

Nature Scope

Explore, Experience, Preserve

A listing of JaxParks environmental education programs

For information on any of these activities, call (904) 630-CITY or visit www.jaxparks.com.

For JaxParks environmental education outdoor activities, we ask that you dress for the weather, wear comfortable closed-toe shoes, use insect repellent and bring water. You are welcome to bring binoculars if you have them.

COFFEE WITH BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES

9 - 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1
Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park
Nature Center
7000 Roosevelt Blvd.

Join us for a cup of coffee or tea while watching the birds and butterflies that visit our birdfeeders and beautiful gardens. Learn how to attract birds and butterflies to your yard and receive tips for keeping squirrels out of your birdfeeders. Beverages provided.

TRAIL WALK AND TALK
9 - 10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. - noon
Friday, Aug. 1

Sal Taylor Creek Preserve*
5873 Nathan Hale Road

Join us for a walk through this magnificent timberland site. This program is not appropriate for very young children.

RAIL-TRAIL WALK
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Monday, Aug. 4
Jacksonville Baldwin Rail-Trail at Camp Milton Historic Preserve
1175 Halsema Road N.

Join us for a leisurely walk along the Jacksonville Baldwin Rail-Trail. Fresh air and exercise are added benefits of the guided tour. We will meet in the parking lot of Camp Milton Historic Preserve. This program is for all ages.

BIKE HIKE
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or 1 - 2:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 4

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

Bring your bicycle and join us for a leisurely bike ride along the Jacksonville Baldwin Rail-Trail. Fresh air and exercise are benefits of the guided tour. We will meet in the parking lot of Camp Milton Historic Preserve. All riders ages 16 and younger are required to wear helmets.

BEACH WALK AND TALK
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. - noon
Tuesday, Aug. 5

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 that is part of the Great Florida Birding Trail. The program is for all ages, but some of the terrain makes it inappropriate for strollers. Park admission is \$3 per vehicle for up to six occupants, plus \$1 per each additional person.

Environmental Education

WEE WORKSHOP: Grasshopper Roundup
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5
Camp Tomahawk
8419 San Ardo Road

Calling all wee entomologists ages 7 and younger and their adult companions. It's time for the grasshopper roundup! We'll catch grasshoppers, examine them, and learn what they eat and where they live. Bring a clear plastic capture jar. After the "roundup," we'll create a grasshopper nature craft.

OUTDOOR OBSERVATIONS
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5
Dutton Island Preserve*
1921 Dutton Drive

See what's happening in natural Northeast Florida at one of our newest preservation parks located on the Intracoastal Waterway. This program is for all ages, but some of the terrain makes it inappropriate for strollers. We will meet in the parking lot.

OUTDOOR OBSERVATIONS
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6
Blue Cypress Park
4012 University Blvd.

See what's happening in natural Northeast Florida at this beautiful site along the banks of the St. Johns River. Enjoy the thrill of discovery while experiencing the outdoors. This program is for all ages. Follow the driveway to the parking area and meet us by the fishing pier.

WEE WORKSHOP: Grasshopper Roundup
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6
Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park Nature Center
7000 Roosevelt Blvd.

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OUTDOOR OBSERVATIONS
Noon - 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6
Beach and Peach Urban Park
10013 Anders Blvd.

See what's happening in natural Northeast Florida at one of our newest preservation parks. This program is for all ages. We will meet at the first gazebo.

TERRIFIC TURTLES
10 - 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11
Camp Milton Historic Preserve
1175 Halsema Road N.

Florida is home to a variety of turtles on land, in freshwater and in the ocean. Take this time to expand your knowledge of these endearing animals. Everyone will have an opportunity to pet a live turtle. This program is for all ages. We will meet in the education center.

TRAIL WALK AND TALK
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 11
Camp Milton Historic Preserve
1175 Halsema Road N.

Join us for a walk on an elevated boardwalk at this historic preservation park. Bring binoculars if you have them. This program is for all ages. We will meet in the education center.

TERRIFIC TURTLES
10 - 11 a.m. or noon - 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 12
Castaway Island Preserve
2885 San Pablo Road S.

Florida is home to a variety of turtles on land, in freshwater and in the ocean. Take this time to expand your knowledge of these endearing animals. Everyone will have an opportunity to pet a live turtle. This program is for all ages. We will meet in the education center.

BEACH WALK AND TALK

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. or 2 - 3 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 14

Huguenot Memorial Park

10980 Heckscher Drive

Fresh air and exercise are added benefits of a guided tour through this beautiful oceanfront park which is part of the Great Florida Birding Trail. The program is for all ages, but some of the terrain makes it inappropriate for strollers. We will meet at the campground store inside the park. A park admission fee is required.

OUTDOOR OBSERVATIONS

10 - 11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 18

McGirts Creek Regional Park

8435 118th St.

See what's happening in natural Northeast Florida at this expansive regional park located in West Jacksonville. This program is for all ages. We will meet at the playground gazebo.

BEACH WALK AND TALK

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. – noon

Tuesday, Aug. 19

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

500 Wonderwood Road, parking lot 4

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OUTDOOR OBSERVATIONS

2 - 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19

Beach and Peach Urban Park

10013 Anders Blvd.

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EDIBLE AND MEDICINAL PLANTS

10 - 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20

Mandarin Park

14780 Mandarin Road

Native Americans and the early settlers to this country relied on native plants for both food and medicine. Learn how to identify these plants while taking a short nature walk. Meet the naturalist at the visitors' center for a short talk before departing on a search for these useful plants.

BUTTERFLY IDENTIFICATION

10:30 a.m.-noon Friday, Aug. 22

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park

Learn how to identify those butterflies more common to the Jacksonville area. A tour through out butterfly garden follows a PowerPoint presentation.

OUTDOOR OBSERVATIONS

10-11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 25

McGirts Creek Regional Park

8435 118th St.

See what's happening in natural Northeast Florida at this expansive regional park located in West Jacksonville. This program is for all ages. We will meet at the playground gazebo.

NATURE DISCOVERY

10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park

7000 Roosevelt Blvd.

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

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SNAKE SAVVY

3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park

7000 Roosevelt Blvd.

Learn what you can do to stay safe around snakes and their important role in the balance of nature. Take advantage of this opportunity to see and touch live non-venomous snakes.

MOSQUITO BIOLOGY

10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park Nature Center

7000 Roosevelt Blvd.

Learn about the life cycle of the mosquito and its position in the food chain. Get tips on what you can do to reduce the chance of being bitten by mosquitoes.

BEACH WALK AND TALK

12:30-1:30 p.m. or 2 – 3 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 28

Huguenot Memorial Park

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