

History and Nature:

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park's pristine beaches have played a proud role in Florida's rich history as an inviting destination for relaxation and recreation.

In the 1880's, Jacksonville residents and tourists traveled the JM&P Railroad along what is now Wonderwood Drive to Burnside Beach. In the 1900's, African-Americans working on the East Coast Railway established Manhattan Beach, the state's first African-American beach. Both Manhattan and Burnside beaches were popular sites with cottages, pavilions and restaurants, and both were located within the current boundaries of Hanna Park.

In the late 1960's the Bancroft family donated five acres of land in honor of Dr. Kathryn Abbey Hanna, a prominent author, educator and historian. In 1972, after the City of Jacksonville acquired additional acreage adjacent to the Bancroft family donation, Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park was opened.

Today, the 450-acre park includes one and a half miles of shoreline, an extensive dune system and an abundance of maritime hammocks with majestic live oaks draped in spanish moss.

Boardwalks cross over the dune system to the beach to provide access without disturbing park animal and plant life.

Shorebirds, wading birds, alligators and foxes all call Hanna Park home. From May through October, sea turtles also nest on the beach.



Scan the QR Code for a video tour of Hanna Park.

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Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

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Preserve

Park Guidelines

- Fee is required for re-entry
- Alcoholic beverages, glass containers and fireworks are not allowed in the park.
- Open fires and grills are not permitted on the beach.
- All plants, animals and park property are protected. The collection, destruction or disturbance of plants, animals or park property is prohibited. Do not feed the wildlife.
- Pets are permitted only in designated areas, must be kept on a leash no longer than eight feet, attended and well-behaved at all times.
- Swimming, powerboats, castnets and night fishing are prohibited in the lake.
- Unlicensed golf carts, ATVs, motorbikes, scooters, go-karts, skateboards, chainsaws and generators are not permitted in the park.



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Welcome ...

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park is a 450-acre oceanfront park with pristine beaches, a freshwater lake, extensive trails and full service campground.

One of the park's biggest attractions is the 1.5 mile white, sandy beach which offers ample opportunities for swimming, sunbathing, fishing, surfing and beachcombing. When accessing the beach, please use the boardwalks and stay off the sand dunes.

If you're looking for a freshwater adventure, try canoeing, kayaking or fishing in the 60-acre lake. Kayaks and paddleboats are available for rent or you may bring your own.

The splash park is a great place for children under four feet to cool off in the summer, and the nearby playgrounds are fun for kids of all ages year round.

More than 20 miles of scenic trails provide extensive opportunities for hiking and biking for all skill levels.

Picnic pavilions located throughout the park are perfect for cookouts and group activities, while Dolphin Plaza offers an oceanfront retreat for more formal events. Contact Hanna Park's office for reservation of these facilities.

For overnight visits, the park has rustic, air-conditioned cabins as well as tent and RV campsites nestled in the shade of the tranquil maritime hammock. All campsites have electricity and water. Reservations can be made at www.bookyoursite.com/kathryn or by calling the park office.