

jaxparks

NATURE PROGRAM CALENDAR

FALL/WINTER 2025



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

SEPTEMBER

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	01 Labor Day Holiday	02	03 Castaway Island nature walk 9am	04	05	06
07 Camp Milton lecture 10am	08 Reddie Point 9am Blue Cypress 11am	09	10	11	12 Cedar Point 9am	13 Dutton Island nature walk 9am & 10am
14 Reddie Point 9am Ribault River 11am	15 Reddie Point 10am	16	17	18 Castaway Island nature walk 9am & 10am	19 SCC 10am	20 Hanna Park 10am Huguenot 10am
21 Camp Milton lecture 10am	22 Reddie Point 9am Beach & Peach 11am	23	24	25	26 Cedar Point nature walk 9am	27 Talbot Tidewater Festival at Ribault Club
28 Reddie Point 9am Beach & Peach 11am	29 Open programming	30	01	02	03	04

OCTOBER

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	01	02	03 Cedar Point 9am SCC 10am	04 Castaway Island nature walk 9am & 10am
05 Camp Milton lecture 10am	06 Reddie Point 9am Blue Cypress 11am	07	08	09	10 Reddie Point 9am Beach & Peach 11am	11 Dutton Island 9am & 10am Huguenot 10am
12	13 McGirts Creek 9am Sal Taylor 11am	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Rail Trail bike tour 10am	21	22	23	24 Cedar Point nature walk 9am	25 McGirts Creek 9am Sal Taylor 11am
26 Camp Milton lecture 10am	27 Rail Trail bike tour 10am	28	29	30	31	01

NOVEMBER

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	01 Right Whale Festival at Main Beach
02 Right Whale Festival at Main Beach	03 McGirts Creek 9am Sal Taylor 11am	04	05	06 Sal Taylor 1pm	07 Cedar Point 9am SCC 10am	08 Castaway Island nature walk 9am & 10am
09 Camp Milton lecture 10am	10	11 Veterans Day Holiday	12	13 Reddie Point 1pm	14 McGirts Creek 9am Sal Taylor 11am	15 McGirts Creek 9am Rail Trail Bike Tour 11am
16 Palmetto Leaves kayak tour 10am	17 Rail Trail bike tour 10am	18	19	20 Ribault River 1pm	21 Reddie Point 9am Ribault River 11am	22 Huguenot beach walk 10am
23 Palmetto Leaves kayak tour 10am	24 Rail Trail bike tour 10am	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Holiday	28 Observed Holiday	29 McGirts Creek 9am Rail Trail Bike Tour 11am
30 Camp Milton lecture 10am	01	02	03	04	05	06

DECEMBER

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	01 Rail Trail bike tour 10am	02	03 Castaway Island nature walk 9am & 10am	04	05 McGirts Creek 9am Sal Taylor 11am	06 Dutton Island nature walk 9am & 10am
07 Palmetto Leaves kayak tour 10am	08 Rail Trail bike tour 10am	09	10	11 Sal Taylor 1pm	12 Cedar Point 9am SCC 10am	13 Rail Trail bike tour 10am
14 Palmetto Leaves kayak tour 10am	15 Rail Trail bike tour 10am	16	17	18	19 McGirts Creek 9am Sal Taylor 11am	20 Hanna Park 10am Huguenot 10am
21 Camp Milton lecture 10am	22 Rail Trail bike tour 10am	23	24 Christmas Eve Holiday	25 Christmas Holiday	26 Camp Milton lecture 10am	27 Castaway Island nature walk 9am
28 Rail Trail bike tour 10am	29 Reddie Point 9am Ribault River 11am	30	31	01	02	03

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 ^{*+}	8318 Cedar Point Rd	Meet in the parking lot of the Black Hammock trailhead.
• Dutton Island Preserve ^{*+}	793 Dutton Island Rd W	Meet in the parking lot.
• Huguenot Memorial Park ^{*\$~}	10980 Heckscher Dr	Meet at the nature center.
• Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park ^{*\$}	500 Wonderwood Dr	Meet as directed by website, email and/or gate attendant.
• Losco Regional Park [*]	10931 Hood Rd S	Meet at the trailhead.
• McGirts Creek Regional Park [*]	8435 118th St	Meet at the first picnic shelter (closest to the park entrance).
• Palmetto Leaves Regional Park ^{*+}	13799 Old St Augustine Rd	Meet in the parking lot at the Palmetto Leaves south entrance.
• Reddie Point Preserve ^{*+}	4499 Yachtsman Way	Meet at the picnic shelter next to the pier.
• Ribault River Reserve ^{*+}	2617 Ribault Scenic Dr	Meet in the parking lot.
• Jacksonville-Baldwin Rails to Trails	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

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- **Trail Walk/Nature Walk:** Join a Jacksonville Park Naturalist for a leisurely hike to explore trails at our parks and preserves. The Park Naturalist will point out birds, wildflowers, and other wildlife seen along the way.
- **Bike Tour:** Participation limited to a maximum of 12 people. Bring your own bike and helmet- JaxParks does not offer bike rentals. Bikes for rent are available at Hanna Park for a fee; inquire at (904) 252-7052.
- **Kayak Tour:** Participation limited to a maximum of 18 people. Bring your own kayak- JaxParks does not offer kayak rentals. Arrive half an hour before the program start time. Kayaks are available for rent at Hanna Park for a fee; inquire at (904) 252-7024
- **Lecture:** Inside program with a different talk each calendar- see website for topic details.
- **New! 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) 255-6879. 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.