

jaxparks

NATURE PROGRAM CALENDAR

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2026



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

JULY

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 CASTAWAY 9AM DUTTON 10AM	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5	6 CAMP MILTON LECTURE 10AM	7	8	9	10 SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER NATURE WALK 10AM	11
12 MCGIRTS CREEK 9AM SAL TAYLOR 11AM	13 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM	14	15	16 KRAVITZ NATURE WALK 1PM	17 CASTAWAY NATURE WALK 9AM	18 CAMP MILTON LECTURE 10AM
19 REDDIE POINT 9AM BEACH AND PEACH 11AM	20 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 REDDIE POINT 9AM RIBAULT RIVER 11AM	28	29	30	31 MCGIRTS CREEK 9AM SAL TAYLOR 11AM	

AUGUST

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM
2 MCGIRTS CREEK 9AM SAL TAYLOR 11AM	3 CAMP MILTON LECTURE 10AM	4	5	6	7	8 REDDIE POINT 9AM RIBAULT RIVER 11AM
9 CAMP MILTON LECTURE 10AM	10 MCGIRTS CREEK 9AM SAL TAYLOR 11AM	11	12	13	14	15 CAMP MILTON LECTURE 10AM
16 REDDIE POINT 9AM BEACH AND PEACH 11AM	17	18	19	20	21 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM	22
23 KRAVITZ 10AM	24 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 10AM	25	26	27	28	29 CASTAWAY 9AM DUTTON 10AM
30 KRAVITZ 10AM	31 CAMP MILTON LECTURE 10AM					

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SEPTEMBER
2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 CAMP MILTON LECTURE 2PM	4 SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER NATURE WALK 10AM	5 HANNA PARK LAKESIDE HIKE 9AM
6 MCGIRTS CREEK 9AM SAL TAYLOR 11AM	7 LABOR DAY	8	9	10	11	12 CASTAWAY 9AM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 DUTTON 9AM
20	21	22	23	24 RAIL TRAIL BIKE TOUR 2PM	25 REDDIE POINT 9AM RIBAULT RIVER 11AM	26 HELEN COOPER FLOYD 9AM TALBOT TIDEWATER FESTIVAL
27 MCGIRTS CREEK 9AM SAL TAYLOR 11AM	28 REDDIE POINT 9AM BEACH AND PEACH 11AM	29	30 CASTAWAY 9AM, 10AM			

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PROGRAM LOCATIONS

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

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

* Terrain may not be suitable for strollers

+ Restroom may not be available

\$ Fee required to enter the park

~ Pets not allowed

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

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

NATURE CENTERS

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

- **Tillie K Fowler Regional Park** **Nature center hours:** 1pm-4pm, Fridays-Sundays

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

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

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

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

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

- **Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park** **Nature center hours:** 1-4pm, Fridays & Saturdays

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

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

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