ponds compliment the site and will be used for small boating and fishing activities.

**Willowbranch Park**

2870 Sydney Street - 32205  
 Neighborhood: Riverside  
 Acres: 15.4  
 Willowbranch Park is located in the Riverside area, along the

course of Willowbranch Creek. Dr. Harold Hume donated 1700 azalea bushes around 1924 to beautify a portion of the grounds, while the Willowbranch Library opened at the park in 1930; and the creek was straightened and bulkheaded in 1934. Eventually four other small City parks/ gardens were created from the park property -- one south and one north of St. Johns Avenue and two along Park Street (in the 1950's). Since its creation in 1974, Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP) has worked to preserve and improve the park, along with the Willowbranch Park Improvement Committee that formed in 1999. Through the years it has remained one of the City's most picturesque parks. At the instigation of Councilman Jim Overton in 2002, a bronze memorial plaque honoring Patricia Austin, the deceased wife of former mayor Ed Austin, was installed at the park in 2004. An immense live oak tree canopies two benches provided for the relaxation of visitors.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Security Lighting
- Adult Softball Field
- Paved Trails

**Willowbranch Rose Garden Park**

2840 Park St. - 32205  
 Neighborhood: Riverside  
 Acres: 0.8  
 In 1955, members of the Jacksonville Rose Society established the Variety Rose Garden on this site. The Society and other volunteers (with the City's help) maintained

the roses for many years. However, eventually the garden deteriorated until in 1998 two teenage brothers, Adam and Joseph Bierce, took over restoration of the remaining garden. At the request of Riverside Avondale Preservation, the park name was changed in 2002, and today it contains two rose beds with timber borders, a bench for relaxing, and parking for approximately eight cars.

**Amenities:**

- Park Benches
- Car Parking
- Security Lighting

**Windy Hill Center**

10445 Anders Blvd. - 32246  
 Neighborhood: Windy Hill  
 Acres: 3.8  
 Windy Hill Community Center is a popular meeting place for neighborhood civic and athletic associations. The 3,325 square foot facility has two large meeting rooms, a fully equipped kitchen, restrooms, tables and chairs, and can accommodate groups up to 60 people. The center also has pond and picnic areas for resident's enjoyment and offers year round youth and adult recreation.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court
- Bike Racks
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Multiuse Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting

**Windy Hill Elementary Park**

3850 Skycrest Dr. - 32246  
 Neighborhood: Windy Hill  
 Acres: 5.9  
 This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

**Amenities:**

- Youth Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Basketball Court
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Youth Softball Field (Lighted)

**Wolfson High School Park and Pool**

7000 Powers Ave. - 32217

Neighborhood: San Jose

Acres: 18.1

Members of the prominent Arthur Chester Skinner family deeded the land for the school to the School Board in 1962. The Skinners operated a dairy in the area for many years, and this land was known as “Skinner’s Pasture”. The school opened in 1965 and was named for Samuel W. Wolfson (1909-1963), noted industrialist, philanthropist, and sportsman. He served on the board of directors of Jacksonville University, Barnett National Bank, the Gator Bowl Association, and Jacksonville Charities, Inc. The Duval County School Board and the City of Jacksonville have a joint-use agreement for the pool, softball field, baseball field, football field, and track.

**Amenities:**

- Drinking Fountain
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Swimming Pools

**Woodstock Park & Edith B Ford Community Center**

2839 West Beaver St. - 32209

Neighborhood: Woodstock

Acres: 15.8

The City built Fire Station #17 at the park, and it still exists there today. Edith Brown Ford (1910-1995) became the park director in 1949, and served as the director of the community center after it opened in 1965. In recognition of her many years of dedicated service, the center was renamed the Edith Ford Brown Community Center in 1998.

**Amenities:**

- Adult Baseball Field (Lighted)
- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bike Racks
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Community Center
- Concession Stand
- Drinking Fountain
- Grills
- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables



**Yacht Basin Park**

2941 St. Johns Ave. - 32205

Neighborhood: Riverside

Acres: 1.7

Yacht Basin Park is located in Riverside/Avondale on the west bank of Willowbranch Creek as it enters the St. Johns River. The City purchased the property in 1921, and Jacksonville’s oldest social organization, the Florida Yacht Club established in 1877, resided adjacent to the site from 1907 till 1928. Eventually the City’s Water Services Division (taken over by JEA in 1997) placed a pump station at the site, and JEA renovated the park in 2001 with landscaping, lighting, and the construction of a gazebo and a brick-paved plaza and walkway. A dedication plaque, which is titled “Mom’s Park”, was installed at the park in February 2004.

**Amenities:**

- Gazebo
- Park Benches
- Security Lighting

**Yancey Park**

3352 Soutel Dr. - 32208

Neighborhood: Osceola Forrest

Acres: 6.4

The site is home to the Forestview Athletic Association, which uses Yancey Park for its youth baseball/softball and football/cheerleading programs.

**Amenities:**

- Basketball Court (Lighted)
- Bleachers
- Car Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Football Field
- Park Benches
- Picnic Tables

- Playground
- Restrooms
- Security Lighting
- Youth Softball Fields (Lighted)
- Hard Tennis Courts (Lighted)

## Yellow Water Trailhead

Yellow Water Rd. - 32222

Neighborhood: Jacksonville Farms-Terrace

Acres: 275.3

The property was purchased with the help of a Florida Communities Trust grant. The Grant Award Agreement (GAA) requires kiosks, signage, picnic pavilions, a nature trail, a dirt bike trail, and a fitness trail. The GAA also requires the restoration of 120 acres of uplands and 11 acres of wetlands on the site. This park is not yet open to the public.

## Yerkes Park

3927 McGirts Blvd. - 32210

Neighborhood: Ortega

Acres: 0.2

Yerkes Park is located in southwest Jacksonville and is part of the Ortega neighborhood that was designed by prominent architect, Henry J. Klutho. The triangular-shaped park is named for Captain Jonathan Yerkes Jr. (1918-1943), the son of a prominent local family who lived on Grand Avenue in Ortega. He was killed in action during WWII, while serving as an infantry officer in North Africa. The Yerkes family owned the well-known Florida Hardware Co. that began business in 1886. Yerkes Park is an integral part of Old Ortega, which was designated a Historic District and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004.

Amenities:

- Park Benches

# Z

## Zeta Phi Beta Park

3721 Owen Rd. - 32208

Neighborhood: Ribault

Acres: 2.7

This park was established in 2004 with the assistance of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

Amenities:

- Park Benches
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables



# Looking for the answers to the JaxParks Parkvenger Hunt questions? YOU'VE FOUND THEM!

**How many buttons are visible on the sailor's jacket at the Jacksonville Navy Memorial, and what nautical icon decorates them?**

There are five visible buttons on the lone sailor's jacket (four on his right side and one on his left) and they are decorated with anchors.

**Fill in the blanks of this quote from the base of the "Bullet" Bob Hayes statue: God \_\_\_\_ his feet, put a \_\_\_\_ in his soul and gave him a \_\_\_\_ to speak to the world.**

The quote on the side of the "Passing the Torch" sculpture reads, "God sparked his feet, put flame in his soul and gave him a voice to speak to the world."

**Which Jacksonville park does this big cat call home?**

This jaguar is a full time resident at the Jacksonville Zoo, which is officially one of the city's parks! The City of Jacksonville contracts with the Jacksonville Zoological Society to manage all phases of the operation of the zoo. All property, including land, animals and equipment, belong to the city; in turn, the city contributes an annual subsidy to offset some of the zoo's operating expenses. All other zoo expenses are paid through revenues earned from admissions, concession sales, memberships, the Animal Care Club program, the Annual Fund, sponsorships, grants, and fundraising events.

**What group of people is the iconic Life sculpture by Charles Adrian Pillars located in Memorial Park dedicated to and how many individuals were in that group?**

"Life," the sculpture at the heart of Memorial Park, is dedicated to the 1,220 Floridians who died in service during World War I. Their names were inscribed on parchment and placed in a lead box within the bronze statue.

**There's a historic marker sign steps away from this statue in Balis Park. What does the sign say inspired the layout of San Marco Square?**

The design of San Marco Square was inspired by the Piazza San Marco in Venice, Italy, which Jacksonville real estate developer Telfair Stockton visited on a trip to Europe.

**Who is this historic home named after and why was this person important?**

The Napoleon Bonaparte Broward House is the former summer residence of Florida's 19th Governor Napoleon B. Broward (1857-1910). He is best known for his major project to drain the Everglades and recover land for agricultural cultivation. Located at 9953 Hecksher Drive on the North side of the St. Johns River, near the entrance to Kingsley Plantation, the Napoleon Bonaparte Broward House is part of the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve and serves as the official headquarters of the nonprofit Timucuan Trail Parks Foundation (TTPF).

# CONNECT WITH **jaxparks**

JaxParks Administrative Offices  
214 N Hogan St., Fourth Floor  
Jacksonville, FL. 32202

JaxParks Athletics - (904) 255-7925/7926

JaxParks Aquatics - (904) 255-7927

Park Permits - (904) 255-7930

Weekend Rentals (centers only) - (904) 591-4128

Visit us online [www.jaxparks.com](http://www.jaxparks.com)



Like us on Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/friendsofjaxparks](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofjaxparks)



Follow us on Twitter  
[www.twitter.com/jaxparks](http://www.twitter.com/jaxparks)



Follow us on Pinterest  
[www.pinterest.com/jaxparks](http://www.pinterest.com/jaxparks)



Follow us on Instagram  
[www.instagram.com/jaxparkscoj](http://www.instagram.com/jaxparkscoj)



Watch us on YouTube  
[www.youtube.com/user/friendsofjaxparks](http://www.youtube.com/user/friendsofjaxparks)

*Information in the JaxParks Directory & Activities Guide is subject to change.  
Please check our website for the most up to date information.*



**117 W. DUVAL ST. JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202**  
**WWW.COJ.NET • 904.630.CITY**