

Fall/Winter 2024 Calendar

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Nature Programs



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Please note: All programs will require reservations at JaxParks.coj.net starting January 2025.

1 SU	2 M	3 TU	4 W	5 TH	6 F	7 SA
McGirts Creek 9am Sal Taylor 11am	Labor Day Holiday				Reddie Point 9am Beach and Peach 11am	Hanna Park ecology & history tour 10am
8	McGirts Creek 9am Sal Taylor 11am	10	11	12	SSCC 10am	14 Palmetto Leaves kayak tour * 10am
15 Camp Milton 9am Rail Trail Bike Tour* 11am	16	17 Castaway Island nature walk 10am	18	19	20	21 Dutton Island 9am Huguenot 10am
22	23 Camp Milton 9am Rail Trail Bike Tour* 11am	24	25	26	27 Reddie Point 9am Ribault River 11am	28 Castaway Island Birdwatching 8am
29 Losco Regional Park 10am	30					

September

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SU	M	1 TU	2 W	3 TH	4 F	5 SA
					Cedar Point trail hike 9am	Hanna Park Lakeside Hike 10am Huguenot Kayak tour* 10am
6 McGirts Creek 9am Sal Taylor 11am	7 Blue Cypress 10AM	8	9	10	11 SSCC 10am	12 Castaway Island nature walk 9am, 10am
13 McGirts Creek 9am Sal Taylor 11am	14 Camp Milton 9am Rail Trail bike tour * 11am	15	16	17	18 Reddie Point 9am Beach and Peach 11am	19 Reddie Point 9am Huguenot 10am Ribault River 11am
20 Camp Milton 9am Rail Trail bike tour 11am	21	22	23	24	25	26 Dutton Island Nature Walk 9am
27	28	29	30	31 Castaway Island nature walk 9am, 10am		

October

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SU	M	TU	W	TH	1 F	2 SA
					Blue Cypress nature walk 10AM	
3	4 Camp Milton 9am Rail Trail bike tour* 11am	5	6	7 Castaway Island nature walk 9am, 10am	8 Cedar Point 9am SSCC 10am	9 McGirts Creek 9am Sal Taylor 11am
10 McGirts Creek 9am Sal Taylor 11am	11 Veteran's Day Holiday	12	13	14	15	16 Huguenot beach walk 10am Hanna Park kayaking tour* 10am
17	18 Reddie Point 9am Beach and Peach 11am	19	20	21	22 Cedar Point trail hike 9am	23 Reddie Point 9am Ribault River 11am
24 Camp Milton 9am Rail Trail bike tour* 11am	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Holiday	29 Observed Holiday	30 Dutton Island bike tour* 9am

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McGirts Creek 9am Sal Taylor 11am	Camp Milton 9am Rail Trail bike tour* 11am				Cedar Point trail hike 9am	Hanna Park lakeside hike 10am
8 McGirts Creek 9am Sal Taylor 11am	9 Losco Regional Park 10am	10	11	12	13 SSCC 10am	14 Huguenot Beach walk 10am
15 Camp Milton 9am Rail Trail bike tour* 11am	16 Reddie Point 9am Beach and Peach 11am	17	18	19	20 Cedar Point trail hike 9am	21 Palmetto Leaves kayak tour* 10am Castaway 9am,10am
22 Reddie Point 9am Ribault River 11am	23	24 Christmas Eve Holiday	25 Christmas Holiday	26	27	28 Dutton Island nature walk 10am
29	30	31				

December

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For questions regarding this calendar or to schedule field trips,
please email JSchlieper@coj.net

Please note: Programs may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Outdoor programs are weather permitting. RSVP is recommended at JaxParks Reservation Site at JaxParks.coj.net

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| • Beach and Peach Urban Park + | 10013 Anders Blvd. | <i>Meet at the parking lot.</i> |
| • Betz-Tiger Point Preserve | 13990 Pumpkin Hill Road | <i>Meet at Edwards Creek Trailhead.</i> |
| • Blue Cypress Park | 4012 University Blvd. | <i>Meet at fishing pier.</i> |
| • Castaway Island Preserve | 2921 San Pablo Road S. | <i>Meet at education building.</i> |
| • Camp Milton Historic Preserve | 1225 Halsema Road N. | <i>Meet at education building.</i> |
| • Cedar Point Preserve * + | 7116 Cedar Point Road | <i>Meet in parking lot.</i> |
| • Dutton Island Preserve* + | 793 Dutton Island Road W. | <i>Meet in parking lot.</i> |
| • Huguenot Memorial Park * \$ | 10980 Heckscher Drive | <i>Meet at nature center.</i> |
| • Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park * \$ | 500 Wonderwood Drive | <i>Meet as directed.</i> |
| • Losco Regional Park * | 10931 Hood Road S. | <i>Meet at trailhead.</i> |
| • McGirts Creek Preserve * | 8435 118 th Street | <i>Meet at first soccer pavilion.</i> |
| • Palmetto Leaves Regional Park * | 13799 Old St. Augustine Rd. | <i>South entrance</i> |
| • Reddie Point Preserve * + | 4499 Yachtsman Way | <i>Meet at pavilion next to pier.</i> |
| • Ribault River Preserve + | 2617 Ribault Scenic Drive | <i>Meet in parking lot.</i> |
| • Jacksonville-Baldwin Rails to Trails | 1172 Halsema Road N. | <i>Meet in parking lot.</i> |
| • Sal Taylor Creek Preserve * | 5873 Nathan Hale Road | <i>Meet at pavilion.</i> |
| • SSCC - Southside Community Center/ Beach and Peach*10080 Beach Blvd. | | <i>Check in at front desk.</i> |
| • Tillie K Fowler Regional Park * | 7000 Roosevelt Blvd. | <i>Meet at Nature Center</i> |

Terrain may not be suitable for strollers *

Restroom may not be available +

Fee required to enter the park \$

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All programs are guided trail walks unless otherwise noted. **RSVP is encouraged for all programs but is required for bike and kayak tours.**

- **Trail Walk / Nature Walk:** Join a Jacksonville Park Naturalist for a leisurely hike to explore trails at our parks and preserves. Park naturalist will point out birds, wildflowers, and other wildlife seen along the way. Arrive at the meeting location ready to hit the trails by the advertised start time. Outside programs may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as inclement weather, etc. **RSVP is recommended at JaxParks Reservation Site at JaxParks.coj.net**
- **Bike Tour:** Participation limited to a maximum of 12 people. Bring your own bike - JaxParks does not have bikes or helmets available to rent. The concessionaire at Hanna Park is a recommended vendor; inquire about bike rentals at 904-252-7024. Outside programs may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as inclement weather, etc. **RSVP is required at JaxParks Reservation Site at JaxParks.coj.net**
- **Kayak Tour:** Participation limited to a maximum of 18 people. Bring your own kayak - JaxParks does not have kayaks available for rental. Arrive half an hour before the program start time. The concessionaire at Hanna Park is a recommended vendor; inquire about kayak rentals at 904-252-7024. Outside programs may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as inclement weather, etc. **RSVP is required at JaxParks Reservation Site at JaxParks.coj.net**

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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:** 1-4 PM, Fridays-Sundays
(904) 255-6879. 7000 Roosevelt Blvd. Turn off Roosevelt Blvd onto Norman Street (across from NAS Jax entrance) and follow the road until it ends at a loop. Nature center is across from the bathrooms.
Additional amenities: Park has an outdoor classroom for use with nature center, a dog park, hiking and biking trails, and a pavilion available for rental. Rentals can be made online at JaxParks.com
- **Huguenot Memorial Park** **Nature Center Hours:** 2-5PM,
Tues-Sun Memorial Day-Labor Day, Fri-Sun off-season
(904) 255-4255. 10980 Heckscher Drive. Turn off Heckscher onto park entrance at the blinking light. Nature center is located near the bathrooms. An entrance fee required to enter the park.
Nature Center open Tues-Sun from Memorial Day- Labor Day, and Fridays through Sundays during off-season. Additional amenities: Park is primarily a drive-on beach. There is a playground near the nature center. Park offers camping and shelter rentals. Call park or go to JaxParks.com for reservations.
- **Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park** **Nature Center Hours:** 2-5PM, Fridays & Saturdays
(904) 255- 6767. 500 Wonderwood Drive. Wonderwood drive leads to the park entrance. 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: Park has 1.5 miles of beach, a 60-acre lake, over 20 miles of hiking and biking trails, kayak and bike rentals, over 200 campsites, shelters available for rental, a children's splash park, and an event venue. Call park or go to JaxParks.com for reservations.

Please note: Pets are not permitted inside public buildings. Please do not bring food into nature centers.
Children must be accompanied by a guardian at all times inside nature centers.