

City of Jacksonville Kayak Launches: Site Characteristics

Park/Site Name	Address	Waterbody	Launch Type	OVERALL SKILL LEVEL	Accessibility	Site Conditions	Hazards
Alejandro Garces Camp Tomahawk Park	8419 San Ardo Rd.	Goodbys Creek	Stabilized Shoreline	Beginner	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at hi & mid tides only *Light current	*Down/submerged trees *Boat traffic downstream *Plan trip around tides
Alimacani Park	11080 Heckscher Dr.	Ft. George River	Natural Shoreline	Advanced	*Accessible parking *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Heavy boat traffic *Shoaling *Strong current *Plan trip around tides
Arlington Lions Club Park	4322 Richard D. Gatlin Rd.	St. Johns River	Boat Ramp	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides
Arlington Road Boat Ramp	5103 Arlington Rd.	St. Johns River	Boat Ramp	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides
Beach and Peach Urban Park	10013 Anders Blvd.	lake	Natural Shoreline	Beginner	*Accessible parking *No adaptive features	*Lake level fluctuates	*Potential alligators *Submerged debris
Beach Blvd. Boat Ramp	8540 Beach Blvd.	Pottsburg Creek	Boat Ramp	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Light current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris
Bee Street Park	Corner of Bee St. and Utah Ave.	unnamed tributary	Natural Shoreline	Intermediate	*On-street parking *No adaptive features	*Usable at hi & mid tides only *Light current in trib/strong in river	*Down/submerged trees *Large vessels in river *Boat traffic in river *Strong current in river *Plan trip around tides
Bert Maxwell Boat Ramp	680 Broward Rd.	Trout River	Boat Ramp	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris
Bethesda Park	10790 Key Haven	lake	Floating Dock	Beginner	*Accessible parking & route *Adaptive launch features: grab bars, transition seat, cradle system	*Large protected lake	*Potential alligators *Submerged debris
Betz-Tiger Point Preserve	13990 Pumpkin Hill Rd.	Edwards Creek/ Pumpkin Hill Creek	Natural Shoreline	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Watch for oyster beds *Plan trip around tides
Big Talbot Island State Park	15500 Heckscher Dr.	Sawpit Creek/ICW	Boat Ramp	Advanced	*Accessible parking *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Boat traffic *Shoaling *Strong current
Blue Cypress Park	4012 University Blvd. N.	St. Johns River	Natural Shoreline	Intermediate	*Accessible parking *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Large vessels *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides
Castaway Island Preserve	2921 San Pablo Rd. South	ICW	Floating Dock	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at hi & mid tides only *Light current in creek/strong in ICW	*Shallow canal *Boat traffic in ICW *Strong current in ICW *Plan trip around tides
Cedar Point Boat Ramp	9023 Cedar Point Rd.	Horseshoe Creek	Boat Ramp	Intermediate	*No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Watch for oyster beds
Charles Reese Memorial Park	1200 Ken Knight Dr.	Ribault River	Concrete Ramp	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at hi & mid tides only *Moderate current	*Shallow approach to ramp *Soft mud around ramp *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides
Chelsea Street	End of Chelsea St.	McCoy's Creek	Natural Shoreline	Intermediate	*On-street parking *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Light current	*Down/submerged trees *Utility pipes cross creek *Boat traffic downstream
County Dock Boat Ramp	2403 County Dock Rd.	St. Johns River	Stabilized Shoreline	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Shallow water *Boat traffic *Submerged piles/debris

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Cradle Creek Preserve	S. 15th St. & Fairway Lane	ICW	Fixed Dock	Advanced	*Accessible parking *1/3 mile paved route to launch *Steep drop from dock *No adaptive features	*Usable at hi & mid tides only *Light current in creek/strong in ICW	*Shallow canal *Boat traffic in ICW *Strong current in ICW *Plan trip around tides
Curtis Lee Johnson Marina Boat Ramp	5434 San Juan Ave.	Cedar River	Boat Ramp	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Light current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris
Dinsmore Boat Ramp	11101 US Hwy. 1	Trout River	Boat Ramp	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris
Dutton Island Preserve (South Launch)	end of Dutton Island Rd. (south end of island)	ICW	Stabilized Shoreline	Intermediate	*No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic in ICW *Strong current in ICW *Plan trip around tides *Watch for oyster beds
Dutton Island Preserve (North Launch)	end of Dutton Island Rd. (north end of island)	ICW	Floating Dock	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *Adaptive launch features: cradle system, transition seat, grab bars	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic in ICW *Strong current in ICW *Plan trip around tides
Fort George Island (Ribault Club)	11241 Fort George Rd.	Ft. George River	Natural Shoreline	Intermediate	*No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Heavy boat traffic *Shoaling *Strong current *Plan trip around tides
Fulton Road Landing Boat Ramp	5099 Fulton Rd.	St. Johns River	Natural Shoreline	Advanced	*On-street parking *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides
Half Moon Island Preserve	17847 Main St. North	Nassau River	Boat Ramp	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris
Harborview Boat Ramp	4100 Harbor View Dr.	Ribault River	Boat Ramp	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris
Hood Landing Boat Ramp	12803 Hood Landing Rd.	Julington Creek	Boat Ramp	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Light current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris *Potential alligators
Huguenot Memorial Park (Launch #1)	10980 Heckscher Dr.	Haulover Creek	Natural Shoreline	Intermediate	*Accessible parking *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Shoaling
Huguenot Memorial Park (Launch #2)	10980 Heckscher Dr.	Ft. George Inlet	Natural Shoreline	Intermediate	*Accessible parking *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Heavy boat traffic *Shoaling *Strong current *Plan trip around tides
Jim King Park at Sisters Creek (Launch #1)	8203 Heckscher Dr.	ICW/Sisters Creek	Floating Dock	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *Adaptive launch features: cradle system	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Boat traffic *Shoaling *Strong current *Plan trip around tides
Jim King Park at Sisters Creek (Launch #2)	8203 Heckscher Dr.	ICW/Sisters Creek	Natural Shoreline	Intermediate	*Accessible parking *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Boat traffic *Shoaling *Strong current *Plan trip around tides
Joe Carlucci Boat Ramp	8414 Heritage River Rd.	ICW/Sisters Creek	Boat Ramp	Advanced	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Boat traffic *Strong current *Plan trip around tides
John T. Lowe Boat Ramp	9021 San Jose Blvd.	Goodbys Creek	Boat Ramp	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris
Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park	500 Wonderwood Dr.	lake	Floating Dock & Natural Shoreline	Beginner	*Accessible parking & route *Adaptive launch features: grab bars, transition seat, cradle system	*Large protected lake	*Alligators
Kayak Amelia/Talbot Islands State Park	13030 Heckscher Dr.	Simpson Creek	Floating Dock & Natural Shoreline	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Shoaling *Plan trip around tides
Lonnie Wurn Boat Ramp	4131 Ferber Rd.	St. Johns River	Boat Ramp	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris

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Mandarin Park	14780 Mandarin Rd.	Julington Creek	Floating Dock	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *Adaptive launch features: grab bars, transition seat, cradle system	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris
Mayport Boat Ramp/Michael Scanlon	4870 Ocean St.	St. Johns River	Boat Ramp	Advanced	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Boat traffic *Strong current *Plan trip around tides
McCue Park & Boat Ramp	2510 2nd Ave. N.	ICW	Natural Shoreline	Advanced	*Accessible parking *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Boat traffic *Strong current *Plan trip around tides
Metro Park Marina	1410 Gator Bowl Dr.	St. Johns River	Floating Dock	Advanced	*Accessible parking & route *Adaptive launch features: cradle system	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides
Nathan Krestul Park	2001 LaVaca Rd.	Christopher Creek	Natural Shoreline	Intermediate	*Dirt parking lot *No adaptive features	*Usable at hi & mid tides only *Moderate current	*Down/submerged trees *Boat traffic downstream *Plan trip around tides
New Berlin Boat Ramp	9002 Frederick St.	St. Johns River	Boat Ramp	Advanced	*On-street parking *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides
North Shore Park	7901 Pearl St.	Trout River	Stabilized Shoreline	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris *Potential submerged rocks
Northbank Riverwalk @ Gefen Park	505 Alfred Dupont Place	St. Johns River	Natural Shoreline	Advanced	*Accessible parking *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides
Oak Harbor Boat Ramp	2428 Seaway St.	ICW	Boat Ramp	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Shoaling *Oyster beds
Palmetto Leaves Regional Park	13799 Old St. Augustine Rd.	Julington Creek	Floating Dock	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *Adaptive launch features: cradle system	*Usable at all tide levels *Light current	*Boat traffic downstream *Down/submerged trees *Potential alligators/snakes
Palms Fish Camp Boat Ramp	6359 Heckscher Dr.	Clapboard Creek	Stabilized Shoreline	Intermediate	*Accessible parking *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris
Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park	13802 Pumpkin Hill Rd.	Pumpkin Hill Creek	Stabilized Shoreline	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Watch for oyster beds *Plan trip around tides
Reddie Point Preserve	4499 Yachtsman Way	St. Johns River	Natural Shoreline	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides
Ribault River Preserve	2617 Ribault Scenic Dr.	Ribault River	Floating Dock	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris
Ringhaver Park	5198 118th St.	Ortega River	Floating Dock	Intermediate	*Accessible parking *1/4 mile paved route to launch *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Light current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris
River Oaks Park	1000 River Oaks Rd.	Craig Creek	Natural Shoreline	Intermediate	*On-street parking *No adaptive features	*Usable at hi & mid tides only *Light current	*Shallow water *Down/submerged trees *Boat traffic downstream *Plan trip around tides
Riverview Park	9620 E. Water St.	Trout River	Natural Shoreline	Intermediate	*Accessible parking *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris
Seminole Park	4170 McGirts Blvd.	Ortega River	Natural Shoreline	Intermediate	*On-street parking *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris

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Southbank Riverwalk @ School Board Bldg.	1701 Prudential Dr.	St. Johns River	Floating Dock	Advanced	*Accessible parking & route *Adaptive launch features: grab bars, transition seat, cradle system	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides
St. Johns Marina Boat Ramp	901 Museum Circle	St. Johns River	Boat Ramp	Advanced	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Strong current	*Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides
Stinson Park	4050 San Juan Ave.	Ortega River	Floating Dock & Natural Shoreline	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris
T.K. Stokes Boat Ramp	2120 Riverview Ave.	Ribault River	Boat Ramp	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris
Thomas Creek Fish Camp	17198 Ethel Rd.	Thomas Creek	Boat Ramp	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Light current	*Down/submerged trees *Boat traffic downstream *Potential alligators/snakes
Tideviews Preserve	1 Begonia St.	ICW	Floating Dock	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *1/3 mile from parking to launch *No adaptive features	*Usable at hi and mid tides only *Moderate current	*Boat traffic in ICW *Strong current in ICW *Plan trip around tides
Wayne B. Stevens Boat Ramp	4555 Ortega Farms Blvd.	Fishing Creek	Boat Ramp	Intermediate	*Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features	*Usable at all tide levels *Light current upstream/moderate downstream	*Boat traffic *Potential floating debris

Skill Level Definition:
Beginner: New to canoeing, kayaking or paddleboarding and may need tips and/or instruction.
Intermediate: Paddlers with experience in basic strokes and some paddling experience on the water.
Advanced: Seasoned paddlers who possess the skills and experience to paddle a variety of water types and conditions.

Information Disclaimer:
Paddle sports are inherently dangerous activities. Information is provided only as a general guide and is not to be relied upon to identify all hazards that could exist. Weather can drastically impact water conditions.