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Mosquitoes

Prevention & Health Risks



A MOSQUITO FREE YARD

Create an environment in your yard that invites animals that like to eat mosquitoes. Some things that enjoy eating mosquitoes are:

- Bats
- Frogs
- Fish
- Turtles
- Birds
- Dragonflies

To help repel mosquitoes, plant some of the different vegetation listed:

- Citronella
- Geranium
- Eucalyptus
- Rosemary
- Basil
- Anise
- Mint
- Marigolds
- Catnip
- Wormwood
- Tansy
- Lavender
- Cedar
- Cloves

Don't have stagnant water sitting around in things like buckets or tires.

BE SAFE WHILE OUTDOORS

When a mosquito bites you it can leave saliva in your body. If the mosquito is infected it can transfer diseases to you. A few of the more common diseases transmitted to people are:

- Dengue
- Encephalitis
- Malaria
- Yellow Fever.

Mosquitoes can also transmit diseases to animals. A couple of these diseases are:

- Heartworm (mostly to dogs & cats)
- Encephalitis.

To reduce your chance of getting a disease from mosquitoes you can, apply mosquito repellent to your skin and clothing.

RANDOM MOSQUITO FACTS

- More than 3,000 different mosquito species can be found around the world.
- Female mosquitoes feed on blood. Male mosquitoes feed on plant nectar.
- Some mosquito species prefer to feed on animals or reptiles over humans.
- All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.
- One female mosquito can lay over 200 eggs at one time.
- Mosquito larvae only need a week in water to hatch.
- Mosquito eggs can survive for more than five years.
- Mosquitoes can fly around 1 to 2 mph.
- Mosquitoes find food by sight, infrared radiation and chemicals in the air.
- Around 1,000 Americans get ill or die from mosquito bites each year.
- Mosquitoes are a huge food source for birds, bats and some reptiles.



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Local Area Events

JANUARY

- Annual Jax Boat Show
- Annual Martin Luther King Jr Breakfast - Jacksonville
- Founders Day Celebration - Neptune Beach
- Jacksonville Beach Classic Car Cruise
- Jacksonville Beach Farmers & Artisans Market
- Jacksonville Beach Local Festival
- Jacksonville Career Fair
- Jacksonville Festival of Laughs
- Jacksonville Restaurant Week
- Memorial Park Centennial Gala - Jacksonville
- Music Heals Festival - Neptune Beach
- New Year, New You 5K Run, Walk & Roll - Jacksonville
- North Florida Gun & Knife Show - Jacksonville
- Nothing But Trucks Off Road & Street Show - Jacksonville
- Urban Book Festival - Jacksonville
- Veterans Stand Down Reserve Day - Jacksonville
- WinterJam - Jacksonville
- Valentine's Day Love at Lunch - Jacksonville

FEBRUARY

- Annual SOAR STEM & Trade Career Symposium - Jacksonville
- Charity Sporting Clay Shoot - Jacksonville
- Community First Sea Walk Music Festival - Jacksonville Beach
- Dogfest - Jacksonville
- Jacksonville Holistic Wellness Expo
- Jacksonville Landscape Show
- JAX College Baseball Classic

FEBRUARY (CONTD)

- Love & Music Festival - Jacksonville
- Riverside Craft Beer Expo - Jacksonville
- Spartan Race Weekend - Jacksonville
- World of Nations Celebration - Jacksonville

MARCH

- Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Jacksonville Beach
- Annual Girl Power Car Show - Jacksonville
- Annual Race to Read 1M, 5K & 10K - Jacksonville
- B-EGG-ing for More Dog Easter Egg Hunt - Jacksonville
- Collective Con - Jacksonville
- Gate River Run - Jacksonville
- Jacksonville Annual Springfest
- Jacksonville Women's Expo
- Luck of The Irish 5K - Jacksonville
- Mandarin Art Festival - Jacksonville
- San Marco Beer Festival - Jacksonville
- 7 Creeks Festival - Jacksonville
- Art in the Park - Jacksonville

APRIL

- Annual Opening of the Beaches Parade - Jacksonville Beach
- Annual Sandcastle Contest - Jacksonville Beach
- Annual Special Needs Resource Expo - Jacksonville
- Florida Seafood & Caribbean Music Festival - Jacksonville
- JYSO Festival of Strings - Jacksonville
- Springing The Blues Festival - Jacksonville
- Teen Challenge Annual Charity Golf Tournament - Jacksonville

APRIL (CONTD)

- THINK BOLD Festival - Jacksonville
- Turnpike Troubadours Tour - Jacksonville
- Veterans Cup - Jacksonville
- Jacksonville Science Festival

MAY - JUNE

- Annual Sandal & Sneaker Gala - Jacksonville
- Jacksonville Jazz Festival
- Goodwill Festival - Jacksonville
- Jacksonville Medical Flair 4 Healthier Lifestyles EXPO

JULY - AUGUST

- 4th of July Events & Fireworks - Area Wide
- JAX Elite Barber & Beauty Expo
- Summer Showcase Car, Truck & Bike Show - Jacksonville
- Annual Endless Summer Showcase - Jacksonville Beach
- Jacksonville Caribbean Carnival
- Jacksonville Home Expo
- Jacksonville Summer Beach Run
- JAX Westie Fest

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

- Florida Fish Festival - Jacksonville
- Riverside Fall Festival - Jacksonville
- Jacksonville Taco & Tequila Festival
- NAS JAX Air Show
- JAXFAIR
- WasabiCON - Jacksonville

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

- Dazzling Nights - Jacksonville
- Deck The Chairs - Area Wide (Nov-Dec)
- Annual Gingerbread Extravaganza - Jacksonville
- Gator Bowl Pep Rally - Jacksonville
- Gobble Till You Wobble 1M, 5K & 10K - Jacksonville
- Breakfast With Santa - Jacksonville Beach
- Holiday Brunch - Jacksonville
- Lunch With Santa - Jacksonville
- Jacksonville Santa Bar Crawl
- Jingle Bell's Celebration - Jacksonville
- Neptune Beach Christmas Tree Lighting
- North Beaches Art Walk - Neptune Beach
- Polar Express Cookies & Cocoa with Santa - Jacksonville
- Santa's Big Day 1M, 5K & 10K - Jacksonville
- New Years Eve Celebrations - Area Wide
- Jax Greek Fest
- Annual Holiday Home Tour - Jacksonville

**Events are subject to change*

Residential Services

JACKSONVILLE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Administration & Finance: 904-255-8206

ADRC: 904-391-6699

Animal Care & Protective Services:
904-630-2489

Clerk of Court: 904-255-2000

Department of Health: 904-253-1000

Emergency: 911

Emergency Preparedness: 904-253-1270

Emergency Assistance Program:
904-630-3520

Extension / AG: 904-255-7450

Fire & Rescue: 904-630-0527

Non Emergency: 904-255-3280

Health Services: 904-232-3086

Human Resources: 904-630-1287

Humane Society: 904-725-8766

Mayor: 904-255-5030

Mental Health Services: 904-255-3328

Parks & Recreation: 904-255-7907

Public Works: 904-255-8786

Sheriff: 904-630-0500

Social Service Division: 904-630-0696

Substance Abuse Services: 904-255-3328

Veterans Services: 904-255-5550

Victims Services: 904-255-3388

JACKSONVILLE BEACH RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Animal Control: 904-247-6195

Beaches Energy Services: 904-247-6171

City Clerk: 904-247-6250

City Manager: 904-247-6100 x6

City Attorney: 904-712-6297

Emergency: 911

Finance: 904-247-6274

Fire Marshall: 904-247-6201

Human Resources: 904-247-6263

Parks & Recreation: 904-247-6236

Police: 904-270-1667

Planning & Development: 904-247-6107

Public Works: 904-247-6219

Utilities: 904-247-6241

ATLANTIC BEACH RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Animal Control: 904-247-5866

Building Department: 904-247-5800

City Attorney: 904-247-5813

City Commission: 904-247-5809

City Clerk: 904-247-5821

City Engineer: 904-247-5874

City Manager: 904-247-5817

Code Enforcement: 904-247-5855

Emergency: 911

Finance Department: 904-247-5800

Fire & Rescue: 904-247-5859

Human Resources: 904-247-5890

Information Technology: 904-247-5858

Ocean Rescue / Lifeguards: 904-247-5883

Parks: 904-247-5834

Planning / Community Development:
904-247-5822

Police Non Emergency: 904-247-5859

Public Utilities: 904-247-5886

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Before European settlers arrived thousands of years ago, the area was inhabited by several indigenous peoples. In Jacksonville’s Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, archaeologists have unearthed remnants of some of the country’s oldest pottery, which dates back to 2500 BCE. The Mocama, a Timucuan-speaking people, lived in the region before European settlers arrived. One of the strongest tribes in the area, the Saturiwa, ruled over a large portion of what is now Duval County when the Europeans first arrived. William Pope Duval served as the governor of Florida Territory from 1822 until 1834. Duval County was named after him when it was founded in 1822. Since 1968, the Duval County administration has been unified with Jacksonville, which serves as its county seat. There were 995,567 people living there as of the 2020 census, up from 864,263 in 2010.

CITIES

- Jacksonville -971,319 (County Seat)
- Jacksonville Beach -21,362
- Atlantic Beach - 12,985
- Neptune Beach -7,124
- Baldwin - 1,430

**Populations are approximate.*

JACKSONVILLE

As of 2020, Jacksonville, the most populous city in the state of Florida and the largest by area in the US. When the local government merged with Duval County in 1968, this location served as their seat.. The Jacksonville metropolitan area is the fourth-largest in Florida, home to 1,733,937 people. Residents on the north side of the Cow Ford opted to design a town, laying out the streets and plats, following Spain’s 1821 concession of the Florida Territory to the United States. They called the town Jacksonville in honor of Andrew Jackson, the first Territorial Governor and eventual U.S. President. Jackson was a well-known battle hero. Residents, under the direction of Isaiah D. Hart, drafted a town charter that was accepted on February 9, 1832, by the Florida Legislative Council. With 971,319 residents as of July 2022.

JACKSONVILLE BEACH

Jacksonville Beach is a coastal tourist city located in Duval County. Pablo Beach was the name when it was formed on May 22, 1907, and it would be changed to Jacksonville Beach in 1925. The city is a part of the Jacksonville Beaches, a collection of towns. Mayport, Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach, and Ponte Vedra Beach are some of these communities. Jacksonville Beach decided to keep its own municipal government, as did Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach, Baldwin, and the city of Jacksonville when it merged with Duval County in 1968. As a result, Jacksonville Beach residents are also qualified to cast ballots in the city of Jacksonville’s mayoral election. The first people to settle in the area around Jacksonville Beach were Spanish settlers. Mayport to St. Augustine saw the establishment of Spanish missions. By treaty, Spain gave up Florida to Great Britain in 1763, but it later gained it back and was given to the United States once more in 1821. There are 21,362 people living in Jacksonville Beach.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Atlantic Beach is the second-biggest city among the Jacksonville Beach towns. Once most of the Duval County villages merged with Jacksonville in 1968, Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, and Baldwin continued to function as semi-independent communities. It has its own municipal government, just like the other towns, but its citizens also have representation on the Jacksonville city council and can vote in the mayoral election. Henry Flagler constructed the railroad's Mayport extension in 1900 and built a station north of the site of the Adele Grage Cultural Center. Not too long later, Henry Flagler and Isaac George constructed the Continental Hotel, a sizable hotel situated along the railroad that connected Mayport with Pablo Beach (also known as Jacksonville Beach). There were 250 guest rooms in this summer resort-style hotel. In addition, there was a fishing pier, tennis courts, and a dancing pavilion. The Atlantic Beach Corporation bought the majority of the property from the railroad in 1913, and it started paving the streets, putting in lights, and running water and sewer lines. 13,513 people were counted in the 2020 census.

NEPTUNE BEACH

Neptune Beach is a seaside community located to the east of Jacksonville. When most of the towns in Duval County united with Jacksonville in 1968, Neptune Beach, Jacksonville Beach, Atlantic Beach, and Baldwin continued to function as semi-independent entities. It has its own municipal government, just like those other towns, but its citizens are represented on the Jacksonville City Council and have a vote in the city's mayoral election. This makes it the smallest of the Jacksonville Beaches municipalities. Originally, Neptune Beach was a part of Jacksonville Beach. Among the few residents at the time, Dan G. Wheeler came up with the name "Neptune Beach" in 1922. Wheeler had to walk the entire distance from Mayport every evening after taking the Florida East Coast Railway train from his job in Jacksonville to his home at the One Ocean Hotel, which is now located in Atlantic Beach. Wheeler constructed his own train station after hearing from a friend who was a railroad employee that if he had a station, the train would have to stop for him. As of the 2020 census, 7,217 people call Neptune Beach home.

BALDWIN

In 1846, the town was originally settled as Thigpen. At the intersection of Baldwin, Mr. Thigpen had opened a tavern to support the stagecoach line. He provided the passengers with food and shelter, as well as horses for the stage. In 1857, the first railroad was constructed through Thigpen, and in 1859, a second railroad crossed it. In honor of Dr. Abel Seymour Baldwin, the president of the Florida, Atlantic, and Gulf Central Railroad, the name was changed to Baldwin. Baldwin's continued growth resulted in the construction of a telegraph line that connected Jacksonville to Baldwin. Baldwin, along with Jacksonville Beach, Atlantic Beach, and Neptune Beach, remained partially independent when the majority of Duval County's communities were merged with the city of Jacksonville in 1968. Baldwin retains its own municipal government, just like the other towns, but its citizens no longer support their own police force; instead, they cast ballots for Jacksonville City Council and the mayoral election. 1,396 people were counted in the 2020 census.

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Keep Your Pets Safe



HERE ARE A FEW KEY POINTS TO BE AWARE OF:

- 1. Leashing:** Always keep pets on a leash, especially near water bodies, to prevent them from wandering too close to potential alligator habitats.
- 2. Supervision:** Supervise your pets when they're outside. This is crucial during dawn and dusk, as alligators are more active during these times.
- 3. Avoid Water:** Keep pets away from lakes, ponds, and marshy areas where alligators might be lurking. Even small bodies of water can pose risks.
- 4. Training:** Ensure your pets have good recall and respond well to commands. This can help you quickly call them back if they venture too close to danger.
- 5. Feeding and Food Storage:** Do not feed alligators or leave pet food outside, as this can attract wildlife and increase the likelihood of encounters with alligators.



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PARKS

Adams Park

3419 Riverside Ave. | Jacksonville

Alimacani Park and Boat Ramp

11080 Heckscher Drive | Jacksonville

Bay and Broad Pocket Park

529 Bay St. West | Jacksonville

Betz-Tiger Point Preserve

13990 Pumpkin Hill Road | Jacksonville

Big Talbot Island State Park

12157 Heckscher Drive | Jacksonville

Brackridge Park

8650 Newton Road | Jacksonville

Bull Memoir Park

716 Ocean Blvd. | Atlantic Beach

Cisco Gardens Park

4238 Jones Road | Jacksonville

Cradle Creek Reserve

15th St. S & Fairway Lane | Jacksonville Beach

Dinsmore Park and Community Center

7330 Civic Club Drive | Jacksonville

El Faro Memorial at Dames Point Park

9101 Dames Point Road | Jacksonville

Fouraker Park

8140 Lenox Ave. | Jacksonville

Garden City Park

11246 Lem Turner Road | Jacksonville

Gonzales Park

2nd Ave. & 10th St. N | Jacksonville Beach

Huguenot Park & Tennis Facility

218 16th Ave. S | Jacksonville Beach

Huguenot Memorial Park

10980 Heckscher Drive | Jacksonville

Historic Kings Road Park

1972 Kings Avenue | Jacksonville

Isle of Palms Park

3780 Eunice Road | Jacksonville

Jarboe Park

510 Florida Blvd. | Neptune Beach

Joe Davis Memorial Park

2545 Larsen Road | Jacksonville

Julington-Durbin Creek Preserve

13130 Bartram Park. Blvd. | Jacksonville

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

500 Wonderwood Drive | Jacksonville

Kayak Amelia

13030 Heckscher Drive | Jacksonville

Little Talbot Island State Park

12157 Heckscher Drive | Jacksonville

Lonnie C. Miller Sr. Regional Park

7689 Price Lane | Jacksonville

Marvins Gardens Park

1609 Coquina Pl. | Atlantic Beach

Murray Drive Playground

1187 Murray Drive | Jacksonville

Northbank Riverwalk & Corkscrew Park

201 East Coastline Drive | Jacksonville

Oceanfront Park

1st St. S, Between 5th & 6th Ave. S | Jacksonville Beach

Our Community Club Park

6200 Old Middleburg Road South | Jacksonville

Powers Park

3153 Green Street | Jacksonville

Raymond E. Davis Park

3011 Spires St. | Jacksonville

Rotary Park

2293 2nd Ave. N | Jacksonville Beach

South Beach Park & Sunshine Playground

2514 S Beach Pkwy. | Jacksonville Beach

Springfield Playground

949 Hubbard Street | Jacksonville

Tall Pines Park

9th Ave., West of N Penman Rd. | Jacksonville Beach

Tidewater Acres Park

7140 Berry Avenue | Jacksonville

Veterans Park

1 W 1st St. | Atlantic Beach

Victoria Park

6335 Barnes Road South | Jacksonville

Westbrook Center and Park

905 Westbrook Road | Jacksonville

Yerkes Park

3927 McGirts Blvd. | Jacksonville

Zeta Phi Beta Park

3721 Owen Road | Jacksonville

DOG PARKS

BrewHound Dog Park & Bar

1848 Kings Cir. S | Neptune Beach | 904-372-7266

This is a membership based dog friendly bar that serves coffee, craft beer & wine on tap. The off leash dog park features shaded areas with turf grass, a doggie splash pad & separate area for small dogs.

Ed Austin Dog Park

11751 McCormick Rd. | Jacksonville
4 acre off leash dog park.

John Gorrie Dog Park of Riverside Park

631-745 College St. | Jacksonville
This off leash dog park features 2 separate play areas for small & large dogs, water fountains, tennis balls & shade trees.

Julington Creek Animal Walk

12075 San Jose Blvd. | Jacksonville
904-338-9480
A veterinarian facility that features a 9 acre dog park with wooded hillsides, an agility course, doggie swimming pools & much more.

Kanine Social

580 College St. | Jacksonville | 904-712-6363
Memberships are available at this indoor/outdoor dog park with coffee bar & craft beer for the human companion. Indoor climate controlled with separate play area for small dogs & 3 self washing stations.

Pet Paradise Park

1 TIAA Bank Field Dr. | Jacksonville | 877-387-7529
This is the 1st NFL dog park that features artificial turf, bone shaped pool & shady palm trees.

Springfield Dog Park

956 Hubbard St. | Jacksonville
This is a fenced in, off leash dog park that has a separate play area for small dogs and features benches, pavilions, doggie drinking fountains & waste disposal bags.

St. Johns Town Center Dog Park

4663 River City Dr. | Jacksonville | 904-998-7507

BEACHES

Big Talbot Island Boneyard Beach

Jacksonville

Black Rock Beach

Jacksonville

Jacksonville Beach

Jacksonville

Little Talbot Island State Park

12157 Heckscher Dr. | Jacksonville | 904-251-2320

Seminole Beach

Jacksonville

St. Johns River

Jacksonville



Adventure Landing

1944 Beach Blvd. | Jacksonville Beach | 904-246-4386

The Alhambra Theater & Dining

12000 Beach Blvd. | Jacksonville | 904-641-1212

Beaches Museum

381 Beach Blvd. | Jacksonville Beach | 940-241-5657

Beaches Town Center

0 Atlantic Blvd. | Neptune Beach

Betsy Lovett Arts Center

2264 Bartram Rd. | Jacksonville | 904-554-2722

Blue Jay Listening Room

2457 3rd St. S | Jacksonville Beach | 904-318-3020

Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary

1860 Starratt Rd. | Jacksonville | 904-757-3603

Clara White Mission /

Eartha M.M. White Museum

613 W Ashley St. | Jacksonville | 904-354-4162

The Creative Exchange

50 North Laura St. #175 | Jacksonville | 904-479-9777

Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens

829 Riverside Ave. | Jacksonville | 904-356-6857

Daily's Place

1 Daily's Place | Jacksonville | (904) 633-2000

Durkeeville Historical Society

1293 W 19th St. | Jacksonville | 904-598-9567

Eartha's Farm & Market

4850 Moncrief Rd. | Jacksonville | 904-354-4162

First Coast Comedy

2292 Mayport Rd. | Jacksonville | 904-316-9292

Flight Adventure Park

7022 A. C. Skinner Pkwy #200 | Jacksonville | 904-551-4035

The Florida Theater

128 Forsyth St. | Jacksonville | 904-355-2787

Florida Mining Gallery

2756 Park St. | Jacksonville | 904-438-3483

Fort Caroline National Memorial

12713 Fort Caroline Rd. | Jacksonville

Funbox

10300 Southside Blvd. | Jacksonville | 904-536-2955

Hands on Children's Museum

8580 Beach Blvd. | Jacksonville | 904-642-2688

Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens

1445 Millco Ave. | Jacksonville | 904-318-4342

Jacksonville Beach Action Sports Park

2514 S Beach Pkwy. | Jacksonville Beach

Jacksonville Center for Performing Arts

300 Water St. | Jacksonville | 904-632-5000

Jacksonville Children's Chorus

62 N Main St. | Jacksonville | 904-353-1636

Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens

370 Zoo Pkwy. | Jacksonville | 904-757-4463

James Merrill Museum

317 A Phillip Randolph | Jacksonville | 904-665-0064

Jax Makerspace

303 N Laura St. | Jacksonville | 904-255-2665

Kingsley Plantation

11676 Palmetto Ave. | Jacksonville | 904-251-3537

Kona Skatepark

8739 Kona Ave. | Jacksonville | (904) 725.8770

Mandarin Museum & Historical Society

11964 Mandarin Rd. | Jacksonville | 904-268-0784

Mind Bender Escape Rooms

1500 Beach Blvd. #212 | Jacksonville | 904-853-6192

Murray Hill Theater

932 Edgewood Ave. | Jacksonville | 904-388-3179

Museum of Contemporary Arts (MOCA)

333 N Laura St. | Jacksonville | 904-366-6911

Museum of Science & History (MOSH)

1025 Museum Cir. | Jacksonville | 904-396-6674

Museum of Southern History

4304 Herschel St. | Jacksonville | 904-750-1950

Norman Studios

6337 Arlington Rd. | Jacksonville | 904-742-7011

Players by The Sea Theater

106 6th St. N | Jacksonville Beach | 904-249-0289

Ritz Theater & Museum

829 N Davis St. | Jacksonville | 904-632-5555

Riverside Arts Market

715 Riverside Ave. | Jacksonville | 904-389-2449

Sally Dark Rides

745 W Forstyh | Jacksonville | 904-355-7100

Seawalk Pavilion

75 1st St. N | Jacksonville Beach

St. Johns Town Center

4663 River City Dr. | Jacksonville | 904-9987-7156

Southlight Gallery

1 Independent Dr. Ste#113 | Jacksonville | 904-434-9864

TIAA Bank Field

1 TIAA Bank Field Dr. | Jacksonville

Tree Hill Nature Center

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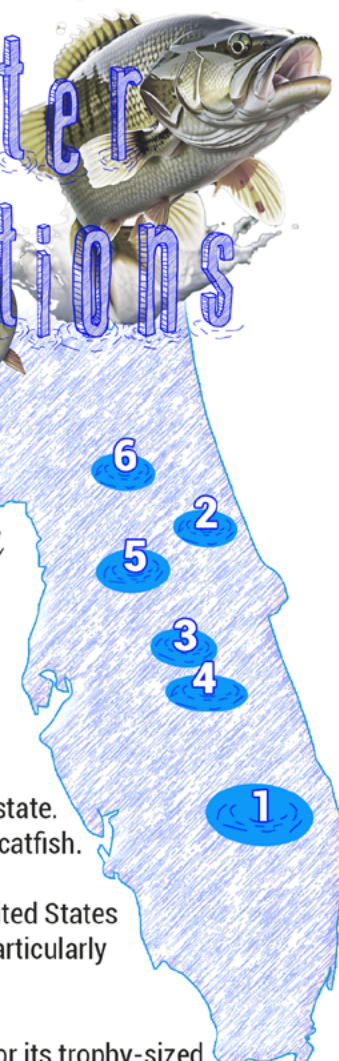
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Top Freshwater Fishing Locations

Florida is renowned for its abundance of freshwater fishing opportunities, with numerous lakes, rivers, and streams teeming with a wide variety of fish species. Here are some of the top freshwater fishing locations in Florida:



- 1. Lake Okeechobee:** The largest freshwater lake in the state. Anglers can target largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, & catfish.
- 2. St. Johns River:** One of the few major rivers in the United States that flows north. It's a prime location for bass fishing, particularly in the upper stretches.
- 3. Lake Tohopekaliga (Lake Toho):** The lake is famous for its trophy-sized largemouth bass. It's a popular destination for bass anglers seeking the thrill of catching big fish.
- 4. The Kissimmee Chain of Lakes:** Comprising several interconnected lakes, the Kissimmee Chain offers diverse fishing experiences. Anglers can target bass, crappie, bluegill, and more in these interconnected waters.
- 5. The Harris Chain of Lakes:** Consists of several lakes interconnected by canals. It's known for its bass fishing, with Lake Harris being one of the most popular spots for anglers.
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Beach Flag WARNING COLORS

Beach flags are commonly used to communicate important information to beachgoers. The color-coded flag system may vary slightly from one location to another, but the following are commonly recognized color meanings:

Blue Flag: This flag is used to signify that lifeguards are on duty and that the area is being actively monitored for safety.

Green Flag: Indicates that it is safe to swim. The water conditions are generally calm, & there is a low risk of hazards such as strong currents or high waves.

Yellow Flag: Caution is advised. This flag suggests that there may be some hazards present, such as moderate surf or currents.

Red Flag: A red flag indicates high hazards & potentially dangerous water conditions. It is a warning that strong currents, high surf, or other dangers are present. It is advised to stay out of the water.

Double Red Flags: This is a more severe warning, & it typically means that the beach is closed to the public. Dangerous conditions, such as strong rip currents or severe weather, pose a significant threat.

Purple Flag: This flag is used to indicate the presence of dangerous marine life, such as sharks or jellyfish. It is advised to exercise caution.

Rip currents are powerful, narrow channels of fast-moving water that can pose a danger to swimmers and surfers. Getting caught in a rip current can be frightening, but knowing how to recognize and handle them can help you stay safe. Here's how to avoid or get out of a rip current in the ocean:

1. Stay Calm & Don't Fight the Current:

If you find yourself caught in a rip current, stay calm and try not to panic. Remember that rip currents do not pull swimmers underwater; instead, they pull them away from the shore. Avoid fighting against the current by swimming directly back to shore, as this can lead to exhaustion.

3. Swim Parallel to the Shore:

If you feel confident in your swimming abilities, swim parallel to the shoreline instead of trying to swim directly back to shore. Rip currents are typically narrow, so swimming parallel to the shore can help you escape the pull of the current. Once you're out of the rip current, you can then swim back to the shore at an angle.

5. Seek Assistance if Needed:

If you're unable to escape the rip current on your own or if you're feeling exhausted, continue to signal for help and wait for assistance from lifeguards or other beachgoers. Don't hesitate to call for help if you need it, as prompt action can prevent a dangerous situation from escalating.

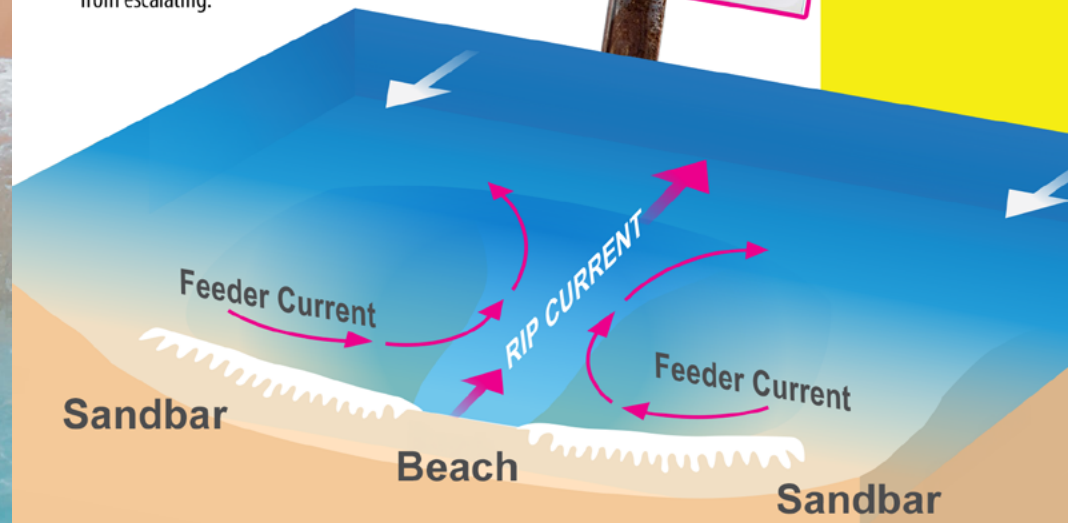
2. Float & Conserve Energy:

If you're unable to swim out of the rip current, conserve your energy by floating or treading water. Signal for help by waving your arms and calling for assistance if you see lifeguards or other beachgoers nearby. Most rip currents are narrow, and you will eventually be carried out of the current and into calmer waters.

4. Use Waves to Help You Escape:

Wait for waves to push you towards shore and use them to assist your escape from the rip current. Time your movements with the breaking waves, and use the momentum to swim towards the shore. Be patient and persistent, and don't exhaust yourself by attempting to fight against the current.

Always swim at beaches with lifeguards present, heed warning signs, and follow any instructions or advice given by local authorities.



Rip Currents

Health Benefits of Physical Activity

Major Research Findings

from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention



- Regular moderate-to-vigorous physical activity reduces the risk of many adverse health outcomes.
- Some physical activity is better than none.
- For most health outcomes, additional benefits occur as the amount of physical activity increases through higher intensity, greater frequency, and/or longer duration.
- Substantial health benefits for adults occur with 150 to 300 minutes a week of moderate-intensity physical activity. Additional benefits occur with more physical activity.
- Both aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity are beneficial.
- Health benefits occur for children and adolescents, young and middle-aged adults, older adults, and those in every studied racial and ethnic group.
- The health benefits of physical activity occur for people with chronic conditions or disabilities.
- The benefits of physical activity generally outweigh the risk of adverse outcomes or injury.

Guidelines for Adults

- For substantial health benefits, you should do at least 2.5hrs a week of moderate-intensity, or 1.25hrs a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, or a combination of the two activities. Aerobic activity should be performed in episodes of at least 10 minutes, and should be done throughout the week.
- For even better health benefits, adults should increase their aerobic physical activity to 5hrs a week of moderate-intensity, or 2.5hrs a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity, or a combination of the two activities.

Guidelines for Children and Adolescents

- Children and adolescents should do an hour or more of physical activity daily.
- Aerobic: Most of the hour or more a day should be either moderate- or vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity.
- Muscle-strengthening: As part of their hour or more of daily physical activity, children and adolescents should include muscle-strengthening physical activity on at least 3 days of the week.
- Bone-strengthening: As part of their hour or more of daily physical activity, children and adolescents should include bone-strengthening physical activity on at least 3 days of the week.
- It is important to encourage young people to participate in physical activities that are appropriate for their age, that are enjoyable, and that offer variety.

Start slowly. Cardiac events, such as a heart attack, are rare during physical activity. But the risk does go up when you suddenly become much more active than usual. For example, you can put yourself at risk if you don't usually get much physical activity and then all of a sudden do vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, like shoveling snow. That's why it's important to start slowly and gradually increase your level of activity.

Intensity Examples

Moderate Intensity

- Walking briskly (3 mph or faster, but not race-walking)
- Water aerobics
- Bicycling slower than 10mph
- Tennis (doubles)
- Ballroom dancing
- General gardening

Vigorous Intensity

- Race walking, jogging, running
- Swimming laps
- Tennis (singles)
- Aerobic dancing
- Bicycling 10mph or faster
 - Jumping rope
 - Heavy gardening (continuous digging or hoeing)
- Hiking uphill or with a heavy backpack

CREAMY *Dill* CHICKEN



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

INGREDIENTS

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

Salt and pepper

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 tablespoon butter

1/2 cup chicken broth

1/2 cup heavy cream

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

2 teaspoons dried dill weed

1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Season the chicken breasts with salt and pepper on both sides.
- 2 Heat the olive oil and butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat.
- 3 Add the chicken breasts to the skillet and cook for 6-7 minutes on each side, until browned and cooked through. Remove the chicken from the skillet and set aside.
- 4 Pour the chicken broth into the skillet and use a spatula to scrape up any browned bits from the bottom of the pan.
- 5 Stir in the heavy cream, Dijon mustard, and dried dill weed. Bring the mixture to a simmer and cook for 2-3 minutes, stirring frequently, until the sauce has thickened.
- 6 Return the chicken breasts to the skillet and spoon the sauce over the top. Allow the chicken to cook in the sauce for an additional 1-2 minutes, until the chicken is heated through.
- 7 Sprinkle chopped fresh parsley over the top of the chicken before serving.

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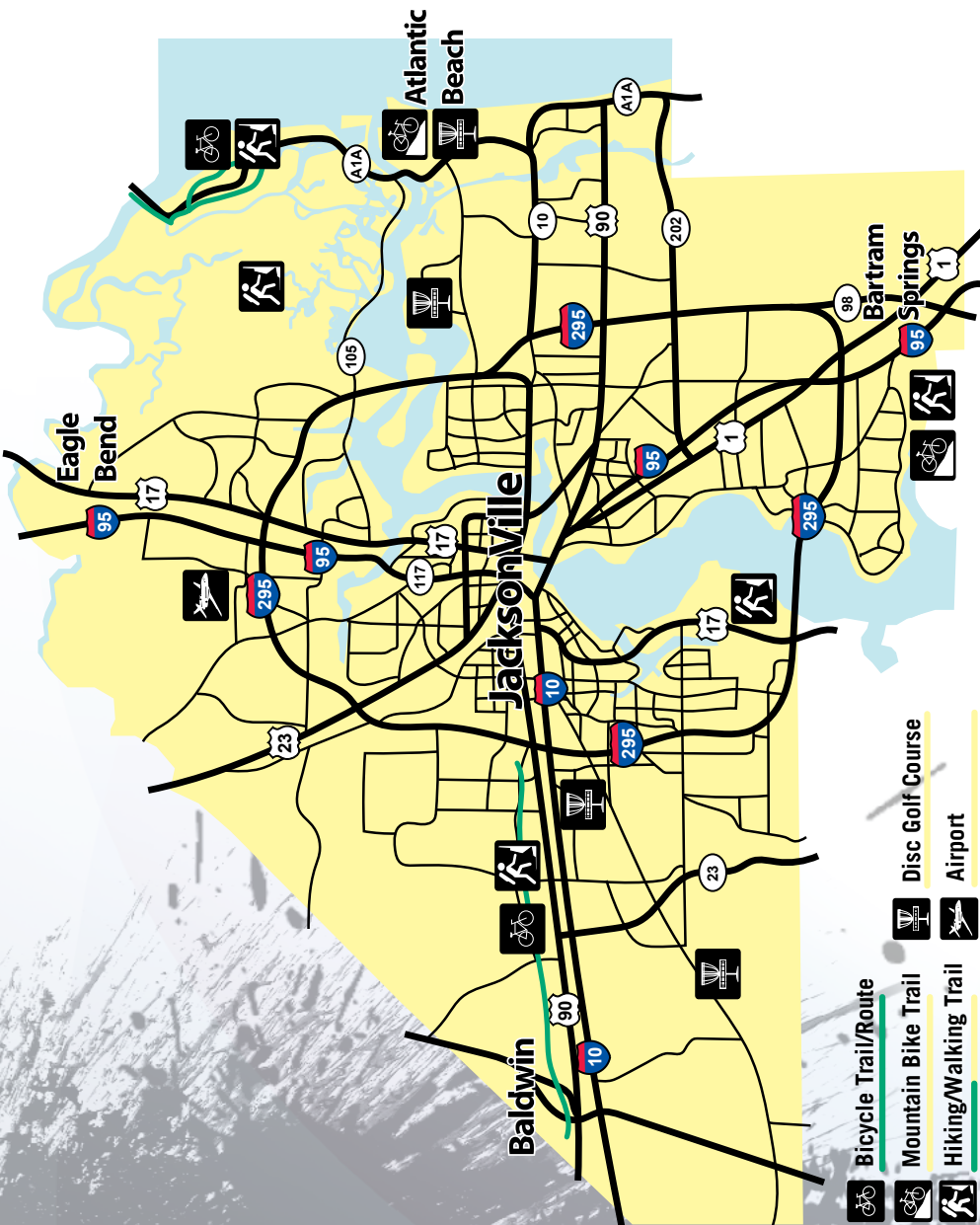
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Top Five Tips



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2. SECURE YOUR HOME

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- Upcycle Crafts:** Get creative by turning old items into new useful objects.



Adopting a dog

So, You want to adopt a dog. . . BUT WHAT BREED? If the breed is important to you, please consider the following.

- **Lifestyle Assessment:** Consider your lifestyle and daily routine. Different dog breeds have varying exercise needs, energy levels, and temperament. If you lead an active lifestyle and enjoy outdoor activities, a more energetic breed might be a good fit. If you prefer a more laid-back lifestyle, a calmer breed might be more suitable.
- **Living Space:** Assess your living space. If you live in a small apartment or have limited outdoor space, a smaller or low-energy breed might be more appropriate. Larger and more active breeds might require more space and access to a yard for exercise.
- **Allergies:** Consider any allergies that you or your family members might have. Some dog breeds are more hypoallergenic and produce fewer allergens, making them better choices for allergy sufferers.
- **Time Commitment:** Evaluate the time you can dedicate to training, grooming, and general care. Some breeds require more training and grooming, while others are relatively low-maintenance.
- **Family and Children:** If you have young children or other pets, look for breeds known for their compatibility with kids and other animals. Some breeds are more patient and gentle, making them better companions for families.
- **Temperament and Personality:** Research the typical temperament and personality traits of different breeds. Some breeds are more independent, while others are highly affectionate and crave attention. Consider what type of personality would best complement your own.



- **Health Considerations:** Some breeds are more prone to certain health issues. Research the common health concerns for the breeds you are interested in and be prepared for potential medical expenses.
- **Rescue or Purebred:** Decide if you want to adopt a dog from a shelter or rescue organization or if you prefer a specific purebred dog. Both options have their merits, and there are wonderful dogs available in both categories.
- **Meet the Breed:** If possible, spend time with dogs of the breeds you are considering. Attend dog shows or local events where you can interact with different breeds and get a sense of their personalities.
- **Talk to Experts:** Consult with veterinarians, breeders, or experienced dog owners to gather insights into specific breeds. They can provide valuable information about breed characteristics, care requirements, and potential challenges.
- **Consider Adoption:** Keep in mind that adopting a mixed-breed dog or a dog from a shelter can be incredibly rewarding. Mixed-breed dogs often combine the best traits of different breeds and can make excellent companions.





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