

JaxParks Activities Guide



Winter - Spring 2012

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M³Zone Participant
Photo by Brittany Bandi

Dear Residents,

Thank you for your interest in Jacksonville's wonderful parks. We are fortunate to have a diverse park system with facilities ranging from oceanfront to riverfront, from recreational complexes to neighborhood playgrounds, from natural preserves to historic treasures.

JaxParks offers residents opportunities to participate in aquatics, sports, camping, boating, fishing, hiking, biking, environmental education, fitness and more. There are programs designed for youth, teens, seniors, families and individuals.

As mayor of Jacksonville, I am committed to investing in the future of our parks. Their impact on our quality of life is essential to both our current lifestyle and the future of our city.

Studies show that a diverse park system offers physical, social, psychological, environmental and economic benefits to a community.

As we work together to take Jacksonville to the next level, our parks will play a significant role. I am committed to the continued development and improvement of our parks so that we may all reap the benefits they have to offer.

Sincerely,

Alvin Brown
Mayor



Community Centers

Balis Center, (904) 306 - 2148
1513 LaSalle St.
2 - 8 p.m. M - F

Bethesda Center, (904) 764 - 5531
10790 Key Haven Blvd.
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. M - F

Blue Cypress Center (904) 745 - 5466
4012 University Blvd.
9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. M - F

Carvill Center. (904) 764 - 0513
1302 Carvill Ave.
3 - 8 p.m. M - F

Cecil Community Center, (904) 573 - 3157
13611 Normandy Blvd.
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. M - F

Cecil Gym and Fitness Center
7 a.m. - 8 p.m. M - F
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. S, Su

C.T. Brown Center, (904) 765 - 5282
4545 Moncrief Road
11 a.m. - 8 p.m. M - F

Cuba Hunter Center, (904) 858 - 1366
3620 Bedford Road
9 a.m. - 9 p.m. M - F

Cuba Hunter Gym
9 a.m. - 9 p.m. M - F
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. S

Dinsmore Center, (904) 924 - 5330
7126 Civic Club Drive
3 - 8 p.m. M - F

E.B. Ford Center, (904) 388 - 2640
2839 W. Beaver St.
11 a.m. - 8 p.m. M - F

Emmett Reed Center, (904) 630 - 0958
1093 W. Sixth St.
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.* M - F

Emmett Reed Gym
9 a.m. - 9 p.m. M - F
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. S

H.T. Jones Center, (904) 399 - 0615
3856 Grant Road
11 a.m. - 8 p.m. M - F

*Partnership activity 6 - 9 p.m.

Julian Barrs Center, (904) 693 - 4909
10151 Crystal Springs Road
3 - 8 p.m. M - F

Legends Center, (904) 255 - 4050
5130 Soutel Drive
8 a.m. - 9 p.m. M - F
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. S

McGirts Creek Center, (904) 573 - 3183
8435 118th St.
10 a.m. - 7 p.m. M - F

Mitchell Center, (904) 630 - 0331
1010 Acorn St.
2 - 7 p.m. M - F

Oceanway Center, (904) 751 - 3386
12215 Sago Ave.
11 a.m. - 8 p.m. M - F

R.F. Kennedy Center, (904) 630 - 0933
1133 Ionia St.
8 a.m. - 8 p.m. M - F

R.F. Kennedy Gym
Noon - 8 p.m. M - F
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. S

Windy Hill Center, (904) 565 - 2669
10540 Anders Blvd.
3 - 8 p.m. M - F

JaxParks has identified the following facilities to operate with programming partners and contract employees. Hours of operation will vary depending on programming opportunities at each location. Information will be updated online at jaxparks.com as it becomes available.

Beverly Hills Center, (904) 765 - 6783
4511 Portsmouth Drive

Burnett Center, (904) 268 - 7510
3740 Burnett Park Road

Forestview Center, (904) 765 - 1109
4203 Kenndle Drive

Johnnie Walker, (904) 630 - 0321
2500 W. 20th St.

Murray Hill Art Center, (904) 255 - 7922
4327 Kerle St.

Specialty Facilities and Parks**Bethesda Park and Community Center**

10790 Key Haven Blvd. (904) 764 - 5531

Park hours: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily

An ADA-accessible recreation complex, Bethesda offers a multipurpose center, fish-stocked 16-acre lake and cabins for overnight stays. The center offers programs and activities designed for all with an emphasis on those with special needs.

Confederate Park Dog Park

956 Hubbard St. (904) 630 - CITY

Park hours: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily

Located near downtown in historic Springfield, this 2.87-acre fenced park has picnic pavilions and lush green space ideal for canine friends to enjoy off-leash play with their human companions.

Cuba Hunter Skate Park

3620 Bedford Road (904) 858 - 1366

Park hours: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily

A 10,000-square-foot skateboard facility, this park includes a 6-foot half pipe, 7-foot quarter pipe, jump boxes, multiple rails and a bank ramp with a pyramid. The park also has a nature trail, community center and gymnasium.

Friendship Fountain Park

Southbank Riverwalk (904) 630 - 2489

Park hours: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily

This downtown, riverfront destination includes open green space, seating and, as its centerpiece, the iconic Friendship Fountain.

Huguenot Memorial Park

10980 Heckscher Drive (904) 251 - 3335

Park hours: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (fall hours)

This oceanfront park offers swimming, fishing and surfing. Amenities include a picnic shelter, restrooms and camping. The park is also designated as a Great Florida Birding Trail.

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

500 Wonderwood Drive (904) 247 - 4700

Park hours: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily (fall hours)

This oceanfront park offers 1.5 miles of beach, a 60-acre freshwater lake with canoe and pedal boat rentals, water features, picnic areas, camping, cabins and biking and hiking trails. Dolphin Plaza, the park's event facility, is open for rentals all year.

Cecil Recreation Complex

Community and Aquatic centers

13611 Normandy Blvd. (904) 573 - 3157

Gym and Fitness Center

13531 Lake Newman Drive (904) 778 - 5498

See page 3 for hours of operation.

Activities offered for toddlers through seniors include fitness and art activities, competitions, tournaments, aquatic activities and social times. The complex includes a community center, indoor aquatic facility, gym and fitness center, slow-pitch softball quadruplex and adult softball fields.

Legends Center

5130 Soutel Drive (904) 255 - 4050

8 a.m. - 9 p.m. M - F, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. S

This 35,000-square-foot, multipurpose facility includes a gymnasium, computer lab, auditorium/ community room, fitness center, class rooms, elevated walking track and kitchen. Programs emphasize fitness and education. The facility also functions as a shelter during emergency situations.

Annual Membership Fees:

Individual: \$120 / Family: \$150 / Senior (60+): \$90

Daily Use: \$2 / Monthly Young Adult (18 - 26): \$10

Walter Jones Historical Park

11964 Mandarin Road (904) 268 - 0784

Park hours: 7 a.m. - sunset daily

Museum hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. T, Th; 1 - 4 p.m. F
This history-inspired park offers beautiful vistas of the St. Johns River, centuries-old oak and cypress trees, picnic pavilions and the Mandarin Museum.

Events

Earth Day Celebration

Jacksonville Landing, 2 W. Independent Drive
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21
 Join us at this family friendly celebration full of fun, activities, displays and presentations.

Road to Olustee Living History Weekend

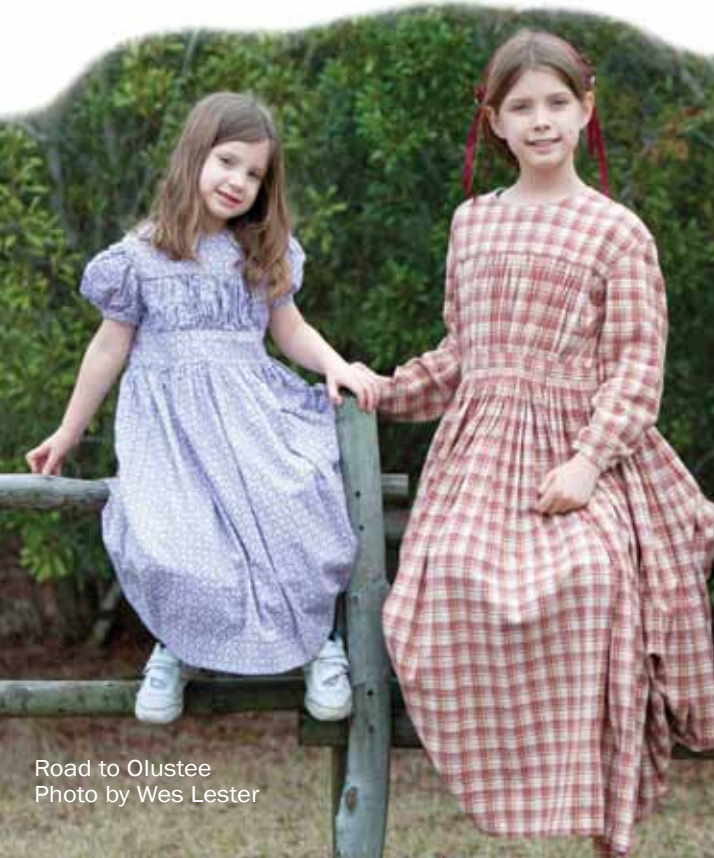
Camp Milton Historic Preserve, 1175 Halsema Road
 Student Experience Day
 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27

Living History Activities

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29

Spring Break Camp

7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday, March 19 - Friday, March 30
 JaxParks' free spring break camp for ages 6 - 12.
 Registration begins Monday, March 5. Register at the site you want your child(ren) to attend.
 Participation is first-come, first-served



Road to Olustee
 Photo by Wes Lester

Adult Fitness

Aerobics/Fitness Carvill	6 - 7 p.m.	M, T, Th
Basket for Lunch (lunch break basketball) Cuba Hunter	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	M, T, W
Fun Run (ages 18 and up) (Registration begins March 1) Cecil Gym	6 - 7 p.m.	T, Th
Line Dance C.T. Brown	11 a.m.	W
Open Volleyball Cuba Hunter	6 - 9 p.m.	F
Rowing (ages 18 and up) (Registration begins Jan. 3) Cecil Gym	11 a.m. - noon	M, W
Sassy Steppers McGirts Creek	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	
Senior Extravaganza (dance, games, entertainment) Bethesda	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	2nd W, Th
Senior Fitness Bethesda	10 - 11 a.m.	T, W
Walk this Way Emmett Reed	9 - 10 a.m.	M - F

Free Weight Facilities

Emmett Reed	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	M - F
H.T. Jones	3 - 8 p.m.	M - F
R.F. Kennedy	8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.	M - F

Fitness Facilities

Cecil Gym and Fitness Center (904) 778 - 5498
 Facility offers cardiovascular and nautilus equipment, free weights, racquetball courts, a gymnasium, saunas and locker rooms. Membership fees apply.

Forestview Center (904) 765 - 1109
 Facility offers daily fitness classes.

Class schedule:

Stretching and Power Walk	8 - 9:30 a.m.
Free weights	9:30 - 10 a.m.
Step aerobics	10 - 11:30 a.m.
Stretch and cool down	11:30 a.m. - noon
Free weights	3:30 - 5 p.m.
Basic aerobics	6 - 7 p.m.
Free weights and stretching	7 - 7:30 p.m.

General Population Programming

Bingo		
Bethesda	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	3rd W
Ceramics (fee for supplies; firing and instruction free)		
E.B. Ford	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	T, Th
Coffee Club		
Cecil	8 - 10 a.m.	T
Cuba Hunter	11 a.m. - noon	Th
Extreme Couponing		
Cecil	11 a.m. - noon	T
Knitting Club (beginners to advanced)		
Cecil	3 - 4 p.m.	Th
Mommy and Me		
Cecil	9 - 10 a.m.	W
Open Mic Night		
Bethesda	6 - 9 p.m.	4th F

Therapeutic Recreation

Active Thursday (table tennis, basketball, etc.)		
Bethesda	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Th
Alzheimer's Support Group		
Bethesda	11 a.m. - noon	1st & 3rd M
Arts and Crafts		
McGirts Creek	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W, Th
Brooks Rehab Walking Study		
Cuba Hunter	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	M, T, Th
	11 a.m. - noon	W
Dance for Adults with Disabilities		
Bethesda	7 - 9 p.m.	3rd Th
Life Skills Training (Cooking Class)		
Bethesda	10 a.m. - noon	4th Th

Service Dogs Program		
Bethesda	2 - 5 p.m.	M, T
	9 a.m. - noon	S
Wheelchair Basketball		
Cuba Hunter	7 - 9 p.m.	Th



Service Dogs Program at Bethesda Park
Photo by Brittany Bandi

Managing Partners

JaxParks partners with non-profit agencies to manage several community centers and to assist us in providing quality programming for everyone.

Boselli Foundation

Afterschool and tutoring
 Location: Russell Bill Cook, 3300 Jones St.
 Contact: (904) 619 - 8298
 Location: Simonds - Johnson, 3730 Moncrief Road
 Contact: (904) 768 - 8525
 Ages: 6 - 12

City Kids Art Factory

Youth fine arts; Saturdays and select school holidays
 Location: Emmett Reed, 1093 W. 6th St.
 (904) 535 - 9580
 Ages: 8 - 17

Community Connections at Normandy Center

Afterschool education and recreation
 Location: Normandy Center, 1751 Lindsey Road
 (904) 379 - 5612
 Ages: 5 - 17

Don't Miss a Beat

Afterschool music, art and academic enrichment
 Location: J.S. Johnson Center, 1112 Jackson St.
 (904) 385 - 4001
 Ages: K5 - 15

Heart for Children

Afterschool programming; varied subjects
 Location: Glen Myra Center, 1429 Winthrop St.
 (904) 619 - 6792
 Ages: 6 - 12

Lion of the Tribe of Judah Ministries

Afterschool recreation and homework assistance
 Location: Joseph Lee Center, 5120 Perry St.
 (904) 866 - 7047
 Ages: 6 - 12

U.C.C.Y./The Virtues Youth Development

Afterschool study and character development
 Location: Westside Center, 1061 Line St.
 (904) 720 - 0339
 Ages: 6 - 17

Family Nurturing Center

Parenting, tutoring and reading programs
 Location: Lillian Saunders, 2759 Bartley Circle
 (904) 389 - 4244
 Ages: vary

The Malivai Washington Kids Foundation

Homeschool Tennis, TnT (academic assistance, tennis/fitness activities and life skills), and community service activities
 Location: Emmett Reed Center, 1096 W. 6th St.
 (904) 359 - 5437, malwashington.com
 Ages: 6 - 15

Community Programs

JaxParks offers a variety of specialty classes led by experts in their fields. Fees apply and vary by class. Additional information is available at participating centers. See pages 4 and 5.

Dance			
C.T. Brown	6:15 - 7:45 p.m.		M
	6 - 7 p.m.		F
Legends	5 - 6, 6 - 7 p.m.		M, W, F
Fitness Boot Camp			
Julian Barrs	6:15 - 7:15 p.m.		T, Th
Legends	6 - 7 p.m.		T
Infant Survival Swim			
Cecil Aquatic Center	10 a.m. - noon		M - F
Karate			
Dinsmore Center	6 - 8 p.m.		M, W
Taekwondo			
C.T. Brown	6 - 8 p.m.		T, Th
Legends	6 - 7 p.m.		T
Tennis at Burnett Park			
10 and Under	8 - 9 a.m.		M - Th
Intermediate Jr.	5 - 6 p.m.		M, Th.
Advanced Jr.	5 - 7 p.m.		W, F
Zumba			
Cecil Center	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.		M, T
Legends	6 - 7 p.m.		Th

M³Zone (After School)
Motivating Maximum Movement

M³Zone, JaxParks after school program, provides a safe environment for youth while offering a diverse mix of recreational and educational activities. The Zone’s primary emphasis is on sports and other outdoor activities to encourage healthy lifestyles. Community center gardens, art and educational activities are also provided. Free snacks are also available at most locations.

Ages 5 - 17
Fee \$25 per month (financial assistance available for those who qualify)
Schedule 3 - 6 p.m. on days Duval County public schools are in session.
 M³Zone locations open early every other Wednesday to accommodate Duval County Public Schools’ early release days.
Registration Monday, Aug. 8, on site

Locations:

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| Balis | Johnnie Walker |
| Blue Cypress | Julian Barrs |
| Carvill | Legends |
| C.T. Brown | McGirts Creek |
| Cuba Hunter | Oceanway |
| Dinsmore | R.F. Kennedy |
| E.B. Ford | Windy Hill |
| H.T. Jones | |

Teen Warehouse

Teen Warehouse is the place to be Monday through Friday for youth ages 13 - 17. Activities include basketball, indoor games, dance, music and poetry. Teens will also mentor younger children and participate in community service projects.

Ages 13 - 17

Locations and Hours of Operation:

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Balis, 2:30 - 8 p.m. | H.T. Jones, 4:30 - 8 p.m. |
| C.T. Brown, 3 - 8 p.m. | Legends, 2 - 8 p.m. |
| E.B. Ford, 4 - 7 p.m. | Mitchell, 2 - 7 p.m. |



H.T. Jones Center Garden
 Photo by Brittany Bandi

Homeschool Recreation

JaxParks Homeschool Recreation Program offers structured activities to students not enrolled in a traditional education setting. The program is conducted in a regional format and include two eight-week session for the winter/spring season.

Fee: \$35 per session per class

Homeschool Recreation Session Dates:

Session 2: Jan. 9 - March 12

Session 3: March 26 - May 18

Blue Cypress Programming**General P.E.**

Ages 6 - 7	10 - 11 a.m.	T
Ages 8 - 12	10 - 11 a.m.	W
Ages 13 - 17	10 - 11 a.m.	Th

Art

Ages 6 - 7	11 a.m. - noon	T
Ages 8 - 12	11 a.m. - noon	W
Ages 13 - 17	11 a.m. - noon	Th

Beginning Ballet

All participants	noon - 1 p.m.	T
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Beginning Piano

All participants	noon - 1 p.m.	W
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Beginning Karate

All participants	noon - 1 p.m.	Th
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Cecil Programming**Arts and Crafts**

Ages 5 - 8	10 - 11 a.m.	M
Ages 9 - 17	10 - 11 a.m.	T

Sports

Ages 5 - 8	9 - 10 a.m.	M
Ages 9 - 17	9 - 11 a.m.	T

Beginning Ballet

Ages 6 - 12	11 a.m. - noon	M
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Beginning Piano

Ages 6 - 12	noon - 1 p.m.	T
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Beginning Karate

Ages 6 - 12	1 - 2 p.m.	W
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Blue Cypress Homeschool Recreation
Photo by Brittany Bandi

Adult Athletics

Adult Softball Leagues

Spring League Registration
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Feb. 13 - 24
Spring League play begins March 11

Team Registration Fees:
One-night play:
\$50 to Tax Collector
\$75 to Florida First Coast Softball

Two-night play:
\$75 to Tax Collector
\$75 to Florida First Coast Softball

Adult Softball Tournaments*

Spring Kickoff Classic
Saturday, March 10
Drew Park, 6621 Barnes Road
Entry fee: \$175 / Entry deadline: TBD

*Start times dependent on number of teams participating.

All league and tournament registrations are located at
JaxParks Athletics Office, 214 N. Hogan St., Suite 100.

Spring Flag Football League

Registration runs March 12 - 23
League play begins April 9
Registration Team Fee: \$75

Spring Table Tennis Tournament

Legends Center
5130 Soutel Drive
9 a.m. Saturday, April 28
Entry fee: \$2 per participant, per event.

For more information
about JaxParks adult
athletics programming,
call (904) 255 - 7928.



Adult Softball League Play
Photo by Wes Lester

JaxParks Gymnasiums Open Play

Cecil (fees apply)	7 a.m. - 8 p.m.	M - F
	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	S, Su
Cuba Hunter	6 a.m. - 10 p.m.	M - F
	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	S
Emmett Reed	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	M - S
Legends (fees apply)	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	M - F
	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	S
M.L. Gibbs (closed for renovations)		
R.F. Kennedy	noon - 8 p.m.	M - F
	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	S

Cuba Hunter Gym Indoor Sports

Brooks Rehab Walking Study		
	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	M, T, Th
	11 a.m. - noon	W
Wheelchair Basketball		
	7 - 9 p.m.	Th

Cecil Gym

3 on 3 Shootout Tournament - ages 18 and up
9 a.m. Saturday, March 3
Registration: Starts Wednesday, Feb. 15
Registration fee: \$5 per person
Trophies awarded

3rd Annual March Madness Tournament - ages 18 and up
5 p.m. Friday, March 9
9 a.m. Saturday, March 10, and Sunday, March 11
Registration: Starts Thursday, March 1
Registration fee: \$150 per team (maximum 10 players)
Trophies awarded

Racquetball - Courts are available at the Cecil Gym and Fitness Center. Membership fees apply.

2nd Annual JaxParks Racquetball Tournament - ages 16 and up
5 p.m. Friday, May 18, 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19
Registration: Starts Sunday, May 6
Registration fee: \$5 per person
Medals awarded

For information on Cecil programs, call (904) 778 - 5498.

Youth Athletics

Youth Football and Spirit

JaxParks partners with Greater Jacksonville Pop Warner Football to provide football and spirit (cheer) programming for youth. Detailed information is available online at www.jaxparks.com or www.popwarnerjacksonville.com.

Youth Basketball League (JaxParks)

JaxParks Youth Basketball League for ages 5 to 18 kicks off in January with league play through the beginning of March.

Game schedule:

6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. M - Th
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. F

Locations: Cuba Hunter, Emmett Reed, R.F. Kennedy and Legends gymnasiums

End-of-league tournaments are held in March.

Registration: Dec. 14 - 22 and 28 - 30
Fee: \$75 per team (7 - 15 players)
Contact: (904) 255 - 7927

Youth Basketball Divisions:

Female

Juniors	12 - 14
Senior	15 - 18 (currently in school)

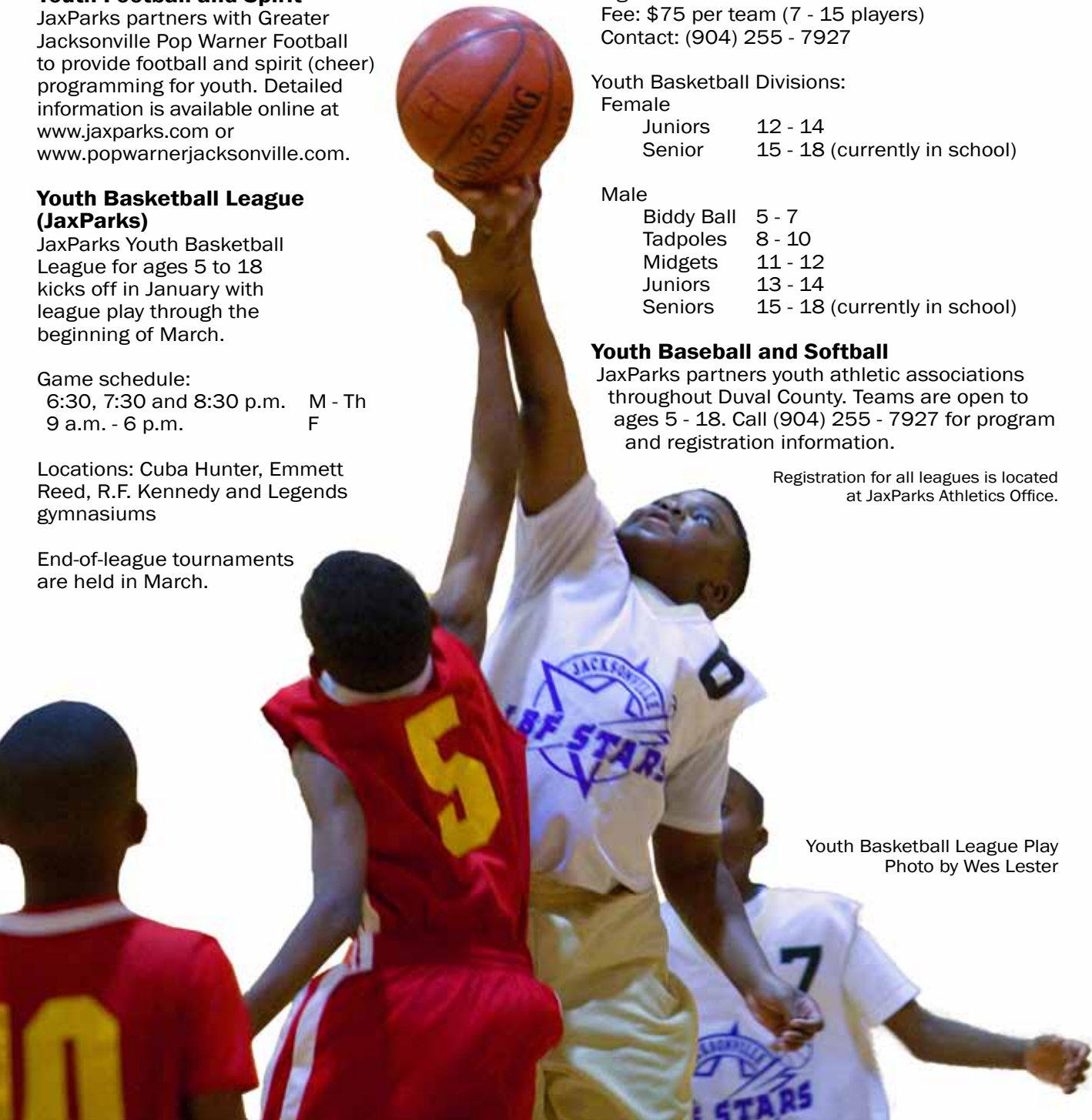
Male

Biddy Ball	5 - 7
Tadpoles	8 - 10
Midgets	11 - 12
Juniors	13 - 14
Seniors	15 - 18 (currently in school)

Youth Baseball and Softball

JaxParks partners youth athletic associations throughout Duval County. Teams are open to ages 5 - 18. Call (904) 255 - 7927 for program and registration information.

Registration for all leagues is located at JaxParks Athletics Office.



Youth Basketball League Play
Photo by Wes Lester

Tennis

JaxParks offers structured tennis activities at following facilities.

Boone Park Tennis Center	
3700 Park St.	(904) 384 - 8687
C.T. Brown Tennis Center	
4575 Moncrief Road	(904) 768 - 2120
Southside Tennis Center	
1541 Hendricks Ave.	(904) 399 - 1761

JaxParks offers league play through the United States Tennis Association. League participation is based primarily on skill level. JaxParks tennis pros are available to assist players in selecting the league best suited to their skill level.

All three locations also offer 10 and Under Tennis, a method of instruction that uses the USTA's Quickstart Tennis Format. The program, designed for ages 10 and under, uses specialized equipment, shorter court dimensions and modified scoring. For information on 10 and Under Tennis at Boone and Southside tennis facilities, call (904) 262-1399. For C.T. Brown facility, call (904) 635-1672.

10 and Under spring program dates: March 6 - April 26.

Boone Park winter - spring league schedule

Ladies A - 1 and A - 2 matches	
9 a.m. - noon	T
Ladies B and B - 2 matches	
9 a.m. - noon	W
Ladies C matches	
9 a.m. - noon	Th
Ladies First Coast A Team matches	
9 a.m. - noon	Th
Mixed Doubles 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 matches	
6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.	F
Ladies Working Women's B - 1 and C - 2 matches	
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.	S
Men's C - 1 matches	
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	S

Southside fall - winter league schedule

Working Women's: Levels A1, B1, C1 and C2	
1 p.m. and 3 p.m.	S
First Coast Tennis Foundation Women's Day	
9 a.m.	Th (Level A1)
9 a.m.	W (Level B)
First Coast Tennis Foundation Men's Level B	
10 a.m.	S
First Coast Mixed Doubles: Levels 7.0 and 8.0.	
7 p.m.	F
First Coast Tennis Foundation Junior Team Tennis	
Full court play. Ages 11 and up.	
4 p.m.	F
10 and Under Tennis seven - week program	
3:30 - 5:15 p.m.	T, Th

Program begins Tuesday, Sept. 27.

10 and Under Info at (904) 262 - 1399.

C.T. Brown winter - spring league schedule

Ladies A - 1 and A - 2 matches	
9 a.m. - noon	T
Ladies B and B - 2 matches	
9 a.m. - noon	W
Ladies C matches	
9 a.m. - noon	Th
Ladies First Coast A Team matches	
9 a.m. - noon	Th
Mixed Doubles 6.0 and 3 - 7.0 matches	
6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.	F
Ladies Working Women's B - 1 and C - 2 matches	
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.	S
Men's C - 1 matches	
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	S

Call the individual tennis facility for more information regarding operational hours, programs, lessons, clinics, leagues and court usage; or visit online at www.jaxparks.com and select "Athletics."

Holiday Schedule: JaxParks tennis centers will operate limited holiday hours. Call the locations for information or visit www.jaxparks.com.

JaxParks' 32 outdoor pools are open during the summer swim season. The Cecil Aquatic Center is an indoor facility open year-round. For a list of JaxParks pools, visit online at www.jaxparks.com.

Lifeguard Training

JaxParks lifeguards are trained and certified based on American Red Cross standards.

Lifeguard Training Class:

Cecil Aquatic Center March 19
 Individuals must be interested in employment with JaxParks and meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 15 years of age
- Be at least 16 years old by June 1
- Be able to swim 300 yards non-stop using only the free or breast stroke
- Be able to tread water without using hands for two minutes
- Be able to retrieve a 10-pound brick from a depth of 10 feet

CPR Review Class (returning JaxParks employees only)
 Blue Cypress Center March 20

For more information, contact JaxParks Aquatics



Aqua Tots Photo by Aquatics Staff

Cecil Aquatic Center

13611 Normandy Blvd., (904) 573 - 8994

M - Th	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
F	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
S	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Su	1 - 6 p.m.

Lap Swim 6 - 8 a.m., M - F

Aquatic Center closed noon - 1 p.m. M - S for maintenance

Learn - to - Swim

Swim lessons are \$60 per two - week session. Sessions run Monday - Thursday.

Winter - Spring session dates are March 12 - 22, April 9 - 19 and May 7 - 14.

Aqua Babies ages 6 months - 3 years
 6 - 6:30 p.m.

Participants are introduced to water. A parent must accompany child in the water.

Aqua Tots ages 3 - 5
 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Participants learn fundamentals of swimming and basic water safety skills.

Youth Swim ages 5 - 12
 6 - 6:45 p.m.

Participants learn swimming techniques and water safety.

Adult Swim ages 13 and up
 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.

Participants learn safe swimming techniques and how swimming may improve fitness.

Aqua Aerobics Ages 18 and up
 9 - 9:45 a.m. and/or 7 - 7:45 p.m. T - Th
 Fee: \$40 for 10 classes

A cardiovascular class that's easy on the joints

Aquatic Center Fees:

Daily entrance	\$1 (Duval County resident)
	\$1.50 (out - of - county)
Annual pass	\$120 (Duval County resident)
	\$180 (out - of - county)

Annual passes are prorated monthly.

Holiday closures: Jan. 1, Jan. 2, Jan. 16, Feb. 20 and April 8.

Environmental Education

JaxParks offers environmental education for all ages. Participants should dress for the weather, wear closed toed shoes and bring insect repellent and water.

Environmental Education Parks

Beach and Peach Urban Park
10013 Anders Blvd.

Blue Cypress Park
4012 University Blvd.

Castaway Island Preserve
2855 San Pablo Road S.

Camp Milton Historic Preserve
1175 Halsema Road N.

Cedar Point Preserve
7116 Cedar Point Road

Dutton Island Preserve
793 Dutton Island Drive

Huguenot Memorial Park
10980 Heckscher Drive

Jacksonville-Baldwin Rails to Trails
1175 Halsema Road N.

Julington - Durbin Preserve
13130 Bartram Park Blvd.

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park
500 Wonderwood Drive

McGirts Creek Regional Park
8435 118th St.

Reddie Point Preserve
4499 Yachtsman Way

Ribault River Preserve
2601 Ribault Scenic Drive

Sal Taylor Creek Preserve
5873 Nathan Hale Road

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park
7000 Roosevelt Blvd.

Indoor Programs

Activities and workshops that span the gamut of our great outdoors presented indoors

January

Bat Basics - Saturday, Jan. 7

A study of the area's unique flying mammals

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park 2 - 3 p.m.

Waterway Wildlife - Saturday, Jan. 21

Learn about diverse wildlife along the St. Johns River.

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park 2 - 3 p.m.

Marine Mammals and More - Monday, Jan. 23

Florida's manatees, Bottlenose Dolphins and endangered Right Whales are featured.

Camp Milton Historic Preserve 1 - 2 p.m.

Energy Conservation - Wednesday, Jan. 25

Explore ideas to conserve your energy consumption.

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park 4 - 5 p.m.

Simply Snakes - Saturday, Jan. 28

Study and observe local snakes.

Tillie K. Fowler Regional 2 - 3 p.m.

February

Raptors! - Saturday, Feb. 11

Get the facts about various birds of prey.

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park 2 - 3 p.m.

Civil War Changes - Tuesday, Feb. 21

Learn about how the four years of the Civil War changed the landscape of Northeast Florida and impacted the area's flora, fauna and people.

Camp Milton Historic Preserve 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Artful Science - Saturday, Feb. 25

Draw using quality replica animal skulls as subject matter while also learning about animals' lifestyles. Bring your own sketch pads and drawing materials.

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park 2 - 3 p.m.



March

Florida's Living Symbols - Monday, March 5
Learn more about the plants and animals that represent Florida.

Castaway Island Preserve 10 - 11 a.m.
Beach & Peach Urban Park+ 1 - 2 p.m.
(Outdoors in the first gazebo)

Florida's Living Symbols - Monday, March 12

Camp Milton Historic Preserve 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Bird Basics - Saturday, March 10

Learn interesting facts about our feathered friends.

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park 2 - 3 p.m.

Women of the Civil War - Monday, March 12

Learn about the hardships endured and roles undertaken by women, both famous and little-known, during the turbulent Civil War years of 1861 - 1865.

Camp Milton Historic Preserve 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Nature Discovery - Saturday, March 24

Tour the Tillie K. Fowler Nature Center

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park 2 - 3 p.m.

April

Animals at Risk - Monday, April 9

Learn more about Florida's endangered and threatened wildlife.

Castaway Island Preserve 10 - 11 a.m.

Shark Basics - Saturday, April 14

Learn interesting facts about these ancient fish.

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park 2 - 3 p.m.

Woodland Mammals - Saturday, April 28

Learn about the mammals that live near the Nature Center.

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park 2 - 3 p.m.

Beetle Basics - Monday, April 30

Learn about the many beetles in our area and why we eat them.

Camp Milton Historic Preserve 10 - 11 a.m.



Outdoor Programs

Immerse yourself in the natural Northeast Florida on foot or bike. Dress for the weather and wear closed toe shoes. Bring insect repellent and water. Call (904) 573 - 2498 one week before the program day for assistance with directions.

January**Basic Birding** - Thursday, Jan. 5

Learn how to identify some of our most common feathered friends. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Ribault River Preserve+ 10 - 11 a.m.

Fish & Sharks of Huguenot Memorial Park -

Sunday, Jan. 8

Learn more about the fish and sharks that swim in the ocean, river and creeks around Huguenot Memorial Park.

Huguenot Memorial Park* 2 - 3 p.m.
(Meet at Nature Center)

Beach Walk and Talk - Tuesday, Jan. 17

Enjoy a guided tour of JaxParks oceanfront parks and portions of the Great Florida Birding Trail.

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park 10 - 11 a.m.
(parking lot 8)

Beach Walk and Talk - Sunday, Jan. 22

Set out on a guided tour of select portions of JaxParks oceanfront parks, including sections of the Great Florida Birding Trail.

Huguenot Memorial Park* 2 - 3 p.m.
(meet at the Nature Center)

Bike Hikes - Monday, Jan. 23

Enjoy leisurely nature-based rides along the Jacksonville-Baldwin Rails to Trails. Bring your own bikes. Ages 16 and under must wear helmets.

Jacksonville-Baldwin Rails to Trails at Camp Milton
9 - 10 a.m.
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Basic Birding - Tuesday, Jan. 24

McGirts Regional Park* 9 - 10 a.m.

Wildflower Search - Monday, Jan. 30

On the lookout for blooming native wildflowers

Reddie Point Preserve*+ 10 - 11 a.m.

January Trail Walk and Talk - Leisurely explore various trails in Northeast Florida with a guided tour

Tuesday, Jan. 3

Sal Taylor Creek Preserve** 9 - 10 a.m.
10 - 11 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 5

Ribault River Preserve+ 11 a.m. - noon

Monday, Jan. 9

Beach and Peach Urban Park+ 1 - 2 p.m.
2 - 3 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 9

Castaway Island Preserve 9 - 10 a.m.
10 - 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Julington - Durbin Preserve** 9 - 10 a.m.
10 - 11 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 23

Camp Milton Historic Preserve noon - 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Dutton Island Preserve Expansion** 9 - 10 a.m.
10 - 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

McGirts Creek Regional Park 10 - 11 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 30

Blue Cypress Park noon - 1 p.m.
(Meet at the fishing pier) 1 - 2 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 30

Reddie Point Preserve** 9 - 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Cedar Point Preserve** 9 - 10 a.m.
10 - 11 a.m.

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February**Wildflower Search** - Wednesday, Feb. 1

On the lookout for blooming native wildflowers
Sal Taylor Creek Preserve** 10 - 11 a.m.

Wildflower Search - Thursday, Feb. 2

Ribault River Preserve+ 11 a.m. – noon

Waterway Wildlife - Sunday, Feb. 12

Learn more about the diverse wildlife found in, above,
and along the St. Johns River and be prepared for
possible sightings.

Huguenot Memorial Park* 2 - 3 p.m.
(Meet at the Nature Center)

Natives and Invasive - Monday, Feb. 13

The good, bad and ugly of Northeast Florida's wild
plant life

Castaway Island Preserve 10 - 11 a.m.
Beach and Peach Urban Park+ 2 - 3 p.m.

Beach Walk and Talk - Thursday, Feb. 16

Set out on a guided tour of JaxParks oceanfront parks
and portions of the Great Florida Birding Trail.

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park* 10 - 11 a.m.
(parking lot 4)

If Trees Could Talk - Tuesday, Feb. 21

Historical sites and important individuals of the
Civil War period will be discussed based on the
American's Forest trees planted at Camp Milton
Historic Preserve.

Camp Milton Historic Preserve 9 - 10 a.m.

Wildflower Search - Thursday, Feb. 23

McGirts Regional Park* 2 - 3 p.m.

Shorebird Basics - Sunday, Feb. 26

Learn about gulls, terns and other shorebirds. Bring
binoculars if you have them.

Huguenot Memorial Park* 10 - 11 a.m.
(meet at the Nature Center)

Natives and Invasive - Monday, Feb. 27

Reddie Point Preserve** 10 - 11 a.m.

Basic Birding - Monday, Feb. 27

Learn how to identify some of our most common
feathered friends. Bring binoculars if you have them.
Reddie Point Preserve** 9 - 10 a.m.

February Trail Walk and Talk - Leisurely explore
various trails in Northeast Florida with a guided tour.

Monday, Feb. 13

Beach and Peach Urban Park+ 1 - 2 p.m.

Monday Feb. 27

Blue Cypress Park Noon-1 p.m. and 1 - 2 p.m.
(Meet at the fishing pier)

Monday, Feb. 13

Castaway Island Preserve 9 - 10 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 23

McGirts Creek Regional Park 3 - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

Julington - Durbin Preserve** 10 - 11 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Ribault River Preserve+ 10 - 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Sal Taylor Creek Preserve** 9 - 10 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park 2 - 3 p.m.

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March**Wild Edibles** - Thursday, March 1

What's safe to taste and what's not in Northeast Florida

Ribault River Preserve⁺ 11 a.m. – Noon

Wild Edibles - Thursday, March 8

McGirts Regional Park* 2 - 3 p.m.

Bike Hikes - Monday, March 12

Join these leisurely nature-based rides along the Jacksonville - Baldwin Rails to Trails. Bring your own bikes. Riders age 16 and under must wear helmets. March is Florida Bicycle Month.

Jacksonville-Baldwin Rails to Trails 9 - 10 a.m.
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Beach Walk and Talk - Thursday, March 15

Set out on a guided tour of JaxParks oceanfront parks and portions of the Great Florida Birding Trail.

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park* 10 - 11 a.m.
(parking lot 8)

Wild Edibles - Monday, March 19

Reddie Point Preserve** 10 - 11 a.m.

Searching for Signs of Spring - Monday, March 19

Join a parks naturalist as we look for signs that spring is coming. Blue Cypress Park Noon – 1 p.m.
(Meet at the Fishing Pier)

Wildflower Search - Tuesday, March 20

On the lookout for blooming native wildflowers

Sal Taylor Creek Preserve** 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Bike Hikes - Tuesday, March 20

Jacksonville-Baldwin Rails to Trails at Camp Milton
9 - 10 a.m.
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Searching for Signs of Spring - Saturday, March 31

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park 2 - 3 p.m.

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March Trail Walk and Talk - Leisurely explore various trails in Northeast Florida with a guided tour

Monday, March 5

Beach and Peach Urban Park 2 - 3 p.m.

Monday, March 19

Blue Cypress Park 1 - 2 p.m.
(Meet at the fishing pier)

Monday, March 5

Castaway Island Preserve 9 - 10 a.m.

Thursday, March 8

Julington - Durbin Preserve** 10 - 11 a.m.

Thursday, March 8

McGirts Creek Regional Park 3 - 4 p.m.

Monday, March 19

Reddie Point Preserve** 9 - 10 a.m.

Thursday, March 1

Ribault River Preserve⁺ 10 - 11 a.m.

Tuesday, March 20

Sal Taylor Creek Preserve** 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.



Betz-Tiger Point
Photo by Pam Roman

April**Wild Edibles** - Monday, April 9

What's safe to taste and what's not.

Castaway Island Preserve 9 - 10 a.m.
Beach and Peach Urban Park** 1 - 2 p.m.

Beach Walk and Talk - Thursday, April 12,

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park* 10 - 11 a.m.
(parking lot 4)

Wild Edibles - Monday April 16

Julington - Durbin Preserve** 10 - 11 a.m.

Wildflower Search - Monday, April 16

On the lookout for blooming native wildflowers
Sal Taylor Creek Preserve** 2 - 3 p.m.

Beach Walk and Talk - Sunday, April 22

Set out on a guided tour of JaxParks oceanfront parks and portions of the Great Florida Birding Trail.

Huguenot Memorial Park* 2 - 3 p.m.
Meet at the Nature Center

Basic Birding - Monday, April 23

Learn how to identify some of our most common feathered friends. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Reddie Point Preserve** 9 - 10 a.m.

Searching for Signs of Spring - Monday, April 23

Join a parks naturalist as we look for signs that spring is coming.

Blue Cypress Park Noon - 1 p.m.
(Meet at the Fishing Pier)

Searching for Signs of Spring - Monday, April 30

McGirts Regional Park* 2 - 3 p.m.

Earth Day Celebration - Saturday, April 21

Join us at this family friendly celebration full of fun, activities, displays and presentations.

Jacksonville Landing 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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April Trail Walk and Talk

Leisurely explore various trails in Northeast Florida with a guided tour.

Monday, April 9

Beach and Peach Urban Park+ 2 - 3 p.m.

Monday, April 23

Blue Cypress Park 1 - 2 p.m.
(Meet at the fishing pier)

Monday, April 30

Camp Milton Historic Preserve 11 a.m. - noon

Monday, April 30

McGirts Creek Regional Park 3 - 4 p.m.

Thursday, March 8

Julington - Durbin Preserve** 10 - 11 a.m.

Monday, April 23

Reddie Point Preserve** 10 - 11 a.m.

Monday, April 16

Sal Taylor Creek Preserve** 3 - 4 p.m.

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Wild Edibles
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Winter - Spring Activities Guide

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