#### **7 Creeks Recreation Area**

Not far off I-295, on Jacksonville's Northside, exists a natural utopia perfect for the outdoors lover. Starting near the intersection of New Berlin and Cedar Point Roads and running east to Black Hammock Island, the 7 Creeks Recreation Area offers 30+ miles of trails that could occupy days of hiking, biking, horseback riding and exploring diverse ecosystems, making each mile a new adventure. This collection of parks and preserves is home to thousands of acres of unspoiled lands surrounded by expansive saltmarsh of the Timucuan Ecoloaical and Historic Preserve that offers an extensive network of tidal creeks for kayakers, boaters, paddleboarders and fishermen.

### The Parks and Preserves of the 7 Creeks Recreation Area are:

- Betz-Tiger Point Preserve
- 2 Bogey Creek Preserve
- 3 Cedar Point Preserve
- 4 Cedar Point (NPS)
- 5 Jim Wingate Preserve
- 6 Pescatello Island
- Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park



The area is named for the 7 Creeks that surround it: Bogey Creek, Clapboard Creek, Cedar Point Creek, Edwards Creek, Fitzpatrick Creek, Horseshoe Creek and Pumpkin Hill Creek.

# For more information, please visit: **7CreeksJax.org**

The 7 Creeks Recreation Area is a compilation of 5,600 acres of contiguous conservation lands managed by local, state and federal agencies as well as non-profit organizations. The properties are managed in a collaborative effort to provide an interconnected and seamless experience for park visitors.

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Cedar Point Boat Ramp ©Mark Woods



2 Bogey Creek Preserve 6141 Cedar Point Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32226



4 Cedar Point

#### 3 Cedar Point Preserve 7116 Cedar Point Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32226

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The 618-acre conservation land supports several important natural communities: oak hammocks, pine flatwoods, and a freshwater marsh system and is surrounded by an intricate salt marsh ecosystem. Forested areas within Cedar Point provide habitat for wildlife, including many wintering and migratory birds.

This preserve showcases cypress swamps, coastal forests, and salt marsh that support a wide variety of wildlife. Visitors are

invited to enjoy the hiking trails, picnic areas, and scenic views, or land their kayaks at the landing on Bogey Creek.

Betz-Tiger Point Preserve is surrounded by awe-inspiring broad expanses of saltwater marsh. Stunning scenic views as well as

abundant wildlife can be seen in this natural setting. With its adjoining neighbor, Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park, visitors

can enjoy miles of nature trails for hiking, biking and equestrian use, kayak/canoe areas, and ample fishing. Set out to explore the salt marshes in your kayak or canoe—you will find launches located at the north end of the Preserve and just south of the

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Recreational opportunities include 7.3 miles of trails available to hikers, off-road bicyclists and horseback riders as well as picnic facilities, wildlife viewing and scenic overlooks. An impressive 245-foot trail bridge over Pumpkin Hill Creek, completed in the summer of 2018, now connects the Preserve's trail system to the National Park Service's Cedar Point property that offers an additional 4.4 miles of hiking and biking trails at the south end of Black Hammock Island.

Now preserved as part of the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Cedar Point was once the site of a Spanish Mission, later subjected to agriculture during the plantation period of the 19th century, and management as a pine plantation during the 20th century.

Consisting of approximately 400 acres, Cedar Point is located at the south end of Black Hammock Island. Visitors have the opportunity to experience both upland hammocks and salt marsh habitats by land and water. Hiking and biking are allowed on the trails

A boat ramp provides access to some of the best fishing spots in the region. It is a popular launch site for boating, kayaking, and paddle boarding. Birdwatchers come to Cedar Point to see over 200 species of birds, including the beautiful painted bunting.

#### 5 Jim Wingate Preserve

4849 Cedar Point Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32226





Jim Wingate Preserve serves as an equestrian-focused trailhead (although welcome to hikers and bikers) that provides the only parking lot on the west side of Boney Road with access to the trails of Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park.



Southeast of Bogey Creek Preserve





Preserved and surrounded by salt marsh, this beautiful island is completely forested and undeveloped. The island is covered by a mixture of live oaks, eastern red cedars, slash pines and saw palmetto. The uplands provide excellent habitat for a variety of songbirds and other wildlife.

Since this is an island, trail conditions on the island may vary. Please contact North Florida Land Trust at info@nflt.org before visiting.

#### 7 Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park

13802 Pumpkin Hill Rd, Jacksonville FL 32226

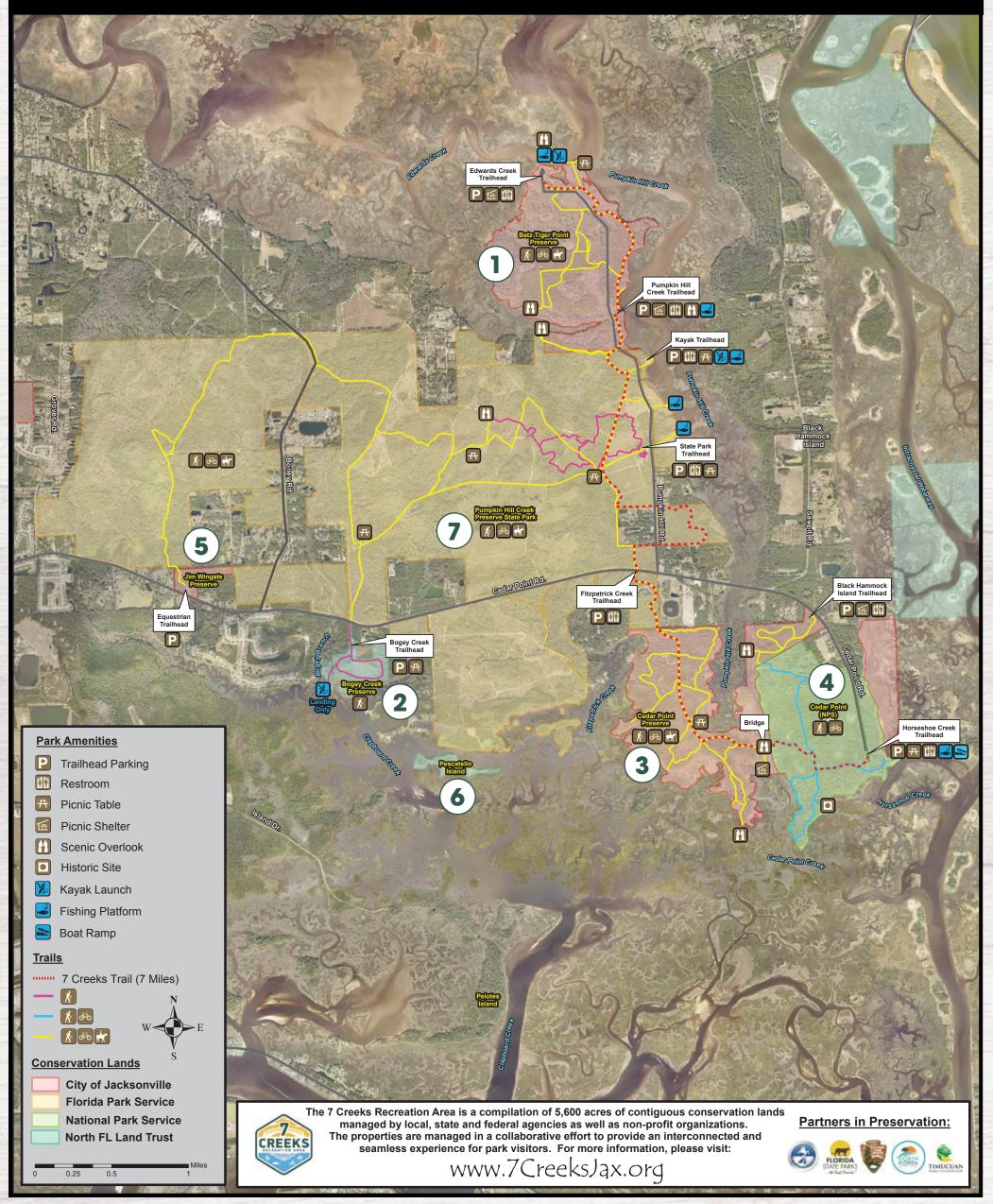


Equestrians, hikers and off-road bicyclists can explore over 15 miles of multi-use trails that wind through the park's many different natural communities and connect to the trail systems of the adjacent City Preserves for even more miles of exploration. Pumpkin Hill Creek can be accessed at the canoe/kayak launch or by either of the two creek overlook trails, which are perfect fishing spots.



**Timucuan Parks Foundation (TPF):** Maintaining wilderness areas within a rapidly growing city is a challenge, but TPF is committed to preserving, promoting and enhancing Jacksonville's natural areas through community engagement, education and enjoyment with the vision of being a catalyst for creating a world-class park system. Overall strategies focus on weaving Jacksonville's preserves into the social and economic fabric of the city. TPF will continue to assist in developing programs, projects, and partnerships that create A Sense of Place and A Sense of Well-being for residents and visitors. TPF is also committed to restoring the preserves through a variety of reforestation and resiliency initiatives. To get involved and learn more, visit timucuanparks.org.

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