

# Nature Scope

Explore, Experience, Preserve

A listing of JaxParks environmental education programs

March 2008

For information on any of these activities, please call 630-CITY or visit [www.jaxparks.com](http://www.jaxparks.com).

## **WEE WORKSHOP: SEARCHING FOR SIGNS OF SPRING**

**10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Mar. 4**

**Camp Tomahawk Park  
8419 San Ardo Road.**

Calling all wee nature explorers ages 7 years and under and their adult companions to join in on a search for signs of spring. We will look for buds on trees, new leaves, spring wildflowers, and signs of spring animal activity.

## **FLORIDA'S LIVING SYMBOLS**

**1-2 p.m. Wednesday, March 5**

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

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 program is for all ages.

## **RAIL-TRAIL WALK**

**9-10 a.m. Thursday, March 6**

**Jacksonville Baldwin Rail-Trail at Camp Milton Historic Preserve  
1175 Halsema Road N.**

Join us for a leisurely early morning walk along the Jacksonville Baldwin Rail-Trail. Fresh air and exercise are added benefits of 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. This program is for all ages.

## **TRAIL WALK AND TALK**

**1:30-2:30 p.m. Friday, March 7**

**Camp Milton Historic Preserve  
1175 Halsema Road N.**

Join us for a walk on an elevated boardwalk at this historic preservation park. Dress appropriately for the weather, wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes, and use insect repellent. Bring water and binoculars if you have them. This program is for all ages.

## **COFFEE WITH THE BIRDS**

**9-10 a.m. Friday, March 7**

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

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

## **BEACH WALK AND TALK**

**1 - 3 p.m. Thursday, March 7**

**Huguenot Memorial Park  
10980 Heckscher Drive**

Fresh air and exercise are added benefits of 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. We will meet at the concession stand inside the park. There is a park admission fee of \$.50 per person.

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## **BEACH WALK AND TALK**

**10 a.m. - Noon Monday, March 10**

**Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park**

**500 Wonderwood Road, parking lot # 8**

Fresh air and exercise are added benefits of 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 six.

## **OUTDOOR OBSERVATIONS**

**1:30-2:30 p.m. Monday March 10**

**Dutton Island Preserve**

**1921 Dutton Drive**

See what's happening in the wild here in Northeast Florida at one of our newest preservation parks 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 in the parking lot.

## **WEE WORKSHOP: SEARCHING FOR SIGNS OF SPRING**

**10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 13**

**Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park**

**7000 Roosevelt Blvd.**

Calling all wee nature explorers ages 7 years and under and their adult companions to join in on a search for signs of spring. We will look for buds on trees, new leaves, spring wildflowers and signs of spring animal activity.

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## **TRAIL WALK AND TALK**

**9-10 a.m. Friday, March 14**

**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 running water at this location.

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## **RAIL-TRAIL WALK**

**10-11 a.m. Monday, March 17**

**Jacksonville Baldwin Rail-Trail at Camp**

**Milton Historic Preserve**

**1175 Halsema Road N.**

Join us for a leisurely early morning walk along the Jacksonville Baldwin Rail-Trail. Fresh air and exercise are added benefits of 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. This program is for all ages.

## **BIKE HIKE**

**11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday, March 17**

**Jacksonville Baldwin Rail-Trail at Milton**

**Historic Preserve**

**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 of 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 ages 16 and younger must wear helmets.

## **BIKE HIKE**

**2 - 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 17**

**Jacksonville Baldwin Rail-Trail at**

**Milton Historic Preserve**

**1175 Halsema Road N.**

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## **MORNING EXPLORING**

**9-11 a.m. Friday, March 21**

**Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park**

**7000 Roosevelt Blvd.**

Join the parks naturalist on a nature walk to explore an off-trail portion of this large nature park. This program is not appropriate for children in strollers. Please wear closed-toe shoes and long pants.

## **BEACH WALK AND TALK**

**10 a.m - noon Friday, March 21**

**Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park**

**500 Wonderwood Road,**

**parking lot # 4**

Fresh air and exercise are added benefits of 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 strollers. There is a park admission fee of \$3 per vehicle for up to six occupants, plus \$1 per each additional person after six.

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## **OUTDOOR OBSERVATIONS**

**2-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 25**  
**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

## **NATURE DISCOVERY**

**9:30-11 a.m. Friday, March 28**  
**Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park**  
**7000 Roosevelt Blvd.**

Tour the nature center at one of Jacksonville's largest nature parks and learn about the native Florida animals, both living and non-living, on display here. Following the indoor tour, join the parks naturalist for a guided nature walk.

## **ANIMAL DETECTIVE**

**1:30-3 p.m. Friday, March 28**  
**Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park Nature Center**  
**7000 Roosevelt Blvd.**

Wild animals can be very difficult to observe since many species are active at night or avoid being around people. Learn to identify some of the more common animals by their tracks and other signs, and make a plaster cast of a track to take home.

## **GARDENING FOR BUTTERFLIES**

**10-30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 29**  
**Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park Nature Center**  
**7000 Roosevelt Blvd.**

Learn which plants will attract butterflies to your garden and how to identify the butterflies commonly found in Northeast Florida. It really is true; plant it and they will come! An indoor PowerPoint session will be followed by an outdoor tour of the park's butterfly gardens.

## **SNAKE SAVVY**

**1-2 p.m. Saturday, March 29**  
**Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park Nature Center**  
**7000 Roosevelt Blvd.**

Do you know how to tell the difference between venomous and non-venomous snakes? Learn what you can do to stay safe around snakes and their important role in the balance of nature.

## **DANGEROUS PLANTS AND ANIMALS**

**OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA**  
**2:30-3:15 p.m. Saturday, March 29**  
**Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park**  
**7000 Roosevelt Blvd.**

Have you heard stories about the dangerous plants and animals found here in Northeast Florida? Learn fact and which is fiction and what you can do to stay safe around these plants and animals. This is an indoor program.

## **NATURALIST-GUIDED NATURE WALK**

**3:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29**  
**Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park**  
**7000 Roosevelt Blvd.**

Join the parks naturalist for a guided tour along the Tower Trail of this large nature park.

## **BIRDING 101**

**8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 30**  
**Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park**  
**7000 Roosevelt Blvd.**

Learn about field guides, basic bird identification and binoculars; then put these newly-learned skills to use along a guided nature walk.

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## **NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT**

**1-2 p.m. Sunday, March 30**

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

Join in the fun of a scavenger hunt while taking a closer look at nature. We will explore with our senses using sight, smell, touch, hearing and taste. We will be hunting outside, so please dress appropriately.

## **BUTTERFLY IDENTIFICATION**

**2:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30**

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

Join Bill Berthet, local butterfly hobbyist, as he shares tips on how to identify butterflies seen in the Jacksonville area. This is an indoor program followed by an outdoor tour of the butterfly gardens.

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