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Explore, Experience, Preserve

A listing of JaxParks environmental education programs

Feb. 2008

For information on any of these activities, please call 630-CITY or visit www.jaxparks.com.

COFFEE WITH THE BIRDS

9 - 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1

**Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park
Nature Center**

7000 Roosevelt Blvd.

Learn how to attract birds to your own backyard while enjoying your morning cup of coffee or tea. Beverages will be provided.

2008 WATER EDUCATION FESTIVAL

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2

**Museum of Science & History
1025 Museum Circle**

Have a splashing good time at MOSH on this free-admission day! MOSH has teamed up with the City of Jacksonville's Environmental Protection Board and the St. Johns River Water Management District to present interactive displays, activities and live performances. Learn about water conservation and more. This event is for all ages.

BEACH WALK AND TALK

10 a.m. - noon Monday, Feb. 4

**Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park
500 Wonderwood Road,
parking lot # 8**

Fresh air and exercise are added benefits during a guided tour of this exquisite oceanfront park which is part of the Great Florida Birding Trail. Dress for the weather

and location. Use sunscreen and insect repellent, and bring water and binoculars if you have them. The program is for all ages but some of the terrain makes it inappropriate for strollers. There is a park admission fee of \$3 per vehicle for up to six occupants, plus \$1 per each additional person after the six.

OUTDOOR OBSERVATIONS

1:30-2:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4

**Beach and Peach Urban Park
10013 Anders Blvd.**

See what's happening in the wild here in Northeast Florida at one of our newest preservation parks. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes. Use insect repellent and bring binoculars if you have them. This program is for all ages. We will meet at the first gazebo.

WEE WORKSHOP: NESTS, DENS, AND OTHER HIDING PLACES

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5

**Camp Tomahawk
8419 San Ardo Drive**

Calling all wee nature explorers ages 7 and under and their adult companions to join in a search for animal hiding places. Learn what animals do to help them survive the cold winter weather.



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GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT TRAINING

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9
Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park
7000 Roosevelt Blvd.

Learn how to become a citizen scientist and participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count. The actual Bird Count takes place Feb. 15-18. The information you gather will be added to data collected all from all over the country and used to show what birds are in this area. This training and data gathering is open to birdwatchers of all ages, from beginner to expert. The actual data collection can take as little as 15 minutes. It's free, fun, and easy—and it helps the birds.

OWL PROWL

7 - 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9
Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park
7000 Roosevelt Blvd.

Who-o-o-o is that calling in the dark? Learn about Northeast Florida owls during the fun "Owl Prowl." We will attempt to call in owls while walking the trails. No flashlights, please.

COASTAL EDIBLE & MEDICINAL PLANTS WALK

10 - 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11
K. A. Hanna Park, parking lot #8
500 Wonderwood Drive

Even during the cold winter months, many plants once used for survival by Native Americans and early Florida settlers are still visible. Join us for a relaxing walk while learning about these winter plants and how they were used for food, medicine and shelter.

BIKE HIKE

10 a.m. - noon Monday, Feb. 11
Camp Milton Historic Preserve and Jacksonville Baldwin Rail-Trail
1175 Halsema Road N.

Bring your bicycle and join us for a leisurely bike hike along the Jacksonville Baldwin Rail-Trail. Fresh air and exercise are added benefits during this guided tour. We will meet in the parking lot of Camp Milton Historic Preserve. Dress for the weather, use insect repellent and bring water. All riders 16 years of age and younger must wear helmets.

IF TREES COULD TALK

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11
Camp Milton Historic Preserve
1175 Halsema Road N.

Historical sites and important individuals of the Civil War period will be discussed based on the America's Forest trees planted at Camp Milton Historic Preserve. Dress for the weather. This program is for all ages.

FLORIDA'S LIVING SYMBOLS

9 - 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12
Cecil Community Center
13611-A Normandy Blvd.

Whether new to the state or a long-time resident, here's your chance to learn more about Florida's state bird, butterfly, reptile, fish and mammals. Non-living specimens will be examined. This presentation is for ages 18 and older.



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TRAIL WALK AND TALK

11 a.m. – noon Tuesday, Feb. 12

Sal Taylor Creek Preserve

5873 Nathan Hale Road

Join us for a walk at this magnificent timberland site. Dress appropriately for the weather and wear comfortable closed-toe shoes. Use insect repellent, and bring along water and binoculars if you have them. This program is not appropriate for very young children. Please be aware that there are no restrooms, picnic tables or other facilities, nor running water at this location.

WEE WORKSHOP: Nests, Dens, and Other Hiding Places

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park Nature Center

7000 Roosevelt Blvd.

Calling all wee nature explorers ages seven years and under and their adult companions to join us on a search for animal hiding places and learn what animals do to help them survive the cold winter weather.

BEACH WALK AND TALK

1 - 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14

Huguenot Memorial Park

10980 Heckscher Drive

Fresh air and exercise are added benefits during a guided tour of this beautiful oceanfront park which is part of the Great Florida Birding Trail. Dress for the weather and location. Use sunscreen and insect repellent, and bring water and binoculars if you have them. The program is for all ages but some of the terrain makes it inappropriate for strollers. We will meet at the concession stand inside the park. There is a park admission fee of \$.50 per person required to enter the park.

FLORIDA'S LIVING SYMBOLS

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20

Balis Community Center

1513 LaSalle St.

Whether new to the state or a long-time resident, here's your chance to learn more about Florida's state bird, butterfly, reptile, fish and mammals. Non-living specimens will be examined. This presentation is for all ages.

ANIMAL DETECTIVE

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park Nature Center

7000 Roosevelt Blvd.

Many species of wild animals are active at night or avoid being around people. Learn what signs to look for that indicate which animals were around. Participants will learn what signs to look for and how to identify some of the more common animals by their tracks. Afterward, everyone will have the opportunity to make a plaster cast of a track to take home.

BEACH WALK AND TALK

1 - 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21

Huguenot Memorial Park

10980 Heckscher Drive

Fresh air and exercise are added benefits during a guided tour of this beautiful oceanfront park which is part of the Great Florida Birding Trail. Dress for the weather and location. Use sunscreen and insect repellent, and bring water and binoculars if you have them. The program is for all ages but some of the terrain makes it inappropriate for strollers. We will meet at the concession stand inside the park. There is a park admission fee of \$.50 per person required to enter the park.

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INTERMEDIATE ORIENTEERING

1 - 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22

**Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park
7000 Roosevelt Blvd.**

If you enjoyed our previous orienteering treasure hunt, you will not want to miss this intermediate adventure challenge. Participants will use a map and a compass to navigate through an off-trail course. Some of the terrain makes this program inappropriate for strollers. Registration is required.

MORNING EXPLORING

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25

**Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park
7000 Roosevelt Blvd.**

Join the parks naturalist on a nature walk to explore an off-trail portion of Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park. The terrain makes this program inappropriate for strollers. Please wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Bring water and binoculars if you have them.

TRAIL WALK AND TALK

2 - 3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25

**Sal Taylor Creek Preserve
5873 Nathan Hale Road**

Join us for a walk through this magnificent timberland site. Dress appropriately for the weather and wear comfortable closed-toe shoes. Use insect repellent and bring along water and binoculars if you have them. This program is not appropriate for very young children. Please be aware that there are no restrooms, picnic tables or other facilities, nor running water at this location.

BEACH WALK AND TALK

10 a.m. - noon Tuesday, Feb. 26

**Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park
500 Wonderwood Road, parking lot # 4**

Fresh air and exercise are added benefits during a guided tour of this oceanfront park which is part of the Great Florida Birding Trail. Dress for the weather and location. Use sunscreen and insect repellent, and bring water and binoculars if you have them. The program is for all ages but some of the

terrain makes it inappropriate for strollers. There is a park admission fee of \$3 per vehicle for up to six occupants, plus \$1 per each additional person after the six.

OUTDOOR OBSERVATIONS

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26

**Beach and Peach Urban Park
10013 Anders Blvd.**

See what's happening in the wild here in Northeast Florida at one of our newest preservation parks. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes. Use insect repellent and bring binoculars if you have them. This program is for all ages. We will meet at the first gazebo.

OUTDOOR OBSERVATIONS

2 - 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28

**Castaway Island Preserve
2885 San Pablo Road S.**

See what's happening in the wild here in Northeast Florida at this Preservation Park located on the Intracoastal Waterway. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes. Use insect repellent and bring binoculars if you have them. This program is for all ages. We will meet at the education center.

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