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2009 JaxParks... Get Out There! Festival schedule of events

Celebrate Jacksonville's incredible parks and diverse recreational opportunities during the 4th Annual **JaxParks... Get Out There!** Festival. This year's three-day festival is bigger and better than ever. We've added two new locations and created a number of additional events to provide more opportunities for you to enjoy free, family-friendly fun.

JaxParks offers free and low-cost activities year-round; that's important to our quality of life, particularly during today's difficult economic times. **JaxParks... Get Out There!** is a great opportunity to explore your parks and experience what they have to offer. There's no better time to "Get Out There!" so bring your family, bring your friends and join us for three days of fun!

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Super Celebration Kickoff

10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Friday, March 27

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

500 Wonderwood Drive, Jacksonville Beach

Experience a day filled with adventure and excitement at one of Jacksonville's premiere oceanfront parks. Come fly a kite in the country's longest running kite festival, ride the waves at a favorite surfing spot, try out the unique sport of disc golf, relax with a movie in the park and much more.

JaxParks 84th Annual Kite Festival

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Activities on the beach

Parking available in parking lots 9 and 10

This event, the longest-running kite festival in the United States, includes a kite making clinic, tips on kite flying techniques and competitions including:

Best Box Kite	Strongest Puller
Most Unique	Steadiest Bow
Largest Kite	Altitude Contest
Smallest Kite	

Disc golf clinic and Vendor Fair

10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Activities at shelter 6

Parking available on utility field

Orbital Enhancements will host disc golf activities including demonstrations and clinics for all skill levels. It's the perfect opportunity to try something new or hone your skills. Disc golf vendors will also be on site.

Event partner: Orbital Enhancements Disc Golf

Movies in the Park

6 – 10 p.m.

Activities at the lakeside utility field

Parking available at lot 8

The evening's feature is a family-friendly movie projected on a large outdoor screen. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets. Free refreshments will also be available.

Surf's Up! Surfing Demonstrations

1 – 2 p.m.

Activities on the beach

Parking available in parking lot 5

"Hang ten" at one of Jacksonville's most popular surfing spots. Local surfing experts share their knowledge of riding the waves with free surfing demonstrations for all ages and skill levels.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Florida's Living Symbols

11 a.m. – noon

Activity begins at shelter 8 (near parking lot 3)

Parking available at parking lot 3

Do you know what Florida's state bird is? Do you know we also have a state butterfly, reptile and fish? Join our park naturalist as she introduces participants to these and state mammals during a fun and educational program for all ages. Non-living specimens will be shown and discussed.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Beach Walk and Talk

1 – 2 p.m.

Activity begins at shelter 8 (near parking lot 3)

Parking available at parking lot 3

Seashells by the sea shore are always a draw for beach visitors. Join JaxParks' park naturalist to look for and learn about shells and other ocean treasures during a guided tour of Hanna Park's beachfront. This program is for all ages, but some terrain may not be appropriate for strollers.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Trail Walk and Talk

3 – 4 p.m.

Activity begins at shelter 8 (near parking lot 3)

Parking available at parking lot 3

Nature abounds in Northeast Florida. Join our park naturalist for a walk on the coastal upland trails of Hanna Park and learn about the plants and animals that live in this area. This program is for all ages, but some terrain may not be appropriate for strollers.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Florida's Living Symbols

5 – 6 p.m.

Activity begins at shelter 6 (near the lake)

Parking available at lot 8

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TRAILING THROUGH THE WOODS

Bicycle rides with Champion

Cycling & Fitness

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Activities begin at parking lot 11 trail entrance

Parking available at parking lot 11

Two wheels is a great way to explore your local parks and natural areas. Join local cycling enthusiasts as they lead guided bike tours along Hanna Park's popular bike trails. Tours will leave every 15-30 minutes depending on group size. Off-road cycling will be allowed only on designated bike trails. Off-road bikes required.

Event partner: Champion Cycling & Fitness

Star Gazing

6 – 10 p.m.

Activities begin at shelters 1 and 2 near parking lot 8

Parking available in parking lot 8

The night skies above Northeast Florida's coastline are often twinkling with stars and other celestial bodies. The Northeast Florida Astronomical Society offers an opportunity to view the night sky through telescopes while discussing the various constellations and other bodies in the lunar atmosphere.

Event partner: Northeast Florida Astronomical Society

Old Mandarin Biathlon

7:30 – 9 a.m. – Saturday, March 28

Walter Jones Historical Park – 11964 Mandarin Road

Parking available at Mandarin Presbyterian Church West

Campus; 12001 Mandarin Road

This unique biathlon is a fun challenge for everyone. The event starts and ends at Walter Jones Historical Park, with a 5.5 mile kayak course and a 3.5 mile run followed by an awards ceremony. Participants are required to arrive at 6:30 a.m. Registration fees are \$50 per person or \$80 per team (fees increase after March 14). Entry forms are available at Mandarin Museum & Historical Society, First Place Sports, and Black Creek Outfitters.

Event partners: Black Creek Outfitters and McCall Services

River Celebration Day 2009

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Saturday, March 28

Walter Jones Historical Park

11964 Mandarin Road

Come celebrate the spirit of the magnificent St. Johns River and get a glimpse of historical Mandarin. Enjoy colorful music and storytellers, tranquil boat rides, historical re-enactors, educational nature programs with the St. Johns Riverkeeper, entertaining games and delicious food. Activities are throughout the day.

Event partners: St. Johns Riverkeeper and Black Creek Outfitters

Kids Kampus Survivor & Florida Fitness Fair

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Saturday, March 28,

Kids Kampus @ Metropolitan Park

1410 Gator Bowl Blvd.

This is one event parents and kids won't want to miss. Kids Kampus Survivor is an exciting outdoor competition for children ages 12 and under. Participants maneuver through a variety of obstacle courses and other fun, age-appropriate activities. Prizes for the winners will be awarded following the games.

The event also includes the Florida Fitness Fair, a free fitness and health fair hosted by the Duval County Health Department and the American Heart Association. How healthy are you and your family? What can you do to make staying fit and healthy easy and fun? Find out through a variety of activities and active entertainment during this afternoon of fun.

Event partners: Duval County Health Department and American Heart Association

Tour de Riverwalk

9 a.m. – Saturday, March 28

The Jacksonville Landing / Northbank Riverwalk

2 Independent Drive

Have you ever thought about exploring downtown Jacksonville on a bike? Now you can during this family-fun, scenic cycling tour of the Northbank Riverwalk. The ride begins at the Jacksonville Landing and continues along the St. Johns River. There will be a short rest stop at the Fuller Warren Bridge before returning to the Jacksonville Landing for refreshments with District 4 Councilman Don Redman. Bike helmets are required for all riders.

Event partners: Downtown Vision, Inc. and The Jacksonville Landing

Yoga along the River with Padma

10 a.m. – Saturday, March 28 and

2 p.m. – Sunday, March 29

Forest Street Park – Downtown

505 Alfred Dupont Place

With our hectic lives, now is a great time to explore new ways to reduce stress. This mind-body experience may help. It introduces participants to the joy of breathing fresh air while moving through a traditional Ashtanga yoga class. The free activity is for beginners and experienced yogis. Please bring a yoga mat and dress accordingly.

Event partner: Downtown Vision, Inc.

Get Out There ...Bicycle Ride

9 a.m. – Sunday, March 29

Camp Milton

1175 Halsema Road N.

Whether it's a slower pace or a cardio challenge you're looking for, the free nature-themed bicycle event has a ride for you. The event offers two types of rides, both traveling along the picturesque Jacksonville-Baldwin Rail Trail. Participants have the opportunity to enjoy a 5-mile family bicycle ride or a 30-mile challenge ride.

Event partner: Champion Cycling & Fitness

WILD ON THE WESTSIDE

Friday, March 27 – Sunday, March 29; times vary

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park

7000 Roosevelt Blvd.

Get back to nature with three days of environmental adventure and discovery. Fuzzy, furry or full-feathered friends join JaxParks environmental education staff as it provides unique insights to animals that call this gorgeous nature park home.

Nature Scavenger Hunt

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – Friday, March 27

Join this fun outdoor scavenger hunt that gives participants a closer look at nature, while using the five senses of sight, smell, touch, hearing and taste.

Animal Detective

1:30 – 3 p.m. – Friday, March 27

Learn to identify common animals by their tracks and other clues, and make a plaster cast of a track to take home.

Nature Discovery

4 – 5 p.m. – Friday, March 27

Tour the Tillie K. Fowler nature center and learn about the native Florida animals, both living and non-living.

Geocaching

9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Saturday, March 28

Take part in this fun adventure game while learning how to use GPS technology. Join members of the Northeast Florida Geocaching Association in search for hidden treasures.

Dangerous Plants and Animals of North East Florida

11 a.m. – noon – Saturday, March 28

Learn fact from fiction surrounding local plants and animals, and learn how to stay safe. This is an indoor program.

Gardening for Butterflies

1 – 2 p.m. – Saturday, March 28

An indoor PowerPoint followed by an outdoor tour of the park's butterfly gardens will help you grow one in your own back yard.

Butterfly Identification.

2 – 2:45 p.m. – Saturday, March 28

This PowerPoint presentation will help you learn to identify butterflies more commonly seen in the Jacksonville area and to know resources are available. A walk through the butterfly garden follows the presentation.

Owl Encounter

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Saturday, March 28

Meet Merlin, a non-releasable barred owl, and learn what makes owls different from other birds.

Nature Discovery

1 – 3 p.m. – Sunday, March 29

This tour of the nature center at one Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park introduces participants to the native Florida animals, both living and non-living, on display here.

Snake Savvy

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Sunday, March 29

Learn to tell the difference between venomous and non-venomous snakes, their role in the balance of nature and what you can do to stay safe around these reptiles.

EXPLORE THE TIMUCUAN RANGER PROGRAMS

Dunes & Dynamics of Huguenot

12:30 – 2:30 p.m. – Friday, March 27

Huguenot Memorial Park

10980 Heckscher Drive

Enjoy a casual walk along the park's coastline and dunes while learning about the habitat's effects on birds, turtles, and other animals that live here. Meet our park naturalist at Family Beach. Binoculars are suggested but not required.

Hurray for Native Plants!

2 p.m. – Saturday, March 28

Fort Caroline National Memorial

12713 Fort Caroline Road

You'll love getting your hands dirty with this fun hands-on activity for children. Participants will learn about the important role native plants play in conservation, and then plant their very own milkweed seed to take home.

Birding to the Limits – Huguenots Remarkable Water Birds!

1:45 p.m. – Saturday, March 28

Huguenot Memorial Park

10980 Heckscher Drive

Whether you're an avid birder or just curious, this bird walk is for you. Our park ranger will introduce participants to area water birds including oystercatchers, skimmers and knots. Bring binoculars. Field guides are recommended but not required. This easy walk will last approximately two hours.

Mollusks, Their Shells and Other Beach Creatures

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Saturday, March 28

Huguenot Memorial Park

10980 Heckscher Drive

Put on your sun screen and join us as we explore the beach in search of shells. Our park naturalist will show you how to identify shells and other creatures, and will share information about their life history before they ended up on the beach. Meet at the jetty.

Creepy Crawly Caterpillars and Beautiful Butterflies!

2 p.m. – Sunday, March 29

Kingsley Plantation

11676 Palmetto Ave.

Butterflies color our world every year. Now you can learn about their life cycle through reading, discussing, coloring and roving the park with a ranger. Each child receives a bookmark and a Creepy Crawly Caterpillars and Beautiful Butterflies Color Me Workbook to color and record what he or she learns about butterflies.

Event partner: National Parks Service



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