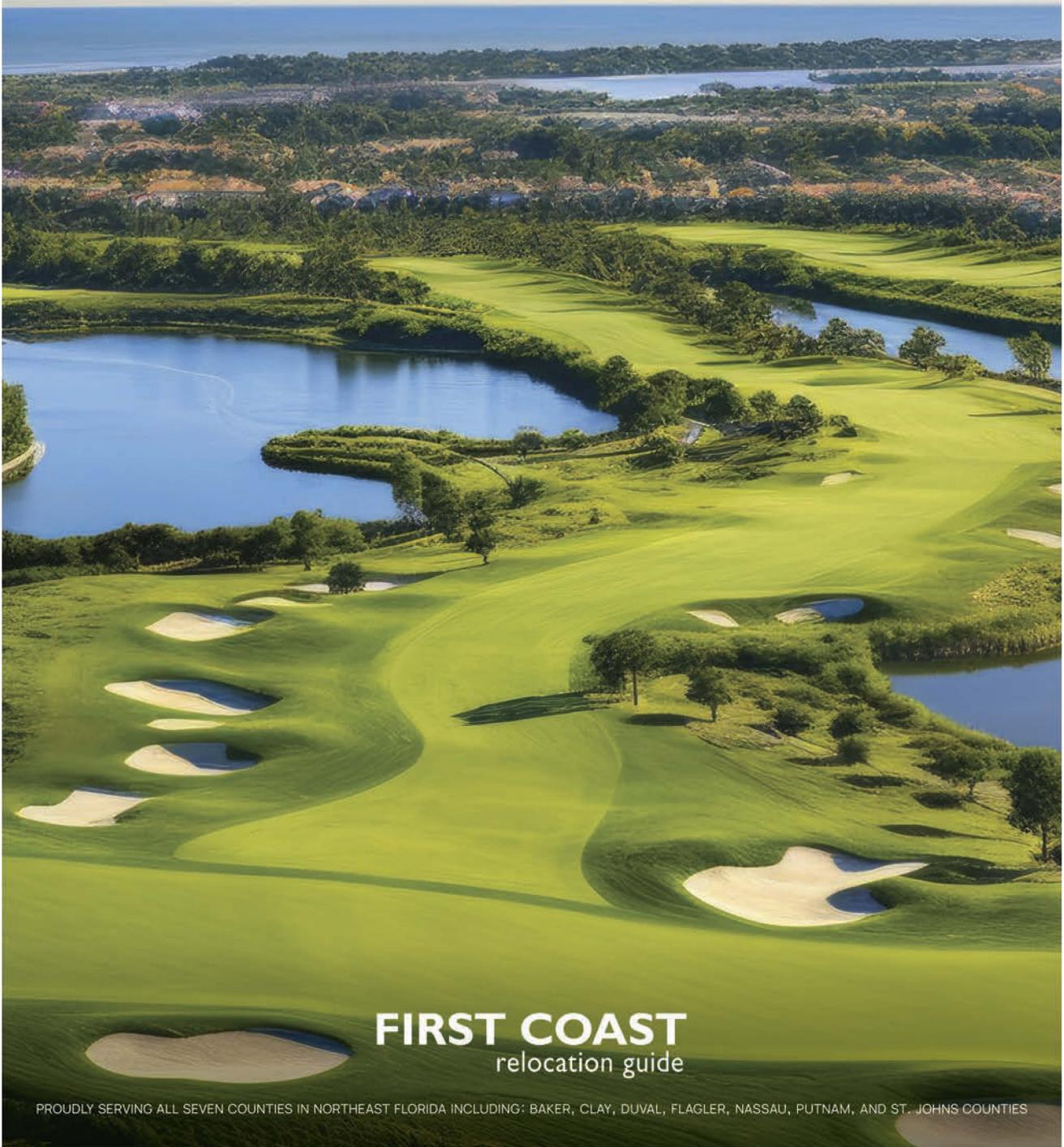


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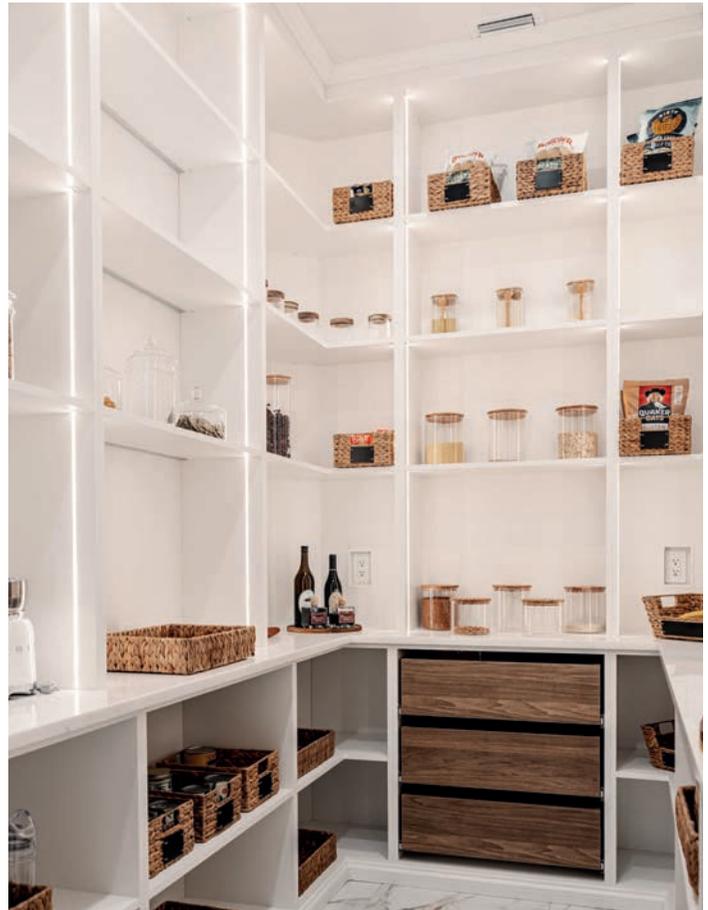


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10 Reasons Why We Love Living on The First Coast!

There is no doubt that the First Coast is the best place to Live, Work and Play! With the largest city by area in the nation, the Jacksonville and Northeast Florida area has a friendly, small-town feel with big-city advantages. Our community continues to attract young professionals, families and retirees alike. Here are just a few of the many reasons why we love the First Coast!



Seven Pines, photo by Monica Fields

Friendly Neighborhoods

The First Coast has a wide selection of neighborhoods, each with its own unique characteristics. Whether you are looking for a luxury apartment, rural farmhouse, coastal cottage, historic bungalow, a new build in a planned community or a downtown loft, your new home awaits you. The neighborhoods here offer a variety of styles for all budgets. For a list of our First Coast neighborhoods, flip to page 10.

FSCJ Downtown Campus, photo courtesy of FSCJ



2.

Extraordinary Education

Parents on the First Coast can find a variety of education options for their children with our many award-winning schools. The First Coast offers public, private, charter and magnet schools, as well as schools for learning differences. Institutions of higher education such as Jacksonville University, Florida State College at Jacksonville, University of North Florida, Flagler College and Edward Waters University are also located here. On page 35, you'll find more information on First Coast education.

Baptist MD Anderson, photo courtesy of Baptist Health



Exceptional Healthcare

The First Coast is one of the top destinations in the nation for healthcare, with some of the best providers and hospitals here in our own backyard. One of three Mayo Clinics and an MD Anderson Cancer Center, as well as Ascension St. Vincent's, Baptist Health and UF Health all call the First Coast home. Residents also have access to top-notch children's healthcare with Nemours Children's Health and Wolfson Children's Hospital. For more information on healthcare, visit page 51.

Vibrant Seniors

The First Coast is home to a vivacious senior community, and it is no wonder why! The area is bursting with active adult and retirement communities that offer the best in resort-style living. Seniors here also enjoy our many senior centers, programs and events. For more reasons why the First Coast is a wonderful place for seniors, visit page 58.

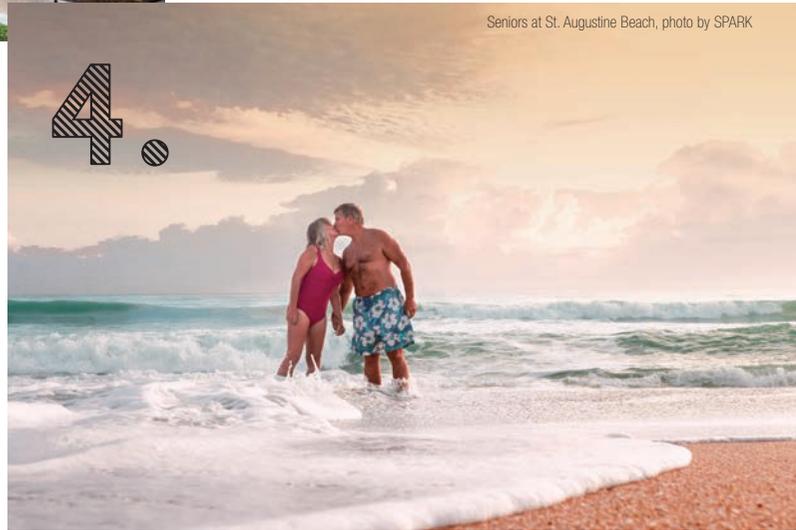
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Bustling Business

The First Coast is home to three Fortune 500 companies and 150 national, regional and divisional company headquarters. Whether you are interested in a career in information technology, logistics, finance, healthcare or the military, the First Coast is a great place to work and do business. Go to page 62 to find out more about First Coast businesses.

Seniors at St. Augustine Beach, photo by SPARK



NS Mayport, photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brandon J. Vinson

Mighty Military

The robust military presence on the First Coast has a significant impact on the region by employing active-duty, reserve and civilian men and women. The First Coast is home to Naval Air Station Jacksonville, the largest Navy base in the Southeast. Naval Station Mayport is north of Atlantic Beach and home to the Navy's Fourth Fleet. In Southeast Georgia, Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base is about 45 minutes from Jacksonville. Camp Blanding Joint Training Center and Marine Corps Blount Island Command are also on the First Coast. Turn to page 76 for more information on our military.

7.

Beautiful Beaches

Did you know that the First Coast has more than 1,100 miles of shoreline and 41 miles of beaches? Water lovers here enjoy the many opportunities to surf, swim or kayak. With more than 60 species of fish, the waterways are a fisherman's dream come true. Our beaches are the perfect spot for a relaxing day and fun in the sun. To find the perfect beach near you, visit page 88.



Amelia Island, photo by CycleHere Media

8.

Thrilling Entertainment

We certainly know how to have a good time on the First Coast! Visit one of the many concert venues and performing arts centers such as the Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts, Daily's Place, St. Augustine Amphitheatre and VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena. Go to page 100 for more entertainment options on the First Coast.

Photo courtesy of Florida Theatre



9.

Year-Round Sports

Here on the First Coast, we enjoy sports all year round! Head over to EverBank Stadium to cheer on the Jacksonville Jaguars. At the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, you can catch a Jacksonville Icemen hockey game and may even get to meet their mascot, Fang! Grab some popcorn and enjoy a Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp baseball game at the VyStar Ballpark. Other annual sports events on the First Coast include THE PLAYERS Championship, the Florida-Georgia game and the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl. See our Sports section on page 105 for all the great teams in our area.



Photo courtesy of Jacksonville Jaguars

10.

Splendid Shopping

The First Coast has a wide variety of options for shoppers. As a premier shopping destination, the St. Johns Town Center has more than 175 retailers. For unique, upscale and trendy boutiques check out our historic neighborhoods and beach communities. Flip to our Shopping section on page 111 for more information.



St. Johns Town Center, photo by Monica Fields

We put together this publication to be your go-to guide for discovering the First Coast. We love calling this place home and are excited for you to explore your new home and city. Soon you'll also see why the First Coast is the best place to Live, Work and Play!

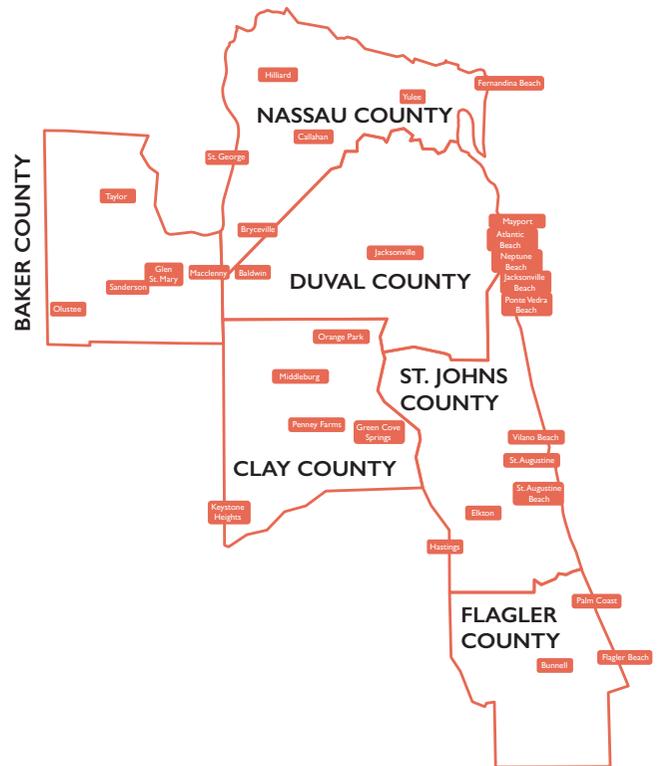


Live

In the Live Section, you'll find all the essential information for day-to-day living on the First Coast.

Home Sweet Home: First Coast Neighborhoods

The First Coast is blessed with a wide variety of neighborhoods and communities for newcomers to choose from. Whether you're on the hunt for a house in the country, a beachside cottage, a new home in a master-planned community, a charming historic home or a high-rise condominium in downtown Jacksonville, the First Coast has it all!



To help you become more familiar with this expansive region, we have put together descriptions of each neighborhood within the six First Coast counties: Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau and St. Johns County.



Baker County Courthouse, photo by Roberto Galan, courtesy of Shutterstock

Emily Taber Public Library, photo by Roberto Galan, courtesy of Shutterstock



BAKER COUNTY

Those who call Baker County home enjoy the area’s charming country atmosphere in addition to the perks of being near the city. Downtown Jacksonville is a quick 30-minute drive, giving residents the ability to easily commute into town. Florida’s natural beauty is preserved here through the county’s lush woodlands and swamps that give residents endless opportunities to explore the outdoors.



Estimated
Population:
29,882*



Area:
589 square miles

*Source: Office of Economic and Demographic Research

GLEN ST. MARY/MACCLENNY

If country life is calling your name, **Glen St. Mary** and **Macclenny** could be the perfect places to call home. Whether you are looking for a single-family home, gated community or even a property with sprawling acreage, Glen St. Mary is an idyllic town. The city of Macclenny stands as the county seat of Baker County. The city has a population of about 7,300 residents and is 35 miles from Jacksonville and six miles from the Georgia border. This city provides residents with subdivisions that offer single-family homes, apartment complexes and townhomes.



Clustee Battlefield Historic State Park, photo by CycleHere Media



Doctors Lake, photo by Diana Ferguson

CLAY COUNTY

Southwest of Jacksonville and west of historic St. Augustine, Clay County is a diverse mixture of suburban neighborhoods and up-and-coming communities. The area is a popular destination for nature lovers due to its scenic trails, immense wildlife and bountiful waterways.



Estimated
Population:
237,339*



Area:
644 square miles

*Source: Office of Economic and Demographic Research

FLEMING ISLAND

This thriving community continues to attract newcomers year after year. **Fleming Island** is home to major housing developments, including Eagle Harbor, Fleming Island Plantation and Pace Island.

Residents also enjoy access to a bustling commercial area filled with shopping centers, entertainment and restaurants. Black Creek Park, located on the south side of Fleming Island, borders Black Creek, and is full of nature trails for both hikers and bikers.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS

Originally established in 1854 as White Sulfur Springs, **Green Cove Springs** is a friendly city filled with rich history. Many historic homes can be found along the St. Johns River. Recently, the city has seen new

housing developments pop up as the population grows.

Granary Park is a new 290-acre master-planned community in Green Cove Springs that consists of 771 single-family homesites. Located among green farmlands and rolling hills, the family-friendly community offers residents a variety of high-end amenities including a resort-inspired clubhouse, an oasis-style pool and a fitness studio.

Governors Park will be a new 3,300-acre master-planned community in Green Cove Springs from south Florida-based developer BTI Partners. The developer plans to build 4,000 single-family homes and 2,000 multi-family units, as well as an 18-hole golf course. The first



Fleming Island Plantation, photo by Diana Ferguson



Green Cove Springs City Hall building, photo by Diana Ferguson

phase, known as Governors Park South, will consist of 401 homes across 235 acres.

Hyland Trail in Green Cove Springs is a new 750-acre master-planned community with approximately 1,500 residential single-family homesites. The neighborhood offers its residents access to a wide range of amenities, such as a clubhouse, fitness center, resort-style pool, playground, multipurpose athletic field, pickleball courts, nature trails and more.

Located near Lake Asbury, **Lakes at Bella Lago** offers 370 single-family homes with scenic views and modern designs. Residents can enjoy the community's resort-style pool, clubhouse, walking trails and playground.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

The lakeside city of **Keystone Heights** is full of old-town charm. Prospective residents will find tree-lined streets, cozy cottages, single-family homes and plenty of undeveloped land in this area located in the southwest corner of Clay County.

OAKLEAF PLANTATION

Oakleaf Plantation is a 6,400-acre family-oriented planned community with multiple village-style subdivisions situated in Clay County, with a small area falling into Duval County. The plantation offers newcomers single- and multi-family homes, luxury condominiums and apartments.

ORANGE PARK

Located in the northeastern section of Clay County, **Orange Park** offers all the advantages of big city living with a small-town pace of life. Housing options include everything from waterfront estates along the St. Johns River and Doctors Lake to new developments inland. The town is home to a variety of shopping areas, fine dining and live entertainment. Residents also have close access to I-295 and NAS Jacksonville.

MIDDLEBURG

Located near Black Creek in central Clay County, **Middleburg** has rapidly grown into a charming suburb that still retains its country roots. Residents have many housing options, including single-family homes and apartments.

“Fleming Island was recently named the No. 4 best Florida suburb to buy a house, according to Niche.”

Penney Farms, photo courtesy of Explore Clay



River Road Orange Park, photo courtesy of Explore Clay

Homes in Green Cove Springs, photo by Annaleasa Winter





DUVAL COUNTY

From a bustling downtown to quiet suburbs, Duval County has an abundance of neighborhoods for everyone. Since the county is so vast (Jacksonville being the largest city by area in the contiguous U.S.), we divided it into four sections: Beaches, North, South and West.



Estimated Population:
1,043,160*



Area:
918 square miles

*Source: Office of Economic and Demographic Research

DUVAL-BEACHES

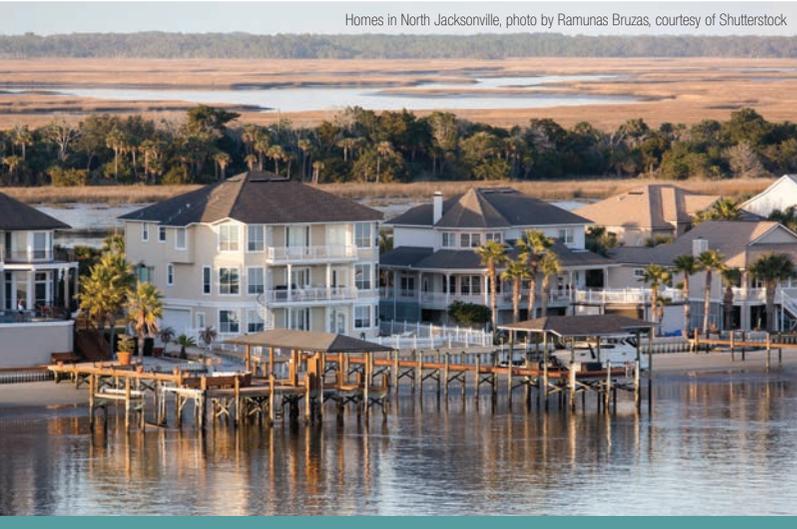
The Beaches area is a vibrant yet laid back community and popular spot for newcomers. It encompasses Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Mayport. **Atlantic Beach** is mainly a residential area filled with single-family homes. Residents here can take advantage of the numerous walking and biking trails, as well as community parks and many outdoor events throughout the year. **Neptune Beach** is the smallest beach community in Duval County, covering only 2.5 square miles. It has a tranquil feel with quiet subdivisions full of charming bungalows.

Jacksonville Beach is a vibrant community filled with trendy shops and restaurants as well as some of the best nightlife and entertainment the First Coast has to offer. Potential residents can choose from single-family homes, beachfront condos, apartments and more. Known for its delicious shrimp, the fishing village of **Mayport** is one of the oldest in the nation. Mayport is located just north of Atlantic Beach and has a variety of single-family homes and apartments. Many residents of Mayport are military personnel and civilians who work at Naval Station Mayport.



Jacksonville Beach, photo by Felix Mizionnikov, courtesy of Shutterstock

Homes in North Jacksonville, photo by Ramunas Bruzas, courtesy of Shutterstock



DUVAL-NORTH

ARLINGTON/FORT CAROLINE

First settled by Europeans in 1564, the **Arlington/Fort Caroline** area is rich in history. The area is bordered by the St. Johns River to the west and north, the Intracoastal Waterway to the east and finally Atlantic Boulevard to the south. The area offers single- and multi-family homes, condominiums, townhomes, waterfront properties and even homes in picturesque golf communities.

NORTHSIDE/OCEANWAY

The **Northside** consists of neighborhoods north of downtown Jacksonville as well as undeveloped land above the St. Johns River. This area offers quick access to the Jacksonville International Airport, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens and River City Marketplace—a bustling retail area with various stores and restaurants. **Oceanway** stretches from U.S. 1 to the Atlantic Ocean and then moves to the Duval/Nassau County line through the Trout River and St. Johns River. These neighborhoods offer townhomes, apartment complexes and many housing developments.



Jacksonville Beach, photo by CycleHere Media

Tidewater is a new community on Jacksonville’s Northside that offers homes surrounded by large oak trees and stunning water views. Homes here feature coastal, craftsman, vernacular and farmhouse architectural styles. Amenities include a basketball court, resort-style pool, playground and fitness center.

DUVAL-SOUTH

INTRACOASTAL WEST

The **Intracoastal West** neighborhood is located west of the Intracoastal Waterway and north of John Turner Butler Boulevard (JTB), along Kernan Boulevard. Choose from apartments, condominiums, subdivisions and retirement communities, all nestled along the Intracoastal. The area offers nearby shopping and restaurants, as well as access to the Intracoastal Waterway.

The master-planned community **Tamaya** is nestled between the city and the sea. It offers homes with Tuscan, Mediterranean and Spanish architectural styles. To learn more about Tamaya, please see page 17.

MANDARIN

Mandarin is a historic neighborhood located in the southern part of Jacksonville. Once the home of famous author Harriet Beecher Stowe, this area was named for the major crop of the area: Mandarin oranges. The two smaller neighborhoods of **Beauclerc** and **San Jose** border Mandarin. Beauclerc has a variety of brick and rambler homes with some two-story contemporary floorplans. San Jose has many homes built in the 1950s and 1960s, but also has some recent developments.

SAN MARCO

Just south of downtown Jacksonville’s Southbank lies the popular historic neighborhood of **San Marco**. This area has unique boutiques, coffee shops, restaurants, art galleries, trendy cocktail bars and breweries. In the center of San Marco is the beautiful tree-lined San Marco Square, home to the Three Lions Fountain sculpture. The neighborhood offers apartments, townhouses, small bungalows, riverfront mansions and condos.

“Jacksonville is the 4th fastest growing city in the country, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.”

SOUTHSIDE/BAYMEADOWS

Those looking for the largest variety of housing choices should consider the **Southside/Baymeadows** area, which has single-family homes, luxury apartments, condominiums, townhomes and gated communities. There are many options for shopping and dining, including the Avenues Mall, located in the heart of the area. There are also corporate office parks, retail centers and various residential communities.

Located near I-295 and Butler Boulevard, **Seven Pines** is a new master-planned community that spans 1,000 acres. For more information see page 18.

The master-planned community, **eTown**, is located off 9B in southern Duval County. This neighborhood offers single-family homes, townhomes, apartments and many retail spots. With a focus on eco-friendly living, eTown homes are designed with sustainability and

energy efficiency in mind. Recharge, the community's five-acre amenity center, includes a resort-style pool with zero entry, adjoining lap pool, high-tech fitness center with an outdoor yoga lawn, rooftop patio, playground, event lawn and a dog park. For those looking to catch some waves, eTown is planning to build a new surf park powered by wave-generating technology that is expected to open in late 2027.

From the developers of Nocatee and eTown, **EverRange** is a new master-planned community coming to southeast Duval County. For more information see page 18.

TOWN CENTER

The ever-expanding area around the St. Johns Town Center is home to many luxury apartments, townhomes and condominiums. Residents in this neighborhood are within walking distance to the best shopping Jacksonville has to offer. The area also has exciting entertainment

Memorial Park in Riverside, photo by Frame Craft 8, courtesy of Shutterstock



“**Jacksonville has been named one of the top 10 best cities for veterans by *Newsweek*.**”

and amazing restaurants. With the University of North Florida down the road, many college students choose to call this area home.

DUVAL-WEST

DOWNTOWN

Those looking for metropolitan living can find lofts, townhomes and riverfront condominiums in **Downtown**. Many loft apartments are found in renovated buildings dating back to the early 1920s. Residents living Downtown are within walking distance to several bars, nightclubs and restaurants. Downtown is also the epicenter for entertainment, business and culture on the First Coast, with public art, museums, festivals, concerts and sporting events.

RIVERSIDE/AVONDALE

The **Riverside/Avondale** neighborhoods are full of vibrant culture and historic charm. Strolling through the neighborhoods, residents will find a mix of restaurants, cafes, boutiques, antique shops, art galleries, nightclubs and bars. Many of the homes on the area's tree-lined streets have been restored to keep

original architecture. Riverside/Avondale has brick quadruplexes and duplexes as well as large historic homes and small bungalows.

SPRINGFIELD

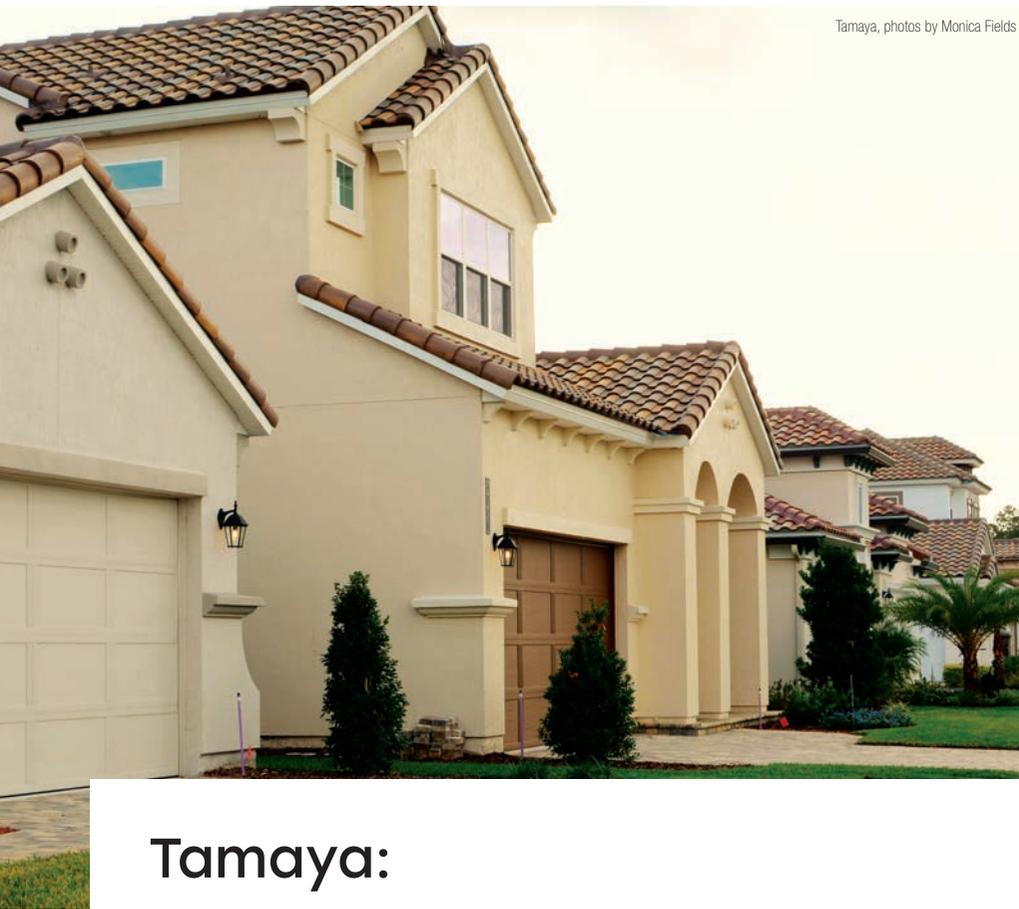
Founded in 1869, **Springfield** is the city's oldest neighborhood. This diverse community has been undergoing much revitalization, with many mansions and bungalows being restored to their former glory. The area has many locally owned stores, coffee shops, restaurants and public art.

WESTSIDE

Tudor-style homes, wooden framed houses and waterfront mansions can be found on Jacksonville's **Westside**. This area is made up of smaller communities including Baldwin, Maxville, Marietta, Whitehouse and Normandy. The historic Ortega neighborhood is south of Riverside and filled with historic homes, peaceful parks and ancient live oak trees. Many residents of the Westside are military personnel due to the proximity of Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

San Marco, photo by Kevin Winkler Photography, courtesy of Shutterstock





Tamaya: A Paradise Between the City and the Sea

Ideally located between the bustling city and the relaxing sea, Tamaya is a premier master-planned community from ICI Homes. You will find this gated community in Jacksonville's quaint Intracoastal neighborhood on Beach Boulevard nestled between Kernan and Hodges boulevards. Potential homebuyers can choose from lakefront or conservation homes.

The community offers everything newcomers and residents alike could ever want in a neighborhood. You'll find great shopping, restaurants, fine dining, entertainment and more right in your own backyard. It's a quick drive to Mayo Clinic, six miles from Jacksonville Beach and close to top-rated schools.

It is also close to highways such as JTB and I-295, making commuting a breeze.

Tamaya has many opportunities for residents to enjoy time outdoors. In addition to its lush landscaping, Tamaya offers walking and hiking paths, picturesque lakes and much more. Located nearby is the University of North Florida, which offers many walking paths and trails as well. Tamaya's 10,000-square-foot Resident's Club also gives residents a place to unwind and relax. Its cabana and lounge chairs make for the perfect spot

for get-togethers and parties. Residents can also enjoy two resort-style pools: an exquisite zero-entry pool and a competition-style pool with lap lanes.

The community also has a 5,000-square-foot fitness center equipped with treadmills, ellipticals and weight machines. The Har-Tru tennis courts, basketball court, playground and event lawn allow for endless activities. Additional amenities include a cigar club that boasts sculptured wooden ceiling beams, luxury seating, windows that provide a breathtaking view of the community and top-of-the-line furnishings.

Residents enjoy the ease of access to stores with the Tamaya Market right outside the neighborhood. The shopping center is home to Sprouts, an organic and health food grocery store, Shipley Do-Nuts, the DRIPBaR health spa, and Green Papaya Thai and Sushi. Tamaya Market also has a bank, a golf cart store, a bubble tea shop and plans to grow with more businesses in the future.

The homes available in Tamaya range from 1,800 to 4,000-plus square feet and begin in the upper \$500s. The community's builder, ICI Homes, brings the perfect combination of Tuscan, Mediterranean and Spanish architectural styles together for a unique, exclusive community. The Point at Tamaya is a luxury apartment complex offering spacious one-, two- and three-bedroom options. Grand Living at Tamaya is a senior living community that has independent living, assisted living and memory care.

Tamaya offers so much when looking to choose a new neighborhood. Whether you are looking for entertainment, shopping, a trip to the beach or excellent schools, Tamaya is the perfect place for you to call home. These custom-built homes and state-of-the-art amenities make Tamaya a great place to live on the First Coast.

When you discover Tamaya, you will see that this piece of paradise is a true gem nestled between the city and the sea.



Seven Pines: Closer to Nature

Built on the land of a former timber farm, Seven Pines is an idyllic community where residents can enjoy the beauty of nature. Spanning 1,000 acres, this peaceful haven is home to majestic trees, peaceful parks and glistening lakes.

The Seven Pines name derives from the seven Skinner sons who inherited their family's land. The Skinner family owned about 50,000 acres on the southside of Jacksonville, which they used for various purposes. Eventually the land became a place for family celebrations, hunting expeditions and simply spending time with one another. Seven Pines looks to continue that legacy of gathering with this new neighborhood. Many homes in Seven Pines feature front porches to foster neighborly connections. Here, neighbors can build a strong sense of community.



Seven Pines, photo by Monica Fields

Centrally located near I-295 and Butler Boulevard, Seven Pines allows easy access to major shopping centers, beaches, downtown Jacksonville and the airport. The community will offer 1,600 single-family homes, apartments and commercial and retail space once fully complete. Homes in Seven Pines are masterfully built by ICI Homes and David Weekley Homes. For those looking to rent, Woodside at Seven Pines offers luxury studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments and townhomes.

Residents have exclusive access to a 34-acre park with a beautiful lake. Residents are also able to use canoes and kayaks provided by the community. Outdoor lovers can enjoy walking and biking

trails circling the lake. Other amenities include a 7,900-square-foot clubhouse, fitness center, community pools, parks, playgrounds and more.

Seven Pines will soon be home to a village center, filled with shops, restaurants and even a farmer's market. The village center will also be home to exciting social gatherings such as concerts, happy hours and s'mores roasts over the fire pit.

Seven Pines has even been named one of the top five master-planned communities in the nation by the National Association of Home Builders, and it is no wonder why. When you live in Seven Pines there are endless opportunities to make memories and find adventure.



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EverRange: The Laid-back Lifestyle

EverRange is an upcoming master-planned community in southeast Duval County from the developers of Nocatee and eTown, PARC Group. Spanning roughly 1,000 acres, the master site plan shows approximately 1,500 residences, including more than 1,100 residential homes and almost 300 apartments. Nestled between Nocatee and eTown off of US 1/Philips Highway, the community will have a "charming rustic modern ambience."

Plans for The Grove at EverRange, the community's amenity center, include a welcome center, North House Pavilion, Lakeside Pavilion, family pool with lap lanes and a multipurpose lawn. Residents will also have access to a playground, eight pickleball courts with shelters, dog parks and a fishing pond. While future plans include EverRange's own town center, it will also be connected seamlessly to The Exchange at eTown, offering a world of shopping, dining and entertainment options.

Residents can enjoy the Old Florida charm of rustling palms and fragrant pines, with 50 percent of the property remaining untouched. A collection of parks will allow for child-friendly retreats, yoga sessions, picnics or simply unwinding among the local flora and fauna. For those who want to explore, the shaded nature trails will allow you to develop a deeper connection with the land. There will also be EV trails winding throughout the neighborhood, allowing a convenient and eco-conscious way to explore the beauty of EverRange.

With builders Toll Brothers and Dream Finders already announced, PARC Group anticipates neighborhoods to open in 2026.

At EverRange, you can trade the big city life for a "more laid-back suburban dream and an unhurried pace."



FLAGLER COUNTY

Nestled along Florida’s scenic northeast coast, Flagler County blends small-town charm with breathtaking natural beauty, making it one of the nation’s premier places to live. With miles of pristine, uncrowded beaches lined with coquina sand, residents enjoy a peaceful coastal lifestyle where sunrise strolls, fishing and boating are part of everyday life. Flagler County offers more than just beaches—it’s a community that values quality of life.



Estimated Population:
140,801*



Area:
571 square miles

*Source: Office of Economic and Demographic Research

Residents are drawn to the highly rated schools, abundance of parks, trails and recreational programs. Flagler County offers a relaxed pace and welcoming atmosphere, plus diverse housing options from oceanfront condos to golf course communities. Attractions like the historic charm of Flagler Beach, the scenic A1A Ocean Shore Highway, world-class golf and the lush natural preserves of Bulow Creek and Princess Place Reserve create endless opportunities for exploration and leisure.

PALM COAST

Palm Coast has the largest population in Flagler County and is one of Florida’s newest cities, just

incorporated in 1999. Palm Coast is a Florida paradise—situated on 70 miles of saltwater and freshwater canals and the Intracoastal Waterway and just minutes from breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean beaches. Quality of life is paramount in Palm Coast. The vibrant lifestyle and the natural environment go hand-in-hand here. The city offers a dozen beautiful parks, over 130 miles of connecting trails and paths for walking/bicycling, abundant fishing and boating, and excellent tennis and golf locations. Lined with historic oaks, towering pines and indigenous vegetation, Palm Coast’s parks and trails showcase the splendid elegance of the native Florida landscape.

Birdwatching is popular at St. Joe Walkway and Linear Park, which are designated as Great Florida Birding & Wildlife Trails, and visitors can spot

dolphins and seabirds as they stroll along the Intracoastal at Waterfront Park. Boating and fishing enthusiasts will enjoy freshwater and saltwater



Bings Landing



“Flagler County offers more than just beaches—it’s a community that values quality of life.”

options, and Bing’s Landing offers a boat launch and picnic facilities for visitors.

FLAGLER BEACH

Located between St. Augustine and Daytona Beach, **Flagler Beach** is known for its uncrowded beaches, retro style, and laid-back atmosphere. The area offers activities like surfing, fishing, hiking and exploring state parks such as Gamble Rogers Memorial State Recreation Area, which provides access to both the ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway. The A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway provides scenic access along the coast.

BUNNELL

Bunnell is the oldest city in Flagler County and is the county seat. The Cracker Day Rodeo in March and Fair and Youth Show in April bring visitors and locals back to the taste of early hometown life. Haw Creek Preserve offers a beautiful park for bird watching, boating, picnicking and hiking.



Gamble Rogers Park



European Village



C Section Canals

Home in Fernandina Beach, photo by Pipas Imagery, courtesy of Shutterstock



NASSAU COUNTY

Beautiful coastlines, top-rated schools and new neighborhood options in stunning communities are many of the reasons Nassau County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the nation. As the eastern gateway to Florida, the county is full of friendly neighbors, unique shops and various restaurants. The many neighborhoods here are close to beaches, meadows, rivers and farms, making this a great home for everyone.



Estimated
Population:
99,151*



Area:
726 square miles

*Source: Office of Economic and Demographic Research



Fairbanks House, photo courtesy of Ameliainland.com

AMELIA ISLAND/ FERNANDINA BEACH

Amelia Island is a popular vacation spot known for its golf courses, luxury resorts and stunning beaches. A quick 30-minute drive from Jacksonville, Amelia Island is the northernmost barrier island in Florida and is located on the Georgia border. This beautiful 13.5-mile island is rich in history with eight national flags having flown over the island, giving it the nickname of the Isle of Eight Flags.

Residents can enjoy easy living in many desirable neighborhoods and communities in **Fernandina Beach**, including a visit to the oldest saloon in Florida. Whether you are looking for a sprawling estate, cozy home or large piece of land, this city offers living options for all wants and needs.

Amelia National is a master-planned golf community in Fernandina Beach with luxury and resort-style amenities. Residents have access to an 18-hole Tom Fazio golf course as well as a state-of-the-art fitness center with spa, pool, a new lighted tennis court facility and a French provincial-style country club.

CALLAHAN

The rural town of **Callahan** is located in southwestern Nassau County. Those looking to relocate here will find multiple options, including spacious properties, single-family homes or a home in a subdivision. With numerous outdoor activities available for residents, many spend time hiking, fishing, biking or enjoying local golf courses.

HILLIARD

Hilliard is a quaint town in northwestern Nassau County known for its aviation, timber and agricultural industries. Housing options include single-family homes and apartments. Purchasing undeveloped land is also an option for those looking to build a custom home.

YULEE

The growing community of **Yulee** is west of Amelia Island and the Intracoastal Waterway in the largest unincorporated area of Nassau County. It consists primarily of residential options with planned communities, waterfront properties, apartments and condominiums.

“Amelia Island was voted the No. 2 best island by *Travel + Leisure Magazine*.”

Tucked away from the hustle and bustle of the big city, the community of **Wildlight** in Yulee is proud to embrace low country living. The neighborhood offers beautiful homes that have open interiors full of natural light and sprawling front porches. Wildlight has four neighborhoods to choose from: Del Webb Wildlight, Forest Park, Founder's Park and

Hawthorn Park. Those who wish to rent can choose from apartments in The Lofts and The Exchange or townhome and single-family home rentals in Hamlet Wildlight. The community has preserved half of its acreage for hiking, biking trails and parks. Amenities such as a community outdoor pool and events are available to residents.



Tributary: Life on the Water

Opened in 2020, Tributary is one of the First Coast's newest master-planned communities. Developed by GreenPointe Holdings, LLC, the 1,550-acre neighborhood offers approximately 3,200 single-family homes, townhomes and multi-family units. Built by David Weekley Homes, DreamFinders Homes, Lennar and Richmond American Homes, homes at Tributary are priced from the \$300s. Located just two exits north of the Jacksonville International Airport and River City Marketplace and just west of the historic town of Fernandina and the white sand beaches of Amelia Island, this Community Development District offers convenient access to shopping, dining and entertainment.

Residents can take advantage of The Lookout, Tributary's lakefront amenity center featuring a 5,400-square-foot resort-style pool and sundeck, state-of-the-art fitness center, Adventure Zone tot-lot, pickleball courts and various entertainment areas. Your furry friends can enjoy the Pawsome Dog Park, designed just for them. The dedicated lifestyle director can help with family events, food trucks, yoga classes, outdoor activities and more.

Enjoy a naturally inspired lifestyle amongst the natural waterways and majestic evergreen forests in a setting where outdoor enjoyment takes priority. The new 40-acre Tributary Regional Park, just steps from Tributary, provides a variety

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of ways to enjoy the outdoors, including baseball and multipurpose recreational fields, a children's playground and plenty of green spaces. The Landing at Boggy Creek leads to the Nassau River and ultimately the Atlantic Ocean for

a variety of boating, kayaking and fishing opportunities. With miles of trails connecting the community, green spaces and pocket parks, this community preserves the land's heritage while embracing the future.



ST. JOHNS COUNTY

With a rich history and many diverse communities, St. Johns County is one of the two original counties first established in the state. The area has developed greatly over the years with many people moving to the area due to the excellent schools, gorgeous beaches, golf courses and shopping.



Estimated Population:
304,567*



Area:
822 square miles

*Source: Office of Economic and Demographic Research

NORTHERN ST. JOHNS

St. Johns County is known for the new neighborhoods and developments that are popping up. The area's top-ranked schools and growing businesses continue to attract newcomers. Both **Switzerland** and **Fruit Cove** are located east

of the St. Johns River and south of Mandarin. This area is perfect for those wishing to enjoy a country setting with the convenience of having amenities around the corner. There are a variety of parks, historical sites and trails for both hiking and biking in the area. **Julington Creek**

has many residential communities with luxury estates, single-family homes, townhouses and condominiums.

Nocatee is a premier master-planned community in northern St. Johns County. For an in-depth description of everything the community has to offer, see page 25.

The **Durbin Crossing** community is full of sprawling residential homes and covers more than 2,000 acres. The schools are A-rated, and some of the best parks and golf courses are nearby. Residents can take advantage of the neighborhood's two amenity centers, enjoy hiking at nature preserves and other various activities.

The master-planned community of **SilverLeaf** is located between County Road 210 and State Road 16. Comprised of 11,000 acres, the

community is zoned for more than 16,300 homes and 2.9 million square feet of mixed-use and commercial space. **SilverLeaf** is made up of several neighborhoods in a wide range of sizes, price points and styles for both individuals and families. Amenities in the area include dog parks, tennis and pickleball courts, pools and more than 4,350 acres of conservation land.

The master-planned community **Shearwater** is located in the heart northern St. Johns County. Residents here can take advantage of the community's nature trails, kayak launch, resort-style lagoon, a lazy river, tennis courts and an exclusive fitness center.

RiverTown is a quaint waterfront community along the St. Johns River that is made up of several unique



Homes in St. Johns, photo by Picas Imagery, courtesy of Shutterstock

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neighborhoods, including one for residents 55 and over. A variety of amenities are available, including a boardwalk, waterfront dining, a playground, waterfront amphitheater, kayak launch and riverfront hiking trails.

Set around an expansive 43-acre lake, the **Beacon Lake** community offers numerous high-end amenities, homes with coastal-inspired architecture and proximity to top-rated public schools. Once fully complete, Beacon Lake will have 1,280 single-family homes and 196 townhomes on 630 acres, 358 acres of which are allocated for a nature preserve.

Beachwalk in northern St. Johns County gives its residents the resort lifestyle with many top-of-the-line amenities and architecture inspired by the West Indies. Residents can enjoy swimming, paddleboarding, kayaking, fishing and more at the community's 14-acre crystal lagoon complete with a white sandy beach. Additional Beachwalk amenities include a 24-hour fitness center, dog splash park, swim-up bar, beach club, dining, putting course and tennis courts.

A new master-planned community has begun construction in northwest St. Johns. **The Landings at Saint Johns** will offer stunning single-family homes and extraordinary amenities. Expected to open this year, the community will have 761 home sites for an active adult community and 588 home sites for residents of all ages. More than 50 acres of The Landings has been set aside for preservation and 15 acres for parks.

PONTE VEDRA BEACH

Ponte Vedra Beach is located in the northeast corner of St. Johns County between the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean. This gorgeous area has a wide variety of neighborhoods and homes to

Home in Ponte Vedra Beach, photo by Pipas Imagery, courtesy of Shutterstock



Aviles Street in St. Augustine, photo by Kelly Rizzo

choose from, including oceanfront estates, exclusive neighborhoods, condominiums and apartments. The area is also home to many upscale restaurants and shopping. Some of the best golf courses in the nation are in Ponte Vedra Beach, including TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course where THE PLAYERS Championship is held every year.

ST. AUGUSTINE

The city of **St. Augustine** was founded in 1565 and is full of rich history. Residents can explore different historic sites like the Castillo De San Marcos National Monument, the Lightner Museum, the Old Jail, and St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum. St. Augustine has planned communities, oceanfront homes, historic homes, condominiums and apartments to choose from.

TrailMark is a tranquil master-planned community in St. Augustine offering single-family homes with a variety of spacious floor plans. Perfect for outdoor lovers, residents can take advantage of the community's lakeside pavilion, resort-style swimming pool, natural oak hammocks and upscale amenities.

ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH

Known for its beautiful beaches and ocean views, **St. Augustine Beach** has many living options for those who



St. Augustine, photo courtesy of Unsplash

love the coastal lifestyle. Residents can peruse the white beaches or enjoy the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail at Anastasia State Park. There are many residential communities, townhouses and condominium options in this area.

VILANO BEACH

Northeast of St. Augustine is the pleasant seaside community of **Vilano Beach**. This residential community is nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and Tolomato River and offers many activities including fishing, beachcombing and birdwatching.

“St. Johns has been named the No. 1 Best County for Florida Families, according to Niche.”

The Communities of Nocatee

Nocatee is an award-winning community nestled between Jacksonville and St. Augustine in Ponte Vedra. It has many village-like neighborhoods that include condominiums, townhouses, luxury estate homes, single-family homes and neighborhoods for residents 55 and older. The community is minutes from gorgeous beaches, golf courses, restaurants, shopping and some of the top-rated schools in the state.



Splash Water Park



Woodland Park at Nocatee

Woodland Park at Nocatee is an intimate neighborhood located on Palm Valley Road, directly west of the Austin Park neighborhood. It features 65 townhomes by Providence Homes that range from approximately 1,421 to 1,884 square feet and start from the low \$400s. Woodland Park residents also have access to Nocatee's wide range of amenities.



Del Webb Nocatee

As the first community in the nation to release 12 Next Gen floorplans ranging from 1,529 to 3,361 square

feet and larger, Del Webb Nocatee offers a variety of coastal, craftsman style and traditional villas and homes from the mid \$400s. With multiple entertainment options, this 55-plus adult community is perfect for those who are ready to have fun. The onsite Lifestyle Director is available for event planning, clubs and classes for all Del Webb residents. Residents also have access to a fitness center, pickleball and tennis courts, and a swimming pool with lap lanes.



Crosswinds at Nocatee

Crosswinds at Nocatee is one of the final opportunities to purchase a newly constructed home in a Nocatee neighborhood. It offers multi-generational living through single-family homes and villas. Villas by David Weekley Homes and Toll Brothers start from the high \$400s and range from approximately 1,635 to 2,450 square feet. Single-family

homes by David Weekley Homes, Providence Homes, and Riverside Homes start from the high \$400s and range from approximately 1,690 to 2,550 square feet. Crosswinds is located at the northeast intersection of Pine Island Road and Crosswater Parkway. Homes are within walking distance from Pine Island Academy, the new K-8 St. Johns County school.



West End at Town Center

Located just a short walk from Nocatee's shops, restaurants and Splash Water Park is West End at Town Center. The townhome and villa community provides multi-generational living with a perfect blend of modern convenience and a sense of community. Townhomes by ICI Homes start from the high \$400s and range from approximately 1,635 to 1,877 square feet of living space. West End also offers one- and

two-story villas by Dostie Homes and Toll Brothers that start from the mid \$500s and range between 1,786 to 2,450 square feet.



Seabrook Village

Seabrook Village offers a variety of floorplans that range from 1,570 to 2,900 square feet and start in the low \$500s. Builders include David Weekley Homes, Dostie Homes, ICI Homes, Providence Homes, Toll Brothers and Riverside Homes. The second phase of Seabrook Village includes 207 homesites. Seabrook Village is surrounded by Seabrook Park, a new amenity center that includes a pool, dog park and playground.

The Communities of Nocatee



Reflections at Seabrook

Reflections at Seabrook is the final Nocatee neighborhood with approximately 214 homesites and offers a variety of floorplans ranging from 1,570 to 3,296 square feet. New homes by David Weekley Homes, Dostie Homes, ICI Homes, Providence Homes, Riverside Homes and Toll Brothers start from the low \$500s. Reflections at Seabrook is home to Reflections Park and close to Seabrook Park, a new amenity center featuring a pool, dog park and playground.



Palm Crest at Seabrook

Palm Crest at Seabrook features 100 homesites in the heart of the Seabrook Village neighborhood. Homes by Dostie Homes range from 2,616 to 3,145 square feet and start at \$1 million. Palm Crest is within walking distance from the newest Nocatee amenity center, Seabrook Park. The park features a pool, dog park and playground.



Coral Ridge at Seabrook

Coral Ridge at Seabrook in the Seabrook collection of communities at Nocatee features approximately 182 estate-sized homes by David Weekley Homes and ICI Homes. Homes range from 2,813 to 4,800 square feet and start at \$1.1 million.

Coral Ridge at Seabrook is a short golf cart or bike ride away from all the amenities at the new Seabrook Park.



River Landing at Twenty Mile

River Landing is an exclusive, picturesque neighborhood nestled within the Twenty Mile community alongside the scenic Intracoastal Waterway. This neighborhood gives residents the opportunity to design and build their custom luxury dream home on a preserve site. Preserve homesites start from the mid \$500s, with total homesite and home packages valuing \$1.8 million and up.



The Reserve

The Reserve is a luxury apartment community with one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments with top-of-the-line amenities. The clubhouse has fitness facilities, a beach entry pool and a dog park. Individual apartments come with stainless steel appliances, granite countertops and contemporary cabinetry complete with USB ports in the kitchen island.

Atwater

Atwater is an upscale apartment community located minutes from Ponte Vedra's gorgeous beaches. With one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments as well as resort-style amenities, this community gives luxury and comfort to all residents. The wellness program and on-site management services provide maintenance-free living. With little stress, it is easy to enjoy the

neighborhood with features such as the fitness club, swim club, community events and more.



Bainbridge Ponte Vedra

Bainbridge Ponte Vedra at Nocatee is a luxury apartment community just 30 minutes south of Jacksonville and 45 minutes north of historic St. Augustine. Bainbridge offers one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments that feature high-end apartment finishes such as luxury plank style flooring, elegant kitchens with white shaker cabinets, quartz countertops, designer pendant lighting and more. Residents also have access to numerous amenities including a club-level fitness center, a heated resort-style pool and community garden, as well as private individual and group offices for remote work.



Cadence at Nocatee

Cadence at Nocatee is a 291-unit apartment community that delivers hospitality-level service to residents through onsite concierge services, event programming and resort-style amenities. Residents have access to a luxurious zero-entry pool, an outdoor social kitchen, pet spa, large clubhouse, business center, library and over 1,500 square feet of fitness space, including a yoga studio and weight training equipment. The community also features a variety of green spaces, including a fitness and outdoor movie lawn, outdoor game area for ping pong and cornhole and a dog park. Each apartment features nine-foot ceilings, vinyl plank flooring, carpet in bedrooms and closets, granite countertops in the kitchen

and bathrooms and stainless-steel appliances.



Starling at Nocatee

For seniors looking for an energetic lifestyle, Starling at Nocatee is the perfect place to call home. Offering independent living, assisted living and memory care, this resort-style community allows for personalized care for each resident. The community is close to Nocatee's Town Center with ample shops and restaurants.

Rise at Nocatee

Rise at Nocatee is a 55-plus active adult community where residents enjoy a catered living experience. The apartment complex offers one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments outfitted with high-end amenities and features. This social, independent and friendly community has amenities geared towards the active adult lifestyle, including a resort-style pool, fitness center and resident lounge.

Fleet Landing at Nocatee

Fleet Landing is bringing a new resort-style retirement community to Nocatee that will offer exceptional amenities and elegant surroundings, all within one of the most well-designed communities in the country. Dining, fitness and social gatherings will all be within strolling distance, and residents will be a quick bike or golf cart ride away from all the shops and attractions of Nocatee. As Nocatee's newest community, Fleet Landing at Nocatee will feature independent living apartments and homes of varying sizes, making it possible for more people to enjoy luxury living and excellent on-site health services. Fleet Landing at Nocatee is currently in its early stages and construction timeline has not yet been finalized.

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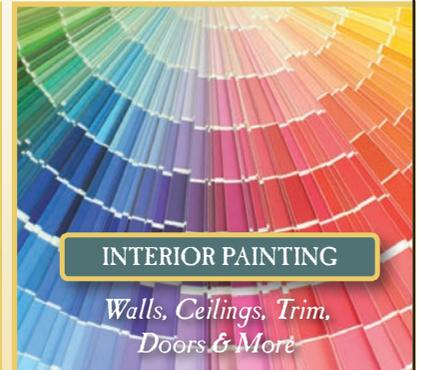


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Good-to-Know Info

While exploring a new place to live is exciting and fun, relocating also comes with a lot of state-specific regulations to be navigated. If you're not only new to the First Coast but the state of Florida as well, check out this list of good-to-know information for car and homeowners.

Car Insurance

The mandatory minimum coverage for a registered motor vehicle is a \$10,000 personal injury protection (PIP) policy and a \$10,000 property damage liability (PDL) policy. The minimum coverage applies to all vehicles registered in the state of Florida, even if the vehicle is inoperable. Visit www.flhsmv.gov/insurance for any further info.

Driver's License and Motor Vehicles

Within 10 days of becoming employed, placing a child in public school or establishing residency in Florida, vehicles registered out of state are required to be registered in Florida and have a Florida license plate, a registration certificate and a registration decal. You must apply for a Florida driver's license within 30 days of establishing residency in Florida to avoid fines and penalties. Visit www.flhsmv.gov for more info.

Property Taxes and Homestead Exemption

On the First Coast, property taxes are due in March and are considered delinquent as of April 1. Discounts are given for property taxes paid in advance. The maximum discount offered is 4 percent and applies to taxes paid in November. Late taxes are subject to penalty. Legal Florida residents who own and reside on property are eligible for a homestead exemption up to \$50,000. The first \$25,000 applies to all property taxes, including school district taxes. The additional exemption up to \$25,000 applies to the assessed value between \$50,000 and \$75,000 and only to non-school taxes. Florida's Amendment 5 gives homeowners a tax break by adjusting part of your homestead exemption according to inflation.

To be eligible, you must own and occupy your home as your permanent residence on January 1. The deadline to file is March 1. To apply for the exemption, go to your local Property Appraiser's office. See our list of tax collector's offices on this page.

Termite Protection

First Coast homeowners need to be aware of the potential damage caused by termites, which are common throughout the state of Florida. Since your homeowner's insurance does not cover damage caused by termites, hiring a licensed pest control company to inspect and treat your home is recommended. To receive proper treatment, it's important to properly identify the type of termite that could possibly be infesting your home.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) regulates and licenses Florida's pest control industry. FDACS is authorized by law to conduct investigations to determine if any documented violations of the Florida Structural Pest Control Act (Chapter 482, Florida Statutes) or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act have occurred. For more information, visit www.fdacs.gov/Consumer-Resources/Health-and-Safety/Protect-Your-Home-from-Pests.



Volunteer Opportunities

The First Coast is also home to several chapters of prominent service clubs and organizations such as Kiwanis International, Lions Club International, Knights of Columbus, Rotary Club and the Junior League of Jacksonville. Hospitals and clinics such as UF Health, Mayo Clinic, Baptist Health, Nemours and Wolfson also welcome volunteers. Below are some resources to help you find a volunteer opportunity near you. Also see our list of animal shelters on page 33.

AARP

<https://local.aarp.org/jacksonville-fl/volunteering>

American Red Cross
North Florida Region

www.redcross.org/local/florida/north-florida/volunteer.html

Catholic Charities Jacksonville
www.ccbjax.org

Nonprofit Center of
Northeast Florida
www.nonprofitctr.org

United Way of Northeast Florida
www.unitedwaynefl.org

Volunteer Florida
www.volunteerflorida.org

Volunteer Match
www.volunteermatch.org



Fleming Island Public Library photo by Dana Ferguson

First Coast Libraries

Our area libraries are not only a great resource for books, but many offer programs, children's activities, book festivals and a wide variety of enriching classes. Libraries are also a great place to volunteer!

Baker County

Emily Taber Public Library
www.newriverlibrary.org/etpl

Clay County

Clay County Public Library
www.claycountygov.com/community/library

Duval County/City of Jacksonville

Jacksonville Public Library
www.jaxpubliclibrary.org

Flagler County

Flagler County Public Library
www.flaglerlibrary.org

Nassau County

Nassau County Public Library
www.nassaureads.com

St. Johns County

St. Johns County Public
Library System
www.sjcpls.org

First Coast Tax Collector's Offices

Baker County

32 N. 5th St., Macclenny
www.bakertaxcollector.com

Clay County

477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs
www.claycountytax.com

Duval County

231 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville
<https://taxcollector.coj.net>

Flagler County

1769 E. Moody Blvd., Bldg. 2,
Ste. 102, Bunnell
www.flaglertax.gov

Nassau County

86130 License Rd.,
Fernandina Beach
www.nassautaxes.com

St. Johns County

4030 Lewis Speedway,
St. Augustine
www.sjctax.us

The First Coast by Numbers



Median Household Income

BAKER COUNTY
Poverty Rate **12.8%**
\$67,872

CLAY COUNTY
Poverty Rate **8.8%**
\$82,242

DUVAL COUNTY
Poverty Rate **13.9%**
\$65,579

FLAGLER COUNTY
Poverty Rate **9.42%**
\$72,923

NASSAU COUNTY
Poverty Rate **6.8%**
\$84,085

ST. JOHNS COUNTY
Poverty Rate **5.9%**
\$100,020



Total Employment

and percentage of Persons Age 25+ With a Bachelor's Degree or Higher

BAKER COUNTY
6,156
14.1%

CLAY COUNTY
45,941
27.6%

DUVAL COUNTY
495,479
32.2%

FLAGLER COUNTY
49,815
30.4%

NASSAU COUNTY
21,488
32%

ST. JOHNS COUNTY
77,518
47.4%



Estimated Population

BAKER COUNTY
Median Age **37.7**
28,368
Male: 51.3% Female: 48.7%

CLAY COUNTY
Median Age **39.9**
232,439
Male: 49.4% Female: 50.6%

DUVAL COUNTY
Median Age **36.6**
1,030,822
Male: 48.5% Female: 51.5%

FLAGLER COUNTY
Median Age **52.6**
121,710
Male: 48.4% Female: 51.6%

NASSAU COUNTY
Median Age **46.3**
101,501
Male: 49.4% Female: 50.6%

ST. JOHNS COUNTY
Median Age **44**
320,110
Male: 49.1% Female: 50.9%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts - <https://datausa.io> - www.rockethomes.com/real-estate-trends

Looking for Your Spiritual Home?

To help you find a religious community in your new hometown, we've compiled the following list of main organizations for several different religions and denominations on the First Coast. Visit their website to find a place of worship that is the right fit for you.

11th Episcopal District of the AME Church
www.ame11th.org

Bahá'í Community Center of Jacksonville
www.jaxbahai.org

Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church
www.bbuc.org

Diocese of St. Augustine
www.dosaf.com

Episcopal Diocese of Florida, The
www.diocesefl.org

Florida Baptist Convention
www.flbaptist.org

Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church, The
www.flumc.org

Florida Jacksonville Mission of the Mormon Church
www.mymission.com/lds-missions/florida-jacksonville-mission

Hindu Society of North East Florida
www.hsnef.org

Islamic Center of Northeast Florida
www.icnef.org

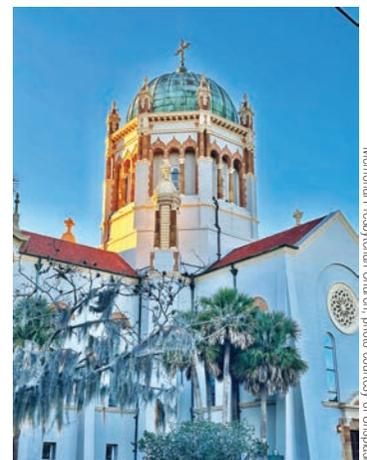
Jacksonville Quaker Worship Group at the Beach
www.jacksonvillefriends.org

Jewish Federation & Foundation of Northeast Florida
www.jewishjacksonville.org

Karma Thegsum Chöling Jacksonville
www.ktcjax.org

Maitreya Kadampa Buddhist Center
www.meditationinjacksonville.org

Presbytery of St. Augustine
www.staugpres.org



Memorial Presbyterian Church, photo courtesy of Unspast

Driving Stats

Downtown Jacksonville, photo by Koscif, courtesy of Shutterstock



Miles from Downtown Jacksonville to Other Major Florida Cities

- Daytona Beach - 89
- Fort Lauderdale - 326
- Fort Myers - 299
- Gainesville - 72
- Key West - 503
- Miami - 344
- Naples - 334
- Orlando - 141
- Pensacola - 359
- Sarasota - 253
- St. Petersburg - 223
- Tallahassee - 164
- Tampa - 201
- West Palm Beach - 284

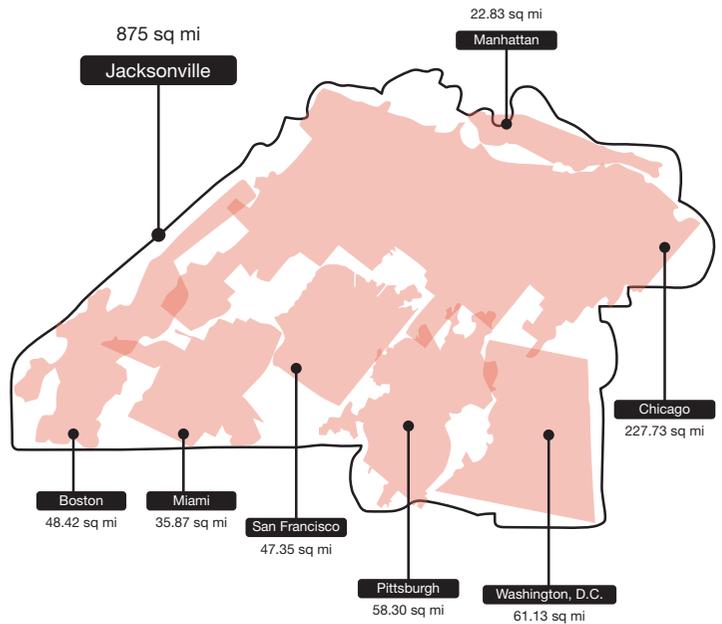
Commute Times to Downtown Jacksonville in Minutes

- Amelia Island - 41-45
- Arlington - 11-15
- Atlantic Beach/Jacksonville Beach - 36-40
- Baymeadows - 21-25
- Callahan - 31-35
- Fernandina Beach - 36-40
- Fleming Island - 36-40
- Green Cove Springs - 56-60
- Intracoastal - 26-35
- Julington Creek/Fruit Cove - 41-45
- Macclenny - 41-45
- Mandarin - 31-35
- Mayport - 46-50
- Middleburg - 41-45
- Orange Park - 41-45
- Ponte Vedra Beach - 36-45
- Riverside - 6-10
- San Marco - 6-10
- Southside - 16-20
- St. Augustine - 31-50
- World Golf Village - 36-40
- Yulee - 41-45

Miles from Downtown Jacksonville to Other Major Cities in the Southeast

- Atlanta, GA - 346
- Baltimore, MD - 744
- Birmingham, AL - 492
- Charleston, SC - 239
- Charlotte, NC - 385
- Louisville, KY - 766
- Memphis, TN - 730
- Nashville, TN - 595
- New Orleans, LA - 547
- Richmond, VA - 599
- Savannah, GA - 139
- Washington, D.C. - 706

How many major U.S. cities can you fit in Jacksonville?



Downtown Jacksonville, photo by Monica Fields



Playing Ruff

It's time to hit the beach to spend some time with your new furry friend! Check out one of the First Coast's local dog parks and pet-friendly beaches.

Dog Parks

Atlantic Beach Dog Park

Atlantic Beach
www.coab.us/463/Atlantic-Beach-Dog-Park

Davis Park

Ponte Vedra Beach
www.sjcfll.us/parks_trails/davis-park

Deleon Shores Park

Ponte Vedra
www.sjcfll.us/parks_trails/deleon-shores-park

Ed Austin Regional Dog Park

Arlington
www.jacksonville.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation

Joe Pomar Park

St. Augustine
www.sjcfll.us/parks_trails/joe-pomar-park

John Gorrie Dog Park at Riverside Park

Riverside
<https://riversideavondale.org/john-gorrie-dog-park>

Leonard Abess Park

Arlington
www.jacksonville.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation

Nocatee Community Park

Ponte Vedra
www.sjcfll.us/parks_trails/nocatee-community-park

Oceanway Park

Oceanway
www.jacksonville.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation

Orange Park Dog Park

Orange Park
www.townoforangepark.com/p/residents/parks/dog-park

Poochie's Park

Orange Park
<https://poochiespark.com/>

Ron Parker Park

St. Augustine
www.sjcfll.us/parks_trails/ron-parker-park

Springfield Park Dog Park

Springfield
www.jacksonville.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation



Orange Park Dog Park, photo by Diana Ferguson

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park

Westside
www.jacksonville.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation

Treaty Park

St. Augustine
www.sjcfll.us/parks_trails/treaty-park

Veterans Park Dog Park

St. Johns
www.sjcfll.us/parks_trails/veterans-park

Pet-Friendly Beaches

American Beach

Must be leashed

Atlantic Beach

Must be leashed unless both pet and owner are in the water

Crescent Beach

Must be leashed

Fernandina Beach

Must be leashed

Jacksonville Beach

Must be leashed
April 1 to Sept. 30 - dogs not permitted between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Oct. 1 to March 31 - dogs permitted any time

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

Must be leashed
Permitted in designated areas

Mayport Beach

Must be leashed
Dogs permitted daily until dusk

Mickler's Beachfront Park

Must be leashed

Neptune Beach

Must be leashed
Dogs permitted between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round

Peters Point Beachfront Park

Must be leashed

Ponte Vedra Beach

Must be leashed

St. Augustine Beach

Must be leashed

Usina Beach

Must be leashed

Vilano Beach

Must be leashed

Animal Shelters

Animal Care and Protective Services

www.jacksonville.gov/departments/neighborhoods/animal-care-protective-services

Ayla's Acres No-Kill Animal Rescue

www.aylasacres.org

Baker County Animal Control

www.bakercountyfl.org/animals.php

Clay County Animal Services

www.claycountygov.com/community/animal-services/adoption

Clay County Humane Society

www.clayhumane.org

Froggy's Cat Rescue

www.froggyscatrescue.com

Jacksonville Humane Society

www.jaxhumane.org

Nassau County Animal Services

www.nassaucountyfl.com/845/Animal-Services

Nassau Humane Society

www.nassauhumane.org

S.A.F.E. Pet Rescue, Inc.

www.safe-pet-rescue-fl.com

St. Augustine Humane Society

www.staughumane.org

St. Johns County Animal Control

www.sjcfll.us/departments/animal-control

Wags & Whiskers Pet Rescue, Inc.

www.wwpetrescue.org

Pet Adoption Locations and Events

The First Coast is a great place to find the perfect pet! With pet adoption events, local shelters and veterinary services throughout the area, you're bound to find your new furry best friend!

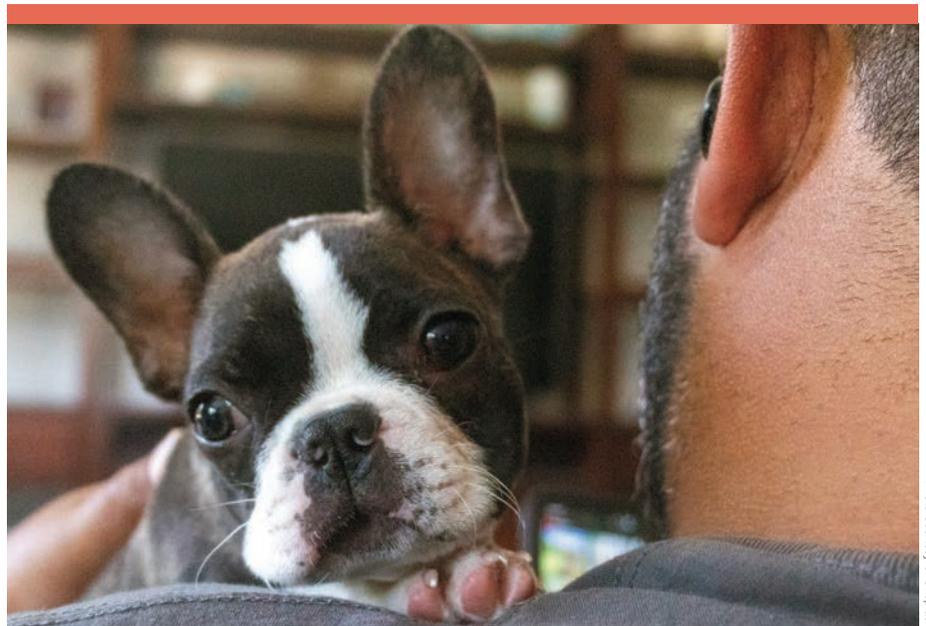


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Wildlife Rehabilitation Programs

Local wildlife is an important part of our area, especially with the abundance of parks and preserves on the First Coast. For those seeking a unique opportunity, consider volunteering at a wildlife rehabilitation center to help native wildlife such as opossums, squirrels, raccoons and foxes. There are several places on the First Coast where people can volunteer and even foster orphaned and injured wildlife. Remember not to interact with wildlife without guidance from a local wildlife rehabilitation center. These rehabilitations are run by licensed professionals who have extensive experience handling wildlife.

Ark Wildlife Care and Sanctuary, Inc., The

www.thearkwildlifecareandsanctuary.com

Ark Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, Inc., The

www.thearkrescue.org

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

<https://myfwc.com/get-involved/volunteer/regional-programs/ne-region>

Sea Turtle Hospital at Whitney Laboratory

www.whitney.ufl.edu/conservation--sea-turtle-hospital

Wildlife Rescue Coalition of Northeast Florida

www.wildlifecoalition.com

Photo courtesy of Unsplash



Adoption Events

First Coast No More Homeless Pets

MEGA Adoption Event

Three times a year

www.fcnmhp.org

Petco Love Statewide

Mega Adoption Event

www.megaadoptflorida.com

PetSmart Charities National

Adoption Week

www.petsmartcharities.org/adopt-a-pet/adoption-events

Many shelters are full and are looking for fosters. This is a great way to test out the waters and provide temporary care for pets in need while they wait to be placed in their forever home.

Grab Your Sunglasses!

First Coast Weather

The First Coast is home to beautiful weather where residents can enjoy blue skies and beach days almost all year long. With this picture-perfect weather from November until April, residents may still need to grab an umbrella with some rain showers appearing during the summer. The winters are mild with temperatures ranging from the mid-40s to the mid-60s. Some early risers may find a sprinkling of frost on the ground during the winter. Summer rays illuminate over Florida, offering temperatures that range from the mid-70s in the evenings to mid-to-high 90s in the daytime. Nevertheless, rain or sunshine, there is always something fun to do here on the First Coast!



Sunny day in Jacksonville Beach, photo by Naya Dadara, courtesy of Shutterstock

Suit Up! Ways to Cool Down This Summer

- The First Coast’s 60-plus miles of beaches and waterways include 50 public boat ramps.
- There are more than 30 public pools located throughout the First Coast, including the Cecil Aquatic Center.
- Kayak on the St. Johns River, at Hanna Park or on Amelia Island.
- Visit splash parks at Sunshine Playground, Hanna Park, Wiley Road Playground, Losco Regional Park, Abess Park, the Jacksonville Zoo, the St. Johns County Pier and many more.

Rain, Rain, Go Away!

- Bounce the day away at an indoor trampoline park. Check out our list on page 104.
- Shop for the latest trends at our indoor malls, including the Avenues Mall and Orange Park Mall.
- With 40 libraries throughout the First Coast, check out some books from your local branch.
- Visit museums like the Museum of Science & History, Museum of Contemporary Art and the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens.

AVERAGE HIGH/LOW TEMPERATURE

MONTH	HIGH	LOW
January	63.5°F	47.8°F
February	67.5°F	51.4°F
March	73.2°F	55.6°F
April	80.1°F	62.4°F
May	85.5°F	68.0°F
June	90.1°F	73.9°F
July	91.4°F	75.4°F
August	90.4°F	74.2°F
September	86.9°F	73.8°F
October	80.8°F	62.8°F
November	72.0°F	51.5°F
December	67.5°F	46.7°F

AVERAGE RAINFALL BY INCHES

MONTH	INCHES
January	2.3
February	2.7
March	2.9
April	3.0
May	4.2
June	6.1
July	6.7
August	7.1
September	6.4
October	2.7
November	2.1
December	2.5

Education

BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT



www.bakerk12.org
904-259-6251
270 South Blvd. E., Macclenny
Superintendent Wyatt Milton
904-259-0401
john.milton@bakerk12.org

Baker County prides itself on “building champions inside and outside of the classroom.” The school district consists of 10 schools. The district’s students compete in many academic and athletic competitions statewide, nationwide and even internationally. Baker County also has the Baker County Adult Education Center, which provides those looking to further their education with working skills ranging from Phlebotomy training to CNA training.

CLAY COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOLS



www.oneclay.net
904-336-6500
900 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs
Superintendent David Broskie
904-284-6510
david.broskie@myoneclay.net

Clay County Schools have an important vision to prepare lifelong learners for success in a global and competitive workplace and in acquiring applicable life skills.

DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



<https://dcps.duvalschools.org>
904-390-2000
1701 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville
Superintendent Dr. Christopher Bernier
904-390-2115
bernierc@duvalschools.org

Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) is the sixth biggest school district in Florida. The district offers Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP) courses and dual enrollment courses.

FLAGLER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT



www.flaglerschools.com
386-437-7526
1769 E. Moody Blvd., Bldg. 2, Bunnell
Superintendent LaShakia Moore
386-586-2644
moorel@flaglerschools.com

Flagler County Public Schools enroll approximately 13,000 students. Flagler Schools is a model for other districts in Florida and has been recognized for its technology-infused learning spaces and innovative student programs, and its mission is to ensure educational success through high expectations and innovative thinking in a safe learning environment to empower students to reach their full potential as responsible, ethical and productive citizens in a diverse and changing world.

NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT



www.nassau.k12.fl.us
904-491-9900
1201 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach
Superintendent Dr. Kathy Burns
904-491-9902
burnska@nassau.k12.fl.us

The Nassau County School District aims to help build a strong educational foundation throughout each child’s educational career.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT



www.stjohns.k12.fl.us
904-547-7500
40 Orange St., St. Augustine
Superintendent Tim Forson
904-547-7502
tim.forson@stjohns.k12.fl.us

The district is part of the CHARACTER COUNTS! effort, which works to instill positive character traits in their students, including trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.



Private Schools

County	Name	Phone	Website
BAKER	Atrium School	561-247-5726	www.atriumschool.org
BAKER	Black Hawks Institute of Higher Education	307-622-9431	www.facebook.com/bhohw/
BAKER	ELA Academy	904-282-3522	www.elaaschool.org
BAKER	Faith Baptist Academy	904-259-3230	www.facebook.com/FaithBaptistAcademyPatriots/
CLAY	Annunciation Catholic School	904-282-0504	www.annunciationcatholic.org
CLAY	Atrium School	561-247-5726	www.atriumschool.org
CLAY	Berean Christian Academy	904-773-8404	www.bccanes.org
CLAY	Black Creek Christian School	904-282-4033	https://blackcreekonline.com/black-creek-christian-school.html
CLAY	Black Hawks Institute of Higher Education	307-622-9431	www.facebook.com/bhohw/
CLAY	Calvary Christian Academy	904-282-2068	www.calvarycares.net/calvary-christian-academy
CLAY	Centerpoint Christian Academy	904-291-1875	www.centerpointchristianacademy.weebly.com
CLAY	Christian Home Academy	904-276-3339	www.christianhomeacademy.info
CLAY	Citizens High School	800-736-4723	www.citizenshighschool.com
CLAY	Differentiated Learning Center	904-637-1400	www.dlcprivateschool.com
CLAY	E.V. Turner Preparatory Academy	904-990-3423	https://drjbrandice.wixsite.com/turnerprep
CLAY	ELA Academy	904-282-3522	www.elaaschool.org
CLAY	Faith Christian Academy	904-276-1300	www.fcaflorida.com
CLAY	Grace Episcopal Day School	904-269-3718	www.geds.net
CLAY	Haile Academy of Higher Learning	507-434-8667	www.haileacademy.org
CLAY	Heritage Christian Academy	904-343-1561	www.hbcacademy.org



Limitless Opportunities

Opportunity is more than access—it's skillfully guided growth. Our faculty and staff are masters of creating a culture where students thrive and achieve excellence. Here, opportunity lives in every corner: in classrooms, on stages, in labs, on fields and in studios. Students are immersed in academics, the fine arts, athletics and activities that expand their opportunities today, so more things are possible tomorrow.



Bolles.org

Pre-K through Grade 12, Day & Boarding School

CLAY	HighPoint Christian Academy	904-272-7949	
CLAY	Morningstar Christian School	352-473-3159	
CLAY	Pinewood Christian Academy	904-272-6408	www.pcaknights.org
CLAY	Primrose School	904-278-6886	www.primroseschools.com
CLAY	Seamark Ranch School, Inc.	904-531-7080	www.seamarkranch.com/the-school
CLAY	Seven Bridges School	904-269-7377	www.sevenbridgesschool.org
CLAY	Spring Academy, Inc.	904-531-9669	
CLAY	St. Johns Country Day School	904-264-9572	www.sjcds.net
DUVAL-BEACHES	Atrium School	561-247-5726	www.atriumschool.org
DUVAL-BEACHES	Beaches Chapel School	904-241-4211	www.beacheschapelschool.com
DUVAL-BEACHES	Black Hawks Institute of Higher Education	307-622-9431	www.facebook.com/bhohw/
DUVAL-BEACHES	Discovery School	904-247-4577	www.dmsonline.org
DUVAL-BEACHES	E.V. Turner Preparatory Academy	904-990-3423	https://drjbrandice.wixsite.com/turnerprep
DUVAL-BEACHES	ELA Academy	904-282-3522	www.elaaschool.org
DUVAL-BEACHES	Episcopal School of Jacksonville Beaches	904-246-2466	www.esj.org
DUVAL-BEACHES	Foundation Academy, The	904-493-7300	www.foundationacademy.com
DUVAL-BEACHES	Montessori Tides School	904-241-1139	www.montessoritides.com
DUVAL-BEACHES	New Leaf, School for Change	904-246-9100	www.newleafschool.com
DUVAL-BEACHES	St. Paul's Catholic School - Jacksonville Beach	904-249-5934	www.stpaulscatholicsschool.com
DUVAL-NORTH	Alexander Preparatory Academy	904-419-3427	www.alexanderprepacademy.com
DUVAL-NORTH	Arlington Kindergarten	904-743-4034	www.arlingtonkindergarten.com
DUVAL-NORTH	Atrium School	561-247-5726	www.atriumschool.org
DUVAL-NORTH	Bethel Holiness Academy	904-781-5400	
DUVAL-NORTH	Black Hawks Institute of Higher Education	307-622-9431	www.facebook.com/bhohw/
DUVAL-NORTH	Chatman's Early Learning Christian Academy	904-751-9803	
DUVAL-NORTH	Christ The King Catholic School	904-724-2954	www.ctkschooljax.com
DUVAL-NORTH	E.V. Turner Preparatory Academy	904-990-3423	https://drjbrandice.wixsite.com/turnerprep
DUVAL-NORTH	East Pointe Christian Academy & Preschool	904-641-8323 ext. 104	www.epcajax.com
DUVAL-NORTH	ELA Academy	904-282-3522	www.elaaschool.org

DUVAL-NORTH	Faith Academy	904-714-0040	www.faithacademyow.com
DUVAL-NORTH	Grace Lutheran School	904-928-9136	www.gracelutheraneagles.org
DUVAL-NORTH	Holy Spirit Catholic School	904-642-9165	www.hscatholicsschool.com
DUVAL-NORTH	Hopewell Christian Academy	904-288-9700	https://hopewellchristianacademy.org/
DUVAL-NORTH	Little Country School, The	904-757-8200	www.littlecountryschool.com
DUVAL-NORTH	Parsons Christian Academy	904-745-4588	www.pclions.org
DUVAL-NORTH	Resurrection Catholic School	904-744-1266	www.resurrectionschooljax.com
DUVAL-NORTH	St. Patrick Catholic School	904-768-6323	www.stpatrickjacksonville.org
DUVAL-NORTH	Victory Christian Academy	904-764-7781	https://vcasoldiers.com/
DUVAL-SOUTH	A Child's Place Montessori School - Southpoint	904-733-5797	
DUVAL-SOUTH	Academie de Montessori	904-398-3830	www.academie-de-montessori.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Al-Furqan Academy	904-645-0810	www.afa.icnef.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Assumption Catholic School	904-398-1774	www.assumptionjax.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Atrium School	561-247-5726	www.atrumschool.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Baymeadows Christian Academy	904-733-3400	www.bbcjx.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Bishop Kenny High School	904-398-7545	www.bishopkenny.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Black Hawks Institute of Higher Education	307-622-9431	www.facebook.com/bhohw/
DUVAL-SOUTH	Blessed Trinity Catholic School	904-641-6458	www.blessedtrinitycatholicsschool.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Bolles School, The ▶ see our ad page 37	904-256-5030	www.bolles.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Builders of the Faith Preschool & Academy	904-772-0277	www.buildersofthefait.com
DUVAL-SOUTH	Center Academy - Jacksonville Julington Creek	904-448-1956	www.centeracademy.com/locations/julington-creek
DUVAL-SOUTH	Center Academy - Jacksonville St. Johns Bluff	904-645-5366	www.centeracademy.com/locations/jacksonville-fl-st-johns-bluff
DUVAL-SOUTH	CES Academy	904-254-6428	www.ces-schools.net/jacksonville
DUVAL-SOUTH	Christ's Church Academy	904-268-8667	www.ccajax.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Christian Heritage Academy	904-733-4722	www.chajax.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Cornerstone Christian School	904-730-5500	www.csjax.org

DUVAL-SOUTH	Covenant School of Jacksonville, The	904-265-7474	www.wearecovenant.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	E.V. Turner Preparatory Academy	904-990-3423	https://drjbrandice.wixsite.com/turnerprep
DUVAL-SOUTH	ELA Academy	904-282-3522	www.elaaschool.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Episcopal School of Jacksonville	904-396-5751	www.esj.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Faith First Preschool	904-672-7723	www.faithfirstpreschool.com
DUVAL-SOUTH	Father's H.a.r.b.o.r. Academy	904-306-9579	www.fathersharboracademy.com
DUVAL-SOUTH	Guidepost Montessori	904-385-8222	www.guidepostmontessori.com/schools/baymeadows-jacksonville-fl
DUVAL-SOUTH	Harvest Community School	904-997-1882	www.hcsjax.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Holy Family Catholic School	904-645-9875	www.hfcatholicschool.com
DUVAL-SOUTH	Impact Christian Academy	904-652-1441	www.icajax.com
DUVAL-SOUTH	Jacksonville Country Day School	904-641-6644	www.jcde.com
DUVAL-SOUTH	LifePoint Academy of Seventh-Day Adventists	904-268-2433	www.lifepointacademy.com
DUVAL-SOUTH	Martin J. Gottlieb Day School	904-268-4200	www.dubowgottlieb.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	My Academy	904-980-8337	www.myacademyjax.com
DUVAL-SOUTH	New Dimensions Learning Center	904-736-7962	www.ndlcjax.com
DUVAL-SOUTH	Pablo Academy	904-412-3362	www.pabloacademy.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Providence School	904-223-5270	www.prov.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	SAMi Academy Science and Math Institute	904-573-0883	www.samiacademy.com
DUVAL-SOUTH	San Jose Catholic School	904-733-2313	www.sanjosecatholicschool.com
DUVAL-SOUTH	San Jose Episcopal Day School	904-733-0352	www.sjeds.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Seacoast Christian Academy	904-722-1738	www.scajax.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	St. Joseph Catholic School	904-268-6688	www.stjosephcs.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Temple College Preparatory	904-598-0078	www.templecollegeprep.com
DUVAL-SOUTH	Torah Academy of Jacksonville	904-268-7719	www.torah-academy.com
DUVAL-SOUTH	University Christian School	904-737-6330	www.ucsjax.com
DUVAL-WEST	Academy of Excellence, The	904-779-0177	www.theaoejax.com

DUVAL- WEST	America's Little Leaders Junior Academy	904-240-1864	https://alljra.org
DUVAL- WEST	Argyle Christian Preschool & Kindergarten	904-778-4838	www.myacpk.com
DUVAL- WEST	Arise Institute	904-330-4440	https://sites.google.com/view/ariseholistic
DUVAL- WEST	Ark Academy	904-410-0339	www.arkacademy.education
DUVAL- WEST	Atrium School	561-247-5726	www.atriumschool.org
DUVAL- WEST	Austin Christian Vocational Academy	904-647-5065	www.austinwarriors.org
DUVAL- WEST	Bible Baptist Academy	904-765-5111	www.biblebaptistacademy.wordpress.com
DUVAL- WEST	Bishop John J. Snyder High School	904-771-1029	www.bishopsnyder.org
DUVAL- WEST	Black Hawks Institute of Higher Education	307-622-9431	www.facebook.com/bhohw/
DUVAL- WEST	Cedar Creek Christian School	904-781-9151	www.cccsjax.org
DUVAL- WEST	Cedar Hills Baptist Christian School	904-772-0812	www.chbcs.org
DUVAL- WEST	CES Academy	904-254-6428	www.ces-schools.net
DUVAL- WEST	Changing Lives Christian Academy	904-425-4494	www.facebook.com/clcajax
DUVAL- WEST	Chatman's Academy	904-237-5617	www.facebook.com/ChatmansAcademy
DUVAL- WEST	Destiny Preparatory Academy	904-403-8585	www.facebook.com/p/Destiny-Preparatory-Academy-100065183483342/
DUVAL- WEST	E.V. Turner Preparatory Academy	904-990-3423	https://drjbrandice.wixsite.com/turnerprep
DUVAL- WEST	Eagle's View Academy	904-786-1411	www.evajax.com
DUVAL- WEST	ELA Academy	904-282-3522	www.elaaschool.org
DUVAL- WEST	Emmanuel Coastal Academy	904-233-5496	www.facebook.com/p/Emmanuel-Coastal-Academy-100064389323302/
DUVAL- WEST	Ephesus Junior Academy	904-765-3225	www.ephesusjunioracademy.org
DUVAL- WEST	Episcopal School of Jacksonville - St. Mark's	904-388-2632	www.esj.org
DUVAL- WEST	Esprit de Corps Center for Learning	904-924-2000	www.edccenterforlearning.com
DUVAL- WEST	Fields of Art Christian Academy	904-713-8260	www.fieldsofartchristianacademy.com
DUVAL- WEST	First Coast Christian School	904-777-3040	www.fccsjax.org
DUVAL- WEST	Good Shepherd Christian Academy	904-768-1580	www.facebook.com/GSChristianAcademy/
DUVAL- WEST	Grace Christian Academy	904-266-9532	www.gbcbaldwin.org/grace-christian-academy

DUVAL-WEST	Guardian Catholic School	904-765-6522	www.guardiancatholic.com
DUVAL-WEST	Heart to Heart Christian Academy	904-783-8631	www.h2hacademy.com
DUVAL-WEST	Icon Preparatory School	904-552-1005	www.jacksonville.iconprep.org
DUVAL-WEST	Jackson Preparatory Academy	904-518-5534	
DUVAL-WEST	Jacksonville Christian Academy	904-783-2818	www.jcajacksonville.org
DUVAL-WEST	Joshua Christian Academy	904-388-2227	www.jcacademy.org
DUVAL-WEST	Millennial Christian School	904-772-6400	www.millcs.org
DUVAL-WEST	New Beginnings Christian Center	904-786-3178	www.nbccjax.org
DUVAL-WEST	North Florida Educational Institute North Campus	904-764-0084	www.nfei.org
DUVAL-WEST	North Florida Educational Institute West Campus	904-574-8059	www.nfei.org
DUVAL-WEST	Old Plank Christian Academy	904-783-4888	www.facebook.com/OldPlankCA/
DUVAL-WEST	Potter's House Christian Academy High School	904-695-2837	www.phcalions.org
DUVAL-WEST	Potter's House Christian Academy Elementary	904-786-0028	www.phcalions.org
DUVAL-WEST	Riverside Presbyterian Day School	904-353-3459	www.rpds.com
DUVAL-WEST	Sacred Heart Catholic School	904-771-5800	www.shcsjax.com
DUVAL-WEST	St. Matthew's Catholic School	904-387-4401	www.stmatthewscs.com
DUVAL-WEST	St. Paul's Catholic School - Riverside	904-387-2841	www.spsjax.org
DUVAL-WEST	Striving for Excellence Academy	904-719-9445	www.facebook.com/p/Striving-for-Excellence-Academy-100091468277934/
DUVAL-WEST	Temple Christian Academy	904-778-8655	www.templechristian.net
DUVAL-WEST	Trinity Christian Academy	904-596-2460	www.tcajax.org
DUVAL-WEST	West Meadows Baptist Academy	904-786-2711	www.wmbnavs.org
DUVAL-WEST	Zarephath Academy	904-632-1330	www.zcajax.org
FLAGLER	Academy of Excellence of North Florida	386-447-9692	https://academyofexcellencenorthfl.com
FLAGLER	Casa Montessori	386-246-9311	https://casamontessoriofpalmcoast.com
FLAGLER	Christ the King Academy	386-447-7979	www.school.ctkpalmcoast.com
FLAGLER	Coastal Education Center	386-232-8502	www.coastaleducationcenter.com
FLAGLER	First Baptist Christian Academy	386-446-0094	https://crusadersonline.org
FLAGLER	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School	386-445-2411	https://seaspc.org
FLAGLER	Suncoast Community School	386-986-1876	www.uncoastcommunityschool.com

NASSAU	Amelia Island Montessori School	904-261-6610	www.ameliaislandmontessori.com
NASSAU	Atrium School	561-247-5726	www.atriumschool.org
NASSAU	Black Hawks Institute of Higher Education	307-622-9431	www.facebook.com/bhohw/
NASSAU	Early Impressions @ Blackrock	904-310-9730	www.earlyimpressionsfl.com
NASSAU	Early Impressions @ Midtown	904-206-4170	www.earlyimpressionsfl.com
NASSAU	ELA Academy	904-282-3522	www.elaaschool.org
NASSAU	Faith Christian Academy	904-321-2137	www.fcaangels.com
NASSAU	Fernandina Beach Christian Academy	904-491-5664	www.fernandinachristianacademy.com
NASSAU	Ogburn School, The	904-491-6233	www.ogburn.org
NASSAU	Sonshine Christian Academy	904-879-1260	www.sonshinechristian.com
NASSAU	St. Michael Academy	904-321-2102	https://smacad.org/
ST. JOHNS	Apex Christian Academy	904-824-8114	www.apexchristian.com
ST. JOHNS	Ark Christian Academy	904-810-2005	www.arkchristianacademystaug.org
ST. JOHNS	Atrium School	561-247-5726	www.atriumschool.org
ST. JOHNS	Beacon of Hope Christian School	904-797-6996	www.beaconeagles.net
ST. JOHNS	Black Hawks Institute of Higher Education	307-622-9431	www.facebook.com/bhohw/
ST. JOHNS	Bolles School, The ► see our ad page 37	904-256-5030	www.bolles.org
ST. JOHNS	Cathedral Parish School	904-824-2861	www.thecathedralparishschool.org
ST. JOHNS	Collage Day School	904-900-1439	www.collagedayschool.org
ST. JOHNS	ELA Academy	904-282-3522	www.elaaschool.org
ST. JOHNS	Island Prep	904-547-2996	www.islandprep.com
ST. JOHNS	Matanzas Christian Academy	904-794-1623	www.matanzasacademy.com
ST. JOHNS	Moultrie Montessori School	904-826-0216	www.moultriemontessori.com
ST. JOHNS	Palmer Catholic Academy	904-543-8515	www.pcapvb.org
ST. JOHNS	Pioneer School, The	904-209-5891	www.staugustinepioneer.com
ST. JOHNS	San Juan Del Rio Catholic School	904-287-0519	www.sjdrparish.org
ST. JOHNS	St. John's Academy	904-824-9224	www.stjohnsacademy.com
ST. JOHNS	St. Joseph Academy Catholic High School	904-824-0431	www.sjaweb.org
ST. JOHNS	Turning Point Christian Academy	904-824-0744	www.tpchristianacademy.com
ST. JOHNS	Veritas Classical School	904-810-1050	www.veritasclassicalschool.com
ST. JOHNS	Victory Preparatory School	904-810-0535	www.victoryprep.net



Charter Schools

County	Name	Phone	Website
CLAY	Clay Charter Academy	904-406-1607	www.claycharter.org
CLAY	Florida Cyber Charter Academy @ Clay	855-748-4737	https://flcca.k12.com/
CLAY	St. Johns Classical Academy	904-458-8240	www.stjca.org
DUVAL-BEACHES	Florida Cyber Charter Academy @ Duval	855-748-4737	https://flcca.k12.com/
DUVAL-BEACHES	Seaside Charter Beaches	844-973-2743	www.seasidecharter.org
DUVAL-NORTH	Biscayne MYcroSchool	904-301-4367	www.biscaynehs.com
DUVAL-NORTH	Florida Cyber Charter Academy @ Duval	855-748-4737	https://flcca.k12.com/
DUVAL-NORTH	Global Outreach Charter Academy	904-551-7104	https://glacademy.us/
DUVAL-NORTH	Lone Star High School	904-725-5998	www.jaxlonestarhs.com
DUVAL-NORTH	Seacoast Charter Academy	904-562-4780	www.seacoastcharteracademy.org
DUVAL-NORTH	Seaside Charter North	844-973-2743	www.seasidecharter.org
DUVAL-NORTH	Somerset Academy Eagle Campus	904-503-0661	www.somersetjax.com
DUVAL-SOUTH	Bold City Education - San Jose Academy	904-425-1723	www.boldcityed.org

DUVAL-SOUTH	BridgePrep Academy of Duval	904-694-2660	www.bridgeprepreduval.com
DUVAL-SOUTH	Cornerstone Classical Academy	904-481-8163	www.cornerstoneclassical.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Duval Charter Scholars Academy	904-724-1536	www.duvalcharter.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Duval Charter School at Baymeadows	904-271-4127	www.baymeadowscharter.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Duval Charter School at Coastal	904-512-6757	www.coastalcharter.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Duval Charter School at Flagler Center	904-899-1010	www.flaglercharter.org
DUVAL-SOUTH	Duval Charter School at Mandarin	904-440-2901	www.mandarincharter.org
FLAGLER	Imagine School at Town Center	386-586-0100	https://imagineschooltowncenter.org
ST. JOHNS	St. Augustine Public Montessori School	904-342-5350	www.stamontessori.org
ST. JOHNS	St. Johns Community Campus Charter School, The	904-824-7249	www.arcsj.org/services/community-campus/
ST. JOHNS	Therapeutic Learning Center	904-824-8932	www.arcsj.org/tlc/

First Coast Early Learning and Voluntary Prekindergarten Resources

Florida was one of the first states in the country to offer free prekindergarten to all 4-year-olds, regardless of family income. Since the program began in 2005-06, more than 2.6 million children have benefited from the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program (VPK). According to the Florida Department of Education, children who attend VPK are more prepared for kindergarten than children who do not. The VPK Specialized Educational Services Program is available for families who have age-eligible children with disabilities.

First Coast parents have a wide range of options available from private, public and faith-based providers, as well as specialized instructional services providers. Below is a list of resources to help get you started on your search for the best early learning options for your children.

Early Learning Coalition of Duval
www.elcduval.org

Early Learning Coalition of North Florida
www.elcnorthflorida.org

Florida Association for the Education of Young Children
www.flaeyc.org

Florida Department of Education Division of Early Learning
www.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning

Florida Head Start Association
www.flheadstart.org

Resources for Stay-at-Home Parents

The First Coast is full of resources for stay-at-home parents, whether it's a support group or early learning tools so you can prepare your kids for school.

Circle of Parents

www.circleofparents.org

Division of Early Learning

www.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning/

Healthy Families Florida

www.healthyfamiliesfla.org

Parent Academy

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/o/dcps/page/parent-academy>

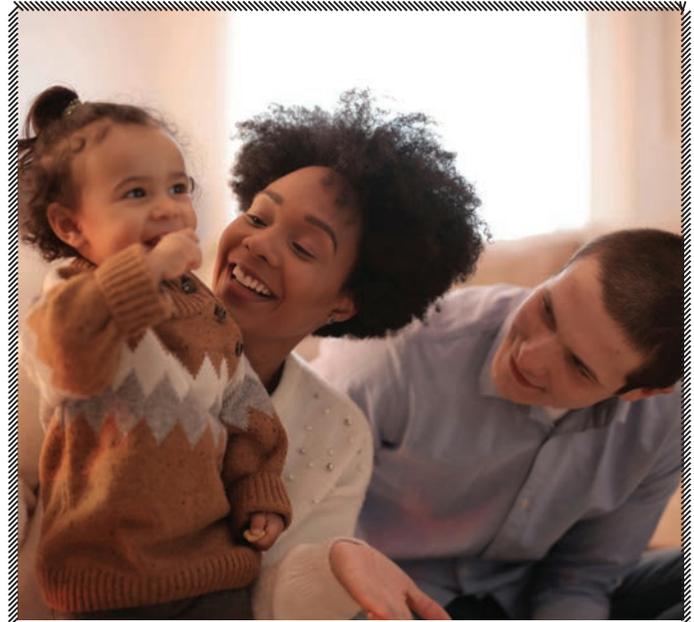


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First Coast Childcare Resources

Finding the right childcare doesn't need to be stressful. The First Coast has plenty of state-funded and private childcare options with stimulating curriculums, trained staff and safe facilities.

Child Care Aware of America

www.childcareaware.org/state/florida-6/

Episcopal Children's Services

www.ecs4kids.org

Florida Association for Child Care Management

www.faccm.org

Florida Department of Children and Families

www.myflfamilies.com

Programs for Learning Differences



Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind, photo by Michael Rivera, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

CLAY COUNTY

Broach School

Orange Park

www.broachschool.com

For more than 50 years, the Broach School has helped students with special needs such as anxiety, ADHD, specific learning disabilities, developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disabilities, and more.

Lighthouse Christian School

Middleburg, Orange Park

www.lighthousechristianschool.net

Lighthouse Christian School offers smaller class sizes and individualized lessons to help students who may learn differently grow. Many of their students are able to go on to higher learning institutions.

Seven Bridges School

www.sevenbridgesschool.org

Seven Bridges School caters to students with average to above-average intelligence who have differences in learning styles. They offer a wide range of subjects, electives and extracurriculars.

DUVAL COUNTY

DUVAL-NORTH

Greenwood School

www.greenwoodjax.org

Greenwood School provides a challenging and supportive education to middle and high school students with learning differences. Through adaptive, multisensory instruction in a positive, safe and secure environment, students develop the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve their highest potential in the classroom and beyond.

Jericho School, The

www.thejerichoschool.org

This private, nonprofit school offers a variety of individual and classroom programs for students with autism and other developmental disabilities based on Applied Behavior Analysis and analysis of verbal behavior.

Lighthouse Christian School

Arlington, Northside

www.lighthousechristianschool.net

The Lighthouse Christian School offers smaller class sizes and individualized lessons to help students who may learn differently grow. Many of their students are able to go on to higher learning institutions.

DUVAL-SOUTH

Alden Road Exceptional Student Center

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/o/aresc>

Alden Road focuses on creating a positive learning environment that promotes self-advocacy, self-determination and self-esteem. The student center uses a variety of curriculums to meet the students' needs.

Broach School

South

www.broachschool.com

For more than 50 years, the Broach School has helped students with special needs such as anxiety, ADHD, specific learning disabilities, developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disabilities and more.

Center Academy

St. Johns Bluff

www.centeracademy.com

This private school offers a multitude of specialized programs for students grades four through 12 with learning differences. The school utilizes small classroom sizes so teachers can accommodate students' individual needs and learning styles.

Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech

www.clarkeschools.org/florida/

The Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech offers programs and resources for children ranging from infants to school age who are deaf or hard of hearing. The school also offers support for the families of their students.

DePaul School of Northeast Florida

www.depaulschool.com

The DePaul School of Northeast Florida works with students between second and eighth grade who have dyslexia. The school utilizes a multisensory, Orton-Gillingham approach to address their students' needs.

Great Strides School

www.h2health.com/great-strides-pediatrics-school/

Great Strides School is part of Great Strides Rehabilitation and offers Applied Behavior Analysis and several types of therapy including occupational, speech, physical and music. Their class sizes are small, making it easier for the teachers to follow an individualized curriculum.

Jacksonville School for Autism

www.jsakids.org

Using an “outside of the desk” method, this school works to prepare students with autism for adulthood through early childhood development, vocational and enrichment programs.

Lighthouse Christian School

Mandarin

www.lighthousechristianschool.net

The Lighthouse Christian School offers smaller class sizes and individualized lessons to help students who may learn differently grow. Many of their students are able to go on to higher learning institutions.

Little Star Center

<https://littlestarjax.com>

The Little Star Center aims to prepare students with autism for the future using individual and group instruction, as well as social skills training.

Mainspring Academy

www.mainspringacademy.org

Mainspring Academy offers a specialized education for students aged 5 through 22 with intellectual and developmental differences. The school also offers art, fitness and music enrichment classes, as well as extracurriculars.

Morning Star School

www.morningstar-jax.org

Since 1956, Morning Star School has served children with learning differences using differentiated educational strategies to work with students based on their individual needs. The school also offers courses in religion, speech and language, physical education, art and music.

North Florida School of Special Education

www.northfloridaschool.org

The North Florida School of Special Education serves children and adults from ages 6 to 22 who have intellectual and developmental differences. The school offers a comprehensive academic program for students, as well as postgraduate programs including vocational training, internships and more.

DUVAL-WEST

Broach School

Westside

www.broachschool.com

For more than 50 years, the Broach School has helped students with special needs such as anxiety, ADHD, specific learning disabilities, developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disabilities and more.

Lighthouse Christian School

Dinsmore, Westside

www.lighthousechristianschool.net

The Lighthouse Christian School offers smaller class sizes and individualized lessons to help students who may learn differently grow. Many of their students are able to go on to higher learning institutions.

Mount Herman Exceptional Student Center

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/o/hesc>

The Mount Herman Exceptional Student Center works with students who have intellectual disabilities from ages 3 to 21. The school focuses on the student’s abilities to encourage growth in academics, communication, independent functioning and social skills.

Palm Avenue Exceptional Student Center

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/o/phes>

Palm Avenue challenges their students and helps them obtain the skills necessary to lead independent and active lives using enriching and educational real-life experiences.

NASSAU COUNTY

Lighthouse Christian School

Callahan

www.lighthousechristianschool.net

The Lighthouse Christian School offers smaller class sizes and individualized lessons to help students who may learn differently grow. Many of their students are able to go on to higher learning institutions.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Broach School

Ponte Vedra

www.broachschool.com

For more than 50 years, the Broach School has helped students with special needs such as anxiety, ADHD, specific learning disabilities, developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disabilities and more.

Center Academy

Julington Creek

www.centeracademy.com

This private school offers a multitude of specialized programs for students grades four through 12 with learning differences. The school utilizes small classroom sizes so teachers can accommodate students’ individual needs and learning styles.

Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind

www.fsdbk12.org

The only school of its kind in the state of Florida, this school serves students with hearing and visual impairments. Fully accredited and tuition-free, it offers K-12th grade classes on campus, as well as a Pre-K early learning center.





Flagler College, photo courtesy of Unsplash

Adult Education

Here on the First Coast, those looking to continue their education beyond high school are fortunate to have several options to comb through to find the perfect program. Whether you're looking to train for a career in aviation or pursue your PhD, there's something here for you!

Conservative Theological University www.conservative.edu

The Conservative Theological University was established in 1982, is certified by the Council of Private Colleges of America and is a member of the Florida Council of Private Colleges. They offer degrees ranging from associates to PhDs that focus on Biblical education.

Edward Waters University www.ew.edu

Founded in 1866, Edward Waters University (EWU) is the first Historically Black College in the state of Florida. There are seven bachelor's degree programs to choose from, including Science and Mathematics, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Business Administration, Communications and Criminal Justice. There are also three master's degree programs: Cybersecurity, Education Policy and Advocacy and Public Administration.

First Coast Technical College www.fctc.edu

First Coast Technical College (FCTC) aims to provide career, technical and adult education to meet the changing needs of students and businesses as well as the workforce. With two campuses in St. Augustine, the college offers a variety of programs, including Agriculture, Health Sciences, Hospitality and Tourism, Human Services, Law and Applied Cybersecurity.

Flagler College www.flagler.edu

For more than 50 years, the former Hotel Ponce de León has offered an exceptional education "through a challenging, inclusive, and supportive academic community" in the oldest city in the nation, St. Augustine. The college offers 44 majors for a bachelor's degree, two pre-professional programs and two master's degree programs.

Flagler Technical College www.flaglertech.edu

Flagler Technical College (FTC) enriches the lives of the citizens in Flagler County by providing learning opportunities for people of all ages. FTC offers a wide variety of classes and programs, including career training and certificate programs, GED preparation, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), adults with disabilities programs, children's programs and non-credit community education courses.

Florida Aviation Career Training, Inc. <https://floridaaviationcareertraining.com/career-training/>

The Florida Aviation Career Training, Inc. (FACT) is a great choice for those new to aviation, as well as seasoned pilots. Experienced instructors work with students to provide one-on-one personalized training to focus on an individual's needs. The school prepares students to pass the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) exams.

Florida State College at Jacksonville www.fscj.edu

Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) has eight campuses throughout Duval and Nassau counties. The campuses offer associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, technical certificates and

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more. Degrees include Human Services, Behavioral Sciences, Engineering and Mathematics, Technology, Science, Manufacturing and Construction, Public Safety, Health Sciences, Education, Arts and Communication, Business and Design.

Jacksonville Theological Seminary

www.jts.edu

For over 30 years, the Jacksonville Theological Seminary has offered graduate degrees in religious studies for both education and training in ministry work. Several areas of study include Theology, Religious Education, Biblical Studies, Divinity and more.

Jacksonville University

www.ju.edu

Located on the banks of the St. Johns River, Jacksonville University (JU) is a small private college that recently debuted on the *Forbes* America's Top 500 Colleges list. The university has more than 100 majors and minors within their four colleges. The university recently opened the new College of Law campus in downtown Jacksonville.

Logos University

www.logos.edu

Logos University is an online and distance learning institution that urges its students to become leaders in the community and churches. The university offers associate degrees, bachelor's degrees and certificates in a variety of religious studies.

St. Johns River State College

www.sjrstate.edu

Founded in 1958, St. Johns River State College has locations in three areas of the First Coast: Orange Park, Palatka and St. Augustine. The college provides education for those 16 and older and allows high school students to receive college credit with the early college program. The college is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and offers bachelor's and associate degrees, as well as various certificates.

Trinity Baptist College

www.tbc.edu

Trinity Baptist College has provided students with a Christian-based education for more than 40 years. The focus of the college is to prepare students for ministry work, but also offers general and professional studies, liberal arts and graduate studies. The college partners with Trinity Christian Academy and Trinity Baptist Church to give students local opportunities.

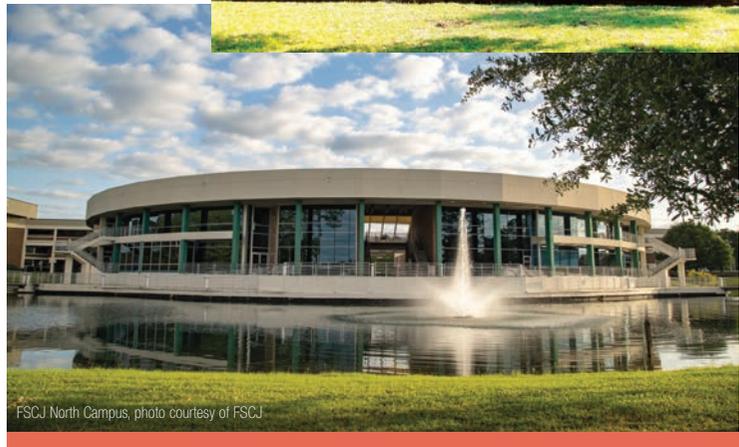
FSCJ Downtown, photo by Monica Fields



FSCJ Downtown, photo by Monica Fields



St. Johns River State College, photo by Dana Ferguson



FSCJ North Campus, photo courtesy of FSCJ

University of North Florida

www.unf.edu

The University of North Florida (UNF) offers a variety of degrees within six colleges, including the College of Education and Human Services, the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction, the College of Arts and Science, the Coggin College of Business, the Brooks College of Health and the Hicks Honor College. UNF has been ranked as a Top Public Institute and a Best Graduate School by *U.S. News & World Report*.

University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences

www.usa.edu

The University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences offers degrees from the College of Health Sciences and Administration, the School of Nursing and the College of Rehabilitation Science. Their courses utilize cutting-edge technology and hands-on experience to best prepare their students for their future.

First Coast Medicine: A Healthcare Destination

The First Coast offers residents some of the greatest healthcare facilities in the U.S. with world-class hospitals, cutting-edge technologies and well-trained and dedicated providers. The medical care on the First Coast is so well known that it brings in national and international visitors.



BAKER COUNTY

Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital

Offering “big city resources in a small town hospital,” Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital and their team of healthcare professionals utilizes state-of-the-art technology to provide care to Baker County. Visitors in need of routine checkups and sick visits also have access to the Baker Rural Health Clinic and Dopson Family Medical Center located on the hospital campus.

CLAY COUNTY

Ascension St. Vincent’s Clay County Hospital

Ascension St. Vincent’s has been recognized as one of the top hospital systems in the country. Their

full-service, 134-bed Clay County hospital offers emergency care, surgical care, heart and vascular services, lung care, cancer services and more.

They have been named as one of America’s Best Maternity Hospitals by *Newsweek* in 2024 for their Family Birth Place.

Baptist Medical Center Clay

Fleming Island is home to Baptist Medical Center Clay, a full-service hospital that offers cancer care, cardiology services, minimally invasive surgery and many more services. *U.S. News & World Report* named Baptist Medical Center Clay as No. 4 in Children’s Specialties in the U.S. and No. 5 overall in Florida hospitals.

HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital

HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital is one of the top hospitals in the area and has been nominated for numerous awards, including America’s 50 Best Hospitals for Surgical Care and Vascular Surgery by Healthgrades. It is comprised of 433 inpatient beds, 40 intensive care unit beds, nine labor, delivery and recovery room suites and a Level II neonatal intensive care unit.

Kindred Hospital North Florida

With 73 beds, Kindred Hospital North Florida offers specialized care for patients who may need long-term care or those who have experienced an acute injury or illness. Their acute rehabilitation unit is comprised of 14 beds and is designed to serve patients who have acute injuries or debilitating illnesses.

DUVAL-BEACHES

Baptist Medical Center Beaches

Just minutes from the beach, Baptist Medical Center Beaches offers the only 24/7 emergency services in the area and is home to advanced medical and surgical care. There, patients have access to the state-of-the-art surgical pavilion and the luxurious Labor and Delivery Center. *U.S. News & World Report* has recognized the hospital as a High Performance Hospital.

Mayo Clinic

Jacksonville’s Mayo Clinic is one of three in the U.S. It has consistently been recognized as the No. 1 hospital in Florida and No. 1 in Jacksonville by *U.S. News & World Report*. Mayo Clinic patients have access to cutting-edge technology and world-class medical teams. The hospital provides care in numerous specialties and is known for their cancer treatment, cardiovascular care and transplant medicine services.

DUVAL-NORTH

UF Health North

Located in north Jacksonville, this medical campus features an inpatient hospital, an adult and pediatric emergency room, and state-of-the-art labor and delivery suites. UF Health North is also home to more than 30 specialty services and recently opened a new patient tower that includes six floors and 124 patient rooms.

UF Health Rehabilitation Hospital - North

This 48-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital located within UF Health North provides individualized and

comprehensive rehabilitation care for adult patients with a variety of diagnoses. Rehabilitation services include hand therapy, lymphedema therapy, oncology rehabilitation services, orthopaedic and sports medicine rehabilitation, pelvic floor physical therapy, and more.

DUVAL-SOUTH

Ascension St. Vincent's Southside Hospital

Since 1873, Ascension St. Vincent's Southside Hospital has been serving patients from across the First Coast and country. The hospital offers many services, including the Performance Orthopedics and Spine Specialty Hospital, heart and vascular services, the Family Birth Place, a Level II NICU and a 24/7 emergency department. The hospital was named a Best Regional Hospital by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville

Ranked as No. 5 in Florida and No. 13 in the Southeast for Best Regional Hospitals by *U.S. News & World Report*, Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville is known for their high levels of care, top-rated doctors and cutting-edge technology. It is home to the Baptist Heart Hospital, the only freestanding hospital for heart and vascular care in the area, as well as the Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center, which offers clinical trials, state-of-the-art technology, targeted therapies and precision oncology.

Baptist Medical Center South

Baptist Medical Center South is ranked No. 11 in Florida by *U.S. News & World Report*. The hospital is home to a pediatric Wolfson Children's emergency room, stroke center, surgery center, imaging, an adult emergency room, wound center and more. A leader in minimally invasive procedures, they have resort-like amenities and access to world-class technology.



Village Square at Fleming Island Plantation, photo by Diana Ferguson

“The medical care on the First Coast is so well known that it brings in national and international visitors.”

Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital

Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital is comprised of two campuses, University and Bartram. Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital is ranked No. 16 in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. The hospital is also CARF-accredited in stroke, spinal cord injury, pediatrics, pain, general rehabilitation and brain injury. The University Campus is a 160-bed hospital that provides top rehabilitation care for patients needing different types of therapy, including physical, occupational and cognitive rehabilitation. The Bartram Campus has 60 beds and offers many services for orthopaedic conditions, brain injuries, non-traumatic spinal cord injuries, stroke and medically complex conditions.

Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Jacksonville

This 50-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital offers speech, occupational and physical therapy services, as well as 24-hour care. The hospital specializes in, but is not limited to, neurological, orthopaedic, stroke and spinal cord injury rehabilitation.

HCA Florida Memorial Hospital

For more than 55 years, HCA Florida Memorial Hospital has served the First Coast. It is a 454-bed, full-service, acute care medical facility. It is home to an accredited Chest Pain Center, Bone and Joint Center, certified Stroke Center and the Special Beginnings maternity center.

Nemours Children's Health

Working with Wolfson Children's Hospital, UF Health and Mayo Clinic, Nemours helps provide children with life-changing care. The main campus connects via skybridge to Wolfson's and provides Nemours with ORs and inpatient units. It has a nationally accredited Cystic Fibrosis Care Center and has been recognized for their cancer program and neurology and neurosurgery program.

PAM Health Specialty Hospital of Jacksonville

PAM Health is a long-term acute care hospital that provides personalized clinical and medical services for patients who may require a longer recovery time. The hospital offers services for behavioral health, stroke, wound care and many more.

Reunion Rehabilitation Hospital Jacksonville

Patients at Reunion Rehabilitation are offered an individualized care plan that includes results-oriented therapies. Rehabilitation services include care for brain injuries, orthopaedic injuries, strokes, amputation and other various ailments. The campus also includes amenities such as high-tech therapy gyms and an outdoor courtyard for relaxing and therapy purposes.

River Point Behavioral Health

River Point Behavioral Health treats mental health and substance abuse problems using multiple types of therapy through inpatient, outpatient and partial hospitalization programs. The hospital offers services for both children and adults.

Wekiva Springs Center

Wekiva Springs Center offers outpatient and inpatient services for mental health and substance abuse programs for adults and seniors. Medical professionals utilize personalized care plans to help patients achieve stability and promote long-term recovery.

Wolfson Children’s Hospital

Wolfson Children’s Hospital is the only full-service tertiary hospital for children in the area. The hospital works closely with Mayo Clinic, Nemours Children’s Health and University of Florida College of Medicine Jacksonville to provide the best resources and care to patients. The hospital is also part of Baptist Health. Wolfson is continually ranked among America’s Best Children’s Hospitals by *U.S. News & World Report*.

DUVAL-WEST

Ascension St. Vincent’s Riverside Hospital

Since 1916, Jacksonville has been home to Ascension St. Vincent’s Riverside Hospital. In 2024, Ascension St. Vincent’s was named one of the top 15 health systems in the country by *Forbes*. The hospital offers many services for patients that include cardiovascular, lung and brain and spine care. It also has a 24/7 emergency department.

Naval Hospital Jacksonville

Active-duty personnel, veterans, retired military members and their families can find service at Naval Hospital Jacksonville. The military hospital provides a variety of services including primary care, mental health care, dental care, preventative care, as well as urgent and emergency care. It has consistently received The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for Hospital Accreditation.

North Florida Rehabilitation Hospital

A new addition to the First Coast, the North Florida Rehabilitation Hospital is a 50-bed inpatient acute rehabilitation hospital that offers specialized treatment to patients who may be recovering from stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury, neurological conditions, amputations and orthopaedic injury.

UF Health Jacksonville

Affiliated with the University of Florida, UF Health Jacksonville is the region’s premier academic health center. Collectively, UF Health physicians offer more than 100 advanced specialty and subspecialty services. This full-service hospital is also home to the area’s only Level I adult and pediatric trauma center, as well as a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, an adult and pediatric emergency room and a Chest Pain Center.

Wolfson Children’s Hospital, photo courtesy of Wikimedia



FLAGLER COUNTY

AdventHealth Palm Coast Hospital

AdventHealth Palm Coast’s leading-edge technology and caring staff treat patients like family, not a number, and provides expert care across the wide range of medical services. As a member of the AdventHealth network of care, patients have access to a national network of caregivers committed to the principles of CREATION Life—Choice, Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust, Interpersonal Relationships, Outlook and Nutrition.

AdventHealth Palm Coast Parkway

AdventHealth Palm Coast Parkway serves as a second hospital in the community alongside AdventHealth Palm Coast and provides the same outstanding service—including orthopaedic and cardiac care and an emergency room—just closer to home for those in the downtown area in Palm Coast and south St. Johns County. With fast ER care and a variety of services, the AdventHealth team ensures its patients get the needed care.



Brooks Rehabilitation Bartram Campus, photo courtesy of PR Newswire

NASSAU COUNTY

Baptist Medical Center Nassau

Nassau County’s only hospital, Baptist Medical Center Nassau, is known for its cutting-edge technology and its wide range of services. The hospital has providers specializing in 29 different areas who are able to offer a full spectrum of care for their patients. The hospital provides care for the First Coast as well as southeast Georgia.

“The First Coast offers residents some of the greatest healthcare facilities in the U.S.”

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Ascension St. Vincent’s St. Johns County Hospital

The St. Johns Ascension location is a Primary Stroke Center backed by leading cardiovascular, orthopaedic and surgical specialists, and offers a wide range of services for patients, including cancer care, cardiology care, obstetric and gynecological care, neurology care and more.

Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of St. Augustine

This 40-bed rehabilitation hospital offers neurological, orthopaedic, stroke and spinal cord injury rehabilitation, among others. Patients have access to private rooms, a courtyard and advanced rehabilitation technologies. It is accredited by The Joint Commission.

UF Health Flagler Hospital

Located in St. Augustine, UF Health Flagler Hospital has been named among America’s 50 Best hospitals. The 335-bed hospital has also earned the Gold Seal of Approval™ from The Joint Commission for primary stroke care centers, national accreditation for its total hip and total knee replacement programs, accreditation from the American College of Surgeons’ Commission on Cancer, and Center of Excellence designation for its bariatric surgery center.

VA Healthcare on the First Coast

Recently, the North Florida/South Florida Veterans Health System opened the Jacksonville North VA Clinic. This facility is equipped with state-of-the-art technology and offers laboratory and pathology services, mental health care, physical medicine and rehabilitation, various therapies, primary care and others. There are also programs for PTSD, substance abuse and social work.



Photo courtesy of Nemours Children's Health Jacksonville



HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital, photo by Diana Ferguson



Ascension St. Vincent's Southside Hospital, photo courtesy of Ascension St. Vincent's

First Coast Hospitals



Baptist Medical Center Clay, photo by Diana Ferguson

BAKER COUNTY

Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital
159 N. 3rd St., Macclenny
www.edfraserhospital.com

Northeast Florida State Hospital
7487 S. SR 121, Macclenny
www.myflfamilies.com/services/samh/treatment-services/northeast-florida-state-hospital

CLAY COUNTY

Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County Hospital
1670 St. Vincent's Way, Middleburg
<https://healthcare.ascension.org>

Baptist Medical Center Clay
1771 Baptist Clay Dr., Fleming Island
www.baptistjax.com

Kindred Hospital North Florida
801 Oak St., Green Cove Springs
www.kindredhospitals.com

HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital
2001 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park
www.hcafloridahealthcare.com

DUVAL-BEACHES

Baptist Medical Center Beaches
1350 13th Ave. S.,
Jacksonville Beach
www.baptistjax.com

Mayo Clinic

4500 San Pablo Rd. S., Jacksonville
www.mayoclinic.org

DUVAL-NORTH

UF Health North
15255 Max Leggett Pkwy.,
Jacksonville
<https://north.ufhealthjax.org>

UF Health Rehabilitation Hospital - North
15255 Max Leggett Pkwy.,
2nd & 3rd Fls., Jacksonville
<https://rehabhospitals.ufhealth.org>

DUVAL-SOUTH

Ascension St. Vincent's Southside Hospital
4201 Belfort Rd., Jacksonville
<https://healthcare.ascension.org>

Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville
800 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville
www.baptistjax.com

Baptist Medical Center South
14550 Old St. Augustine Rd.,
Jacksonville
www.baptistjax.com

Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital - Bartram Campus
6400 Brooks Bartram Dr.,
Jacksonville
www.brooksrehab.org

Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital - University Campus
3599 University Blvd. S., Jacksonville
www.brooksrehab.org

Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Jacksonville
11595 Burnt Mill Rd., Jacksonville
<https://encompasshealth.com>

HCA Florida Memorial Hospital
3625 University Blvd. S., Jacksonville
www.hcafloridahealthcare.com

Nemours Children's Health
807 Children's Way, Jacksonville
www.nemours.org

PAM Health Specialty Hospital of Jacksonville
4901 Richard St., Jacksonville
www.pamhealth.com

Reunion Rehabilitation Hospital Jacksonville
12645 Salina Dr., Jacksonville
www.reunionrehabhospital.com

River Point Behavioral Health
6300 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville
www.riverpointbehavioral.com

Wekiva Springs Center
3947 Salisbury Rd., Jacksonville
www.wekivacenter.com

Wolfson Children's Hospital
800 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville
www.wolfsonchildrens.com

DUVAL-WEST

Ascension St. Vincent's Riverside Hospital
1 Shircliff Way, Jacksonville
<https://healthcare.ascension.org>

Naval Hospital Jacksonville
2080 Child St., Jacksonville
<https://jacksonville.tricare.mil>

North Florida Rehabilitation Hospital
7775 Volunteer Way, Jacksonville
www.northfloridarehabhospital.com

UF Health Jacksonville
655 W. 8th St., Jacksonville
www.ufhealthjax.org

FLAGLER COUNTY

AdventHealth Palm Coast Hospital
60 Memorial Medical Pkwy.,
Palm Coast
www.adventhealth.com/hospital/adventhealth-palm-coast

Freestanding Emergency Rooms

AdventHealth Palm Coast Parkway
1 AdventHealth Way, Palm Coast
www.adventhealth.com/hospital/adventhealth-palm-coast-parkway

NASSAU COUNTY

Baptist Medical Center Nassau
1250 S. 18th St., Fernandina Beach
www.baptistjax.com

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Ascension St. Vincent's St. Johns County Hospital
205 Trinity Way, St. Johns
www.healthcare.ascension.org

Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of St. Augustine
65 Silver Ln., St. Augustine
<https://encompasshealth.com>

UF Health Flagler Hospital
400 Health Park Blvd., St. Augustine
<https://stjohns.ufhealth.org>



Photo by Stephanie Marty

Freestanding Emergency Rooms

CLAY COUNTY

Baptist & Wolfson Clay Emergency Room
1771 Baptist Clay Dr., Fleming Island

HCA Florida Middleburg Emergency
2562 Blanding Blvd., Middleburg

DUVAL-NORTH

Ascension St. Vincent's Emergency Care - Arlington
9820 Hutchinson Park Dr., Jacksonville

Baptist & Wolfson North Emergency Room
11250 Baptist Health Dr., Jacksonville

HCA Florida Atlantic Emergency
11850 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville

UF Health Emergency & Urgent Care Center - New Kings
11277 New Kings Rd., Jacksonville

DUVAL-SOUTH

Baptist & Wolfson Town Center Emergency Room
4085 Town Center Pkwy., Jacksonville

HCA Florida Mandarin Emergency
10910 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville

UF Health Emergency & Urgent Care Center - Baymeadows
11251 Lamb Tail Ln., Jacksonville

DUVAL-WEST

Ascension St. Vincent's Emergency Care - Westside
8083 Parramore Rd., Jacksonville

Baptist & Wolfson Oakleaf Emergency Room
9868 Family Pl., Jacksonville

HCA Florida Normandy Park Emergency
5773 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville

HCA Florida Park West Emergency
6477 103rd St., Jacksonville

UF Health Emergency & Urgent Care Center - Lane Avenue
888 Lane Ave. S., Jacksonville

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

HCA Florida Julington Creek Emergency
42 Doctors Village Dr., St. Johns



UF Health North, photo courtesy of UF Health



Baptist ER & Imaging Center at Nassau Crossing, photo courtesy of Baptist Health

Healthcare on the First Coast is Flourishing!

The First Coast is experiencing a growth in economic and job opportunities that is unprecedented. These circumstances have set the stage for the healthcare industry to expand and thrive in a multitude of ways. As there is an increase in homeowners and residents within the area, the need for healthcare expansion to cater to a larger community is growing. Currently, there are a variety of developmental projects underway. This includes new hospitals, clinics and rehabilitation sites, along with healthcare industry collaborations, expanding facilities and new available treatment plans.

Acadia Healthcare

Acadia Healthcare is building a new two-story, 144-bed behavior hospital in St. Augustine, located on six acres at CR 210 and I-95. Acadia Healthcare is a Tennessee-based behavioral healthcare service provider that offers inpatient, outpatient, detoxification and residential treatment.

Baptist Health

Baptist Health continues to grow and expand its presence on the First Coast. The health system recently opened the Baptist Emergency and Imaging Center at Nassau Crossing. The new center offers vital healthcare services to Yulee, Callahan and Hilliard residents. The ER features an adjoining imaging center for adults and children that offers X-rays, ultrasounds, CT scans, mammography and bone density screenings. The emergency and imaging center is the first facility to open on the new 56,588-square-foot Baptist Nassau Crossing Medical Campus. Once fully complete, the campus will offer primary care and behavioral health services and will be home to specialty physician offices, the Borland Groover Medical Office and Nassau Crossing Endoscopy Center.

Baptist Health plans to develop a medical campus in the Silverleaf community of St. Johns County. The proposed 118,000-square-foot project includes a freestanding 24/7 Baptist/Wolfson Children's Emergency Center, office space, a helipad for air ambulance services and space for future expansions. Baptist is also planning to build a two-story, 50,000-square-foot medical office building off Stillwood Pines Boulevard in Seven Pines.

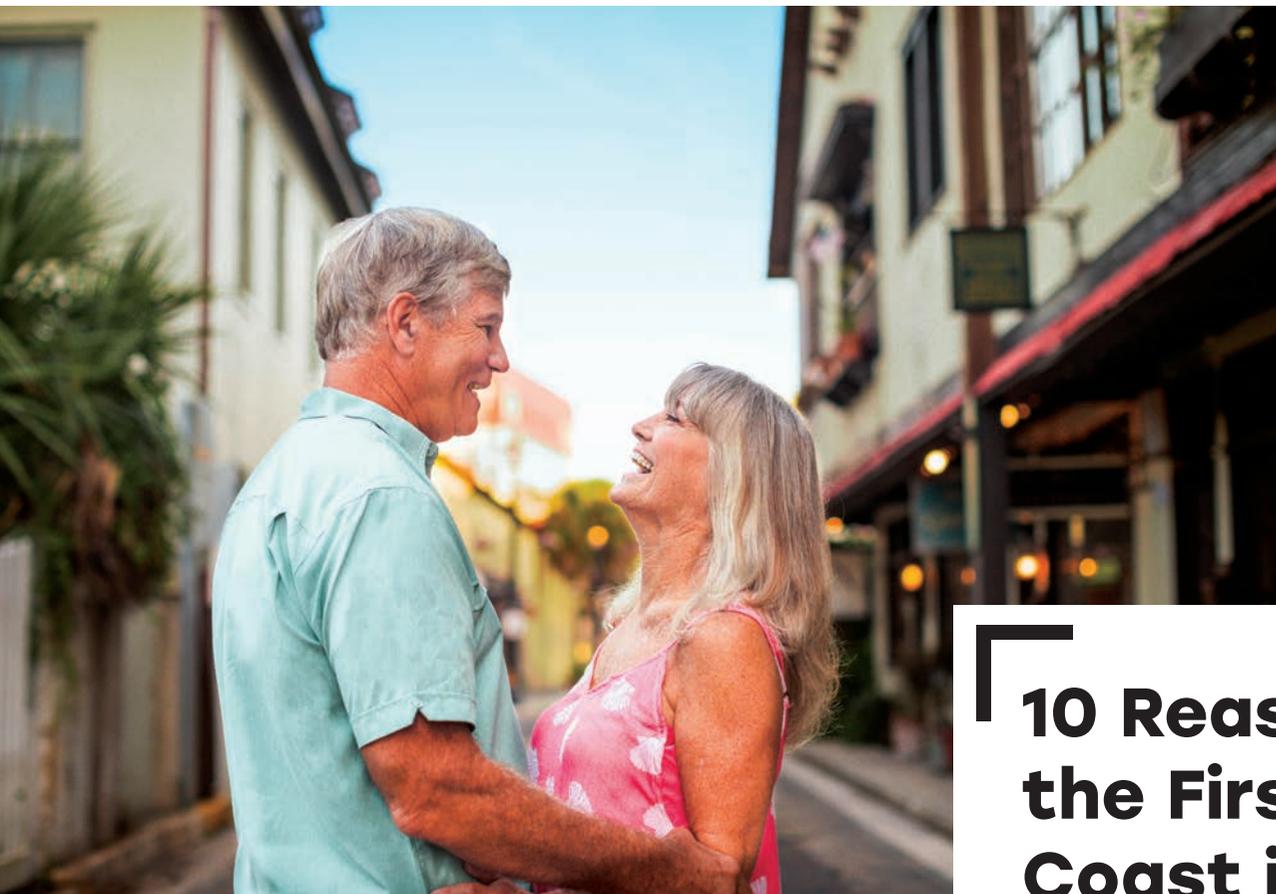
North Florida Rehabilitation Hospital

The new \$48 million North Florida Rehabilitation Hospital is now open in west Jacksonville. Located at southwest Normandy Boulevard and Interstate 295, the 50-bed, 60,000-square-foot inpatient facility is the region's first free-standing inpatient rehabilitation hospital west of the St. Johns River. The rehab hospital is architecturally designed to create a therapeutic environment for patients and is equipped with cutting-edge amenities and adaptive units, including a 12-bed brain injury unit, multidisciplinary therapy gymnasiums, a specialized daily living activities suite and outdoor courtyards designed to promote patient mobility.

UF Health

To serve the healthcare needs of the growing North Jacksonville and Southeast Georgia communities, UF Health North has opened a new \$140 million, 124-room patient tower. The hospital tower includes six floors, two of which are dedicated to patients needing acute physical therapy. Two additional patient floors will be used for acute care, and one floor will be used primarily for ancillary services.

UF Health has broken ground at UF Health Durbin Park, a 42.5-acre health and wellness campus that will expand the healthcare options for residents in northeast St. Johns County. The project's first phase will include a full-service 150-bed hospital with a focus on orthopaedics, neurosurgery, cardiovascular medicine and women's services. The campus will also be home to a medical office building and an ambulatory surgery center. The project is expected to bring 2,000 new jobs to the area. Once fully complete, the 395,000-square-foot hospital will include acute, intensive and emergency care; operating rooms; and an imaging suite and hybrid labs for interventional procedures.



10 Reasons the First Coast is the Best Place for Seniors!

1. Retirement-worthy weather!

One of the main things we're famous for here on the First Coast is our beautiful weather all year long. Seniors can enjoy the outdoors year-round with our sunny summers and mild winters.

2. The affordability!

A major draw for potential residents is the First Coast's low cost of living. The area is below the national average. Public and private pensions, individual retirement accounts, 401(k)s and Social Security have no state taxation or state income tax.

3. Healthcare!

The First Coast has some of the best healthcare facilities in the region. It is home to Baptist Health, HCA Florida Healthcare, UF Health Jacksonville, Ascension St. Vincent's and Mayo Clinic. There are also VA clinics in Jacksonville and St. Augustine.

4. Vibrant adult communities!

Seniors can choose from several different types of adult communities based on their needs, wants and budgets. Many offer resort-style amenities and recreational options.

5. Senior centers!

Stay active and social at one of the several senior centers in the region. They offer classes, events, meals and more. You can find a list of senior centers on page 59.

6. Volunteer opportunities!

Connect with the community and help others by volunteering. The First Coast has several programs and organizations that welcome senior involvement, including the Foster Grandparents Program, Catholic Charities, Seniors on a Mission Inc. and RSVP.

7. Gorgeous parks!

Seniors who love the outdoors have endless opportunities to explore on the First Coast. Jacksonville is home to the largest urban park system in the country, and the region has several gorgeous state parks that are ready to be discovered.

8. Attractions!

There's no room for boredom on the First Coast. Many of the attractions here offer senior discounts, including the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens and the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens.

9. Sports!

Sports are a big part of the First Coast, and seniors can enjoy watching anything from NFL football to minor league hockey. The First Coast is also home to several golf courses and hosts THE PLAYERS Championship at TPC Sawgrass.

10. Our location!

The First Coast has a prime location within driving range of hot spots like Daytona Beach, the Gulf Coast and Orlando. If you're wanting to go a little farther, then the Jacksonville International Airport can fly you to nearly anywhere in the world!

First Coast Senior Centers



Bennie Furlong Senior Center, photo courtesy of COJ

BAKER COUNTY

Baker County Council on Aging
 Friendship Center 904-259-2223

CLAY COUNTY

Clayton & Mildred Revels
 Senior Center 904-284-3134
 Keystone Heights Senior Center 352-473-7121
 Middleburg Senior Center 904-291-3520
 Orange Park Senior Center 904-269-4731

DUVAL COUNTY

DUVAL-BEACHES

Bennie Furlong Beaches
 Senior Center 904-255-6730
 Neptune Beach Senior
 Activity Center 904-749-0068

DUVAL-NORTH

Frances Padgett Arlington
 Senior Center 904-255-6733

Jim Fortuna Senior Center 904-255-6844
 Leroy D. Clemons Senior Center 904-255-6737
 Oceanway Senior Center 904-255-6855

DUVAL-SOUTH

Mandarin Senior Center 904-255-6750
 Southside Community Center 904-255-6940

DUVAL-WEST

Carvill Senior Center 904-255-6650
 Charlie T. Joseph Senior Center 904-255-6822
 J.S. Johnson Senior Center 904-255-6755
 Lane Wiley Senior Center 904-255-6644
 Lincoln Villa Senior Center 904-255-6811
 Long Branch Senior Center 904-255-6790
 Louis Dinah Senior Center 904-255-6800
 Mary L. Singleton Senior Center 904-255-6666
 Maxville Senior Center 904-255-6744
 Riverview Senior Center 904-255-6797

NASSAU COUNTY

Janice Ancrum Senior Life Center ... 904-261-0701
 Westside Senior Life Center 904-845-3331

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Coastal Community Center 904-209-3636
 Council on Aging Center at
 UF Health Nocatee 904-819-3234
 Hastings Senior Center 904-209-3694
 PLAYERS Community
 Senior Center, THE 904-209-3659
 River House 904-209-3655
 Trout Creek Senior Center 904-209-3658

Pickleball on the First Coast

Seniors love pickleball! This mix of tennis, badminton and ping pong is a fantastic way to keep in shape and stay social. Below are First Coast pickleball resources.

Jax Pickleball Store
www.jaxpickleballstore.com

North Florida Pickleball
www.northfloridapickleball.com

Pickle Garden at the Yards, The
www.playtheyards.com/pickleball

USA Pickleball Association
www.usapa.org

Exciting Annual Senior Events!

The City of Jacksonville hosts several events throughout the year for seniors. Up-to-date information can be found at www.jacksonville.gov, the City of Jacksonville Senior Services Division Facebook page or by calling 904-255-5667.



Senior Events, photo courtesy of COJ

Bash at the Ball Field

Seniors can enjoy a day out and a Jumbo Shrimp baseball game. Admission to the game and a traditional ballpark meal is free.

Beach Ball

Kick off summer at the Beach Ball! Seniors can enjoy a catered meal and dance to the DJ's music.

Fish-A-Thon

The annual Fish-A-Thon is held at Hanna Park and includes games, contests and more. Awards are given to seniors for catching the largest and smallest fish, most fish, prettiest fish and ugliest fish.

Forever Fit 50 & Beyond:

Jacksonville Senior Games

Those 50 and older can come together and celebrate fitness. Seniors can compete in many games and events at several venues throughout Jacksonville.

Holiday Festival for Seniors

Seniors can ring in the holiday season with dinner, dancing and entertainment at the Prime Osborn Convention Center.

Safety and Security Seminar for Seniors

Seniors are given tools and information that help keep them protected from fraud and scams.

Senior Expo

Twice a year, the City of Jacksonville hosts the two-day expo where seniors can acquire information on programs and resources that are available in the area. They also offer free health screenings.

Senior Prom

Held at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, the Senior Prom has been a First Coast staple for over 30 years. Seniors can enjoy live music, dinner, dancing and even door prizes.

Walk for Senior Wellness

Take a scenic one-mile walk along the downtown Southbank Riverwalk to celebrate senior fitness and wellness. Lunch is offered afterwards.

A Place to Call Home: Choosing the Right Senior Living Option

There are many living options for seniors moving to the First Coast, but it's important to know which option is the best fit for your specific needs. Deciding on living arrangements can feel overwhelming, but knowing the differences between each type is a good place to start. Take the time to tour different communities or facilities and ask about what services are provided and any extra costs.

Senior residents have several living options on the First Coast, no matter their specific needs. While deciding on the exact living arrangement can be overwhelming, a breakdown of the types of options can be found on this page to ease some of those feelings.

Assisted Living Facilities

Assisted living facilities are a great long-term care option for seniors able to live independently. Seniors who need help with daily activities but don't require intensive care may be best suited for an assisted living facility. Multiple levels of care can be provided depending on these needs. Staff members are trained to assist residents with tasks such as bathing, cooking, dressing, taking medication, shopping and more. Many of the facilities are structured like apartment buildings with a shared common space where many host social and recreational activities.

Skilled Nursing Facilities

Seniors in need of round-the-clock medical care may be best suited for skilled nursing facilities. These facilities are equipped to offer treatment from registered nurses, therapy services from physical, occupational or speech therapists, plus a physician on staff to supervise the patients' care. The facilities also offer short-term services for people recovering from an injury or illness, or long-term services requiring more

intensive care. Memory care facilities, a type of skilled nursing facility, specialize in caring for seniors with Alzheimer's, dementia and other memory-related issues.

Retirement Communities

Retirement communities are best for seniors who can live independently and don't require assistance with daily tasks from staff members. These communities include active adult communities, independent living communities and 55-plus communities. There are many different types of housing options like apartments, condos and single-family homes. Several communities will have amenities like gyms, pools, golf courses, transportation and food options on site. Some may also include housekeeping and meal prep services if needed.

For a comprehensive list of these facilities and communities, check out the Jacksonville Senior Services Directory at www.heritagepublishinginc.com or pick up a copy in person at your local library or senior center.



Work

In the Work Section, see what makes the First Coast such a great place to work and do business.



Northeast Florida Businesses: A Driving Force of The Economy



Downtown Jacksonville, photo courtesy of JAX Chamber

With more than 150 corporate, regional and divisional headquarters operating in the area, the First Coast draws many different business sectors from all over. One of the fastest-growing areas for businesses in the country, the First Coast is an affordable option for businesses as there are no taxes on corporate franchises, inventory or personal income. The average commute time of 26 minutes, which is less than any other major city, is another desirable reason to do business in Northeast Florida. Jacksonville International Airport offers more than 90 non-stop daily flights and connections to every major city in the world.

Affordable Construction and Real Estate on the First Coast

Construction costs are 14 percent lower than the U.S. average, and the cost to lease industrial space is below most major metro areas.

Jacksonville ranks as one of the best places for both careers and businesses while boasting three Fortune 500 companies, five Fortune 1000 companies and a labor force of more than 864,000. The city ranks No. 4 as the best large city to start a business according to WalletHub, while MoneyGeek ranked Jacksonville No. 3 as the best city for job seekers. Jacksonville has also been named the No. 2 best job market according to *The Wall Street Journal*. According to SEC data, Jacksonville was the No. 1 major city for corporate relocations.

Nearly 20 major banks, insurance and investment service firms on the Fortune Global 500 list have operations on the First Coast. With considerable growth as a financial focal point, this region has become a financial powerhouse.

Florida's tax environment is favorable for both businesses and individuals alike.

Florida Offers Sales and Use Tax Exemptions on:

- Aircraft parts, modification, maintenance and repair, sale or lease of qualified aircraft
- Certain boiler fuels (including natural gas) used in the manufacturing process
- Commercial space activity—launch vehicles, payloads and fuel, machinery and equipment for production of items used exclusively at Spaceport Florida
- Electricity used in the manufacturing process
- Labor component of research and development expenditures
- Labor, parts and materials used in repair of and incorporated into machinery and equipment

- Machinery and equipment used by a new or expanding Florida business to manufacture, produce or process tangible personal property for sale
- Machinery and equipment used predominantly in research and development
- Production companies engaged in Florida in the production of motion pictures, made for television motion pictures, television series, commercial advertising, music videos or sound recordings
- Semiconductor, defense and space technology-based industry transactions involving manufacturing equipment

Florida does not have:

- State-level property tax assessed
- State personal income tax
- Sales and use tax on co-generation of electricity
- Sales tax on purchases of raw materials incorporated in a final product for resale, including non-reusable containers or packaging
- Sales tax on manufacturing machinery and equipment
- Sales and use tax on goods manufactured or produced in Florida for export outside the state
- Property tax on goods-in-transit for up to 180 days
- Property tax on business inventories
- Corporate income tax on subchapter S-corporations
- Corporate income tax on limited partnerships
- Corporate franchise tax on capital stock

Business is Booming on the First Coast!

Surrounded by deep-water ports and a skilled workforce, it is easy to see why each year more businesses decide to call the First Coast home. Many companies choose to expand their reach here and even relocate. Below are a few businesses that have contributed to the area's significant growth.



Primark, photo courtesy of COJ

Anderson-Dubose Chooses Jacksonville for its Southeast Expansion

Leader in contract logistics
DHL Supply Chain is building a 600,000-square-foot facility in north Jacksonville that will create at least 100 new jobs.

"By expanding our footprint into Jacksonville, we can better meet the burgeoning demand for cold and dry food service storage in the Southeast and revolutionize distribution support operations for our

valued customers," Anderson-DuBose Chief Operating Officer Mike Boddy said in a JAXUSA news release. "Anderson-DuBose appreciates Norfolk Southern's commitment to this joint growth opportunity for both of our companies."

DHL Supply Chain Logistics and Distribution Center in North Jacksonville

Leader in contract logistics
DHL Supply Chain is building a 600,000-square-foot facility in north Jacksonville that will create at least



Holon, photo courtesy of COJ

100 new jobs. DHL Supply Chain will invest \$64 million in the building and equipment for the new facility.

"We welcome DHL Supply Chain and thank them for choosing Jacksonville. Their new facility and the 100 jobs that will be created to support it are a reflection of our reputation as America's Logistics Center," Jacksonville Mayor Donna Deegan said in a JAXUSA news release. "We are proud to have the world's leading contract logistics provider expand its operations in our fast-growing city."

Hermeus Selects Jacksonville for New Hypersonic Aircraft Testing Facility

Atlanta-based high-tech aircraft developer Hermeus plans to open a new hypersonic engine testing facility at Cecil Airport on Jacksonville's Westside. Named HEAT (High Enthalpy Air-Breathing Test Facility), the facility will be Hermeus' largest and most technologically advanced test site to date and will become a national asset for hypersonic testing.

The new testing facility will evaluate hypersonic aircraft engines that will allow for transatlantic travel. These hypersonic aircraft engines can reach five times the speed of sound and have the potential to offer a 90-minute flight from New York to London. Hermeus has invested \$130 million in the project and will bring in a total of 100 new high-wage jobs to the area by 2028.

Hermeus' Jacksonville site will be the company's fifth in the country for engine development and will include two engine test cells, an office building and a hush house (a noise-suppressed facility used for testing aircraft systems). "We're getting bigger, but we needed space to do that," said Glenn Case, Co-founder and Chief Technologist of Hermeus in a JAXUSA news release. "Florida was the right place to do it." Hermeus broke ground on the project in September 2024.

HOLON Autonomous Shuttle Manufacturing Facility in Jacksonville

HOLON, a leading manufacturer of autonomous electric shuttles, is launching its first production plant for autonomous movers in Jacksonville. With a goal to revolutionize shared mobility and sustainable transportation, HOLON is poised to transform the future of transportation with a new facility in the Northside. HOLON's mission for the plant is to deliver inclusive, emission-free and sustainable passenger transportation, all while addressing urban traffic challenges, climate change and demographic shifts.



Primark Jacksonville Distribution Center

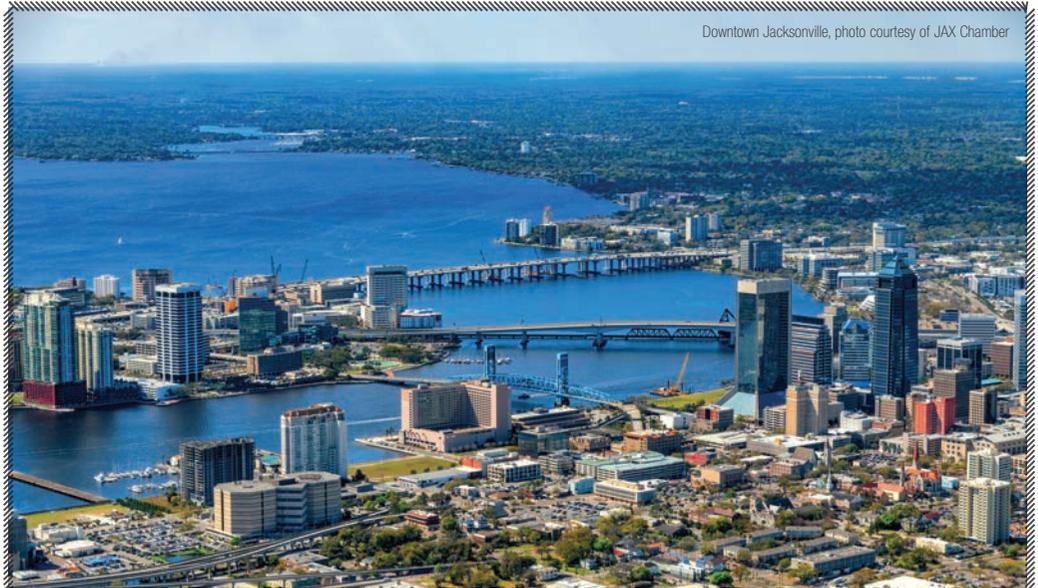
International clothing retailer Primark recently opened a new distribution center in north Jacksonville that comprises over 550,000 square feet of warehouse space. Primark plans to import cargo through the JAXPORT since the international trade seaport is strategically located within a one-day truck drive of nearly 100 million U.S. consumers. Through the opening of its new distribution center, Primark, in partnership with DHL and JZI, has created jobs for and invested in the Jacksonville community.

Publix Pharmaceutical Facility Coming to St. Johns County

Publix plans to establish an innovative pharmaceutical manufacturing facility in St. Johns County that will add approximately 115 jobs by the end of 2026 and 400 by the end of 2034.

This \$145 million state-of-the-art central fill pharmaceutical facility will be located within the industrial park of Legend Point Logistics Crossing in St. Johns.

The central fill facility will process up to 500,000 orders per week and eventually reach 1 million per week. The facility’s employees will assemble made-to-order prescriptions that are dispensed at Publix pharmacies after raw materials are unpacked and processed into salable form.



Downtown Jacksonville, photo courtesy of JAX Chamber

First Coast U.S. Headquarters of Foreign Corporations

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| Adecco Group North America
<i>Staffing/Recruiting</i> | City Facilities Management
<i>Refrigeration Facilities Management</i> | Medius
<i>Software</i> |
| Association of Tennis Professionals
<i>Professional Sports</i> | Höegh Autoliners
<i>Shipping</i> | Saft Batteries
<i>Manufacturing</i> |
| Buffet Crampon USA
<i>Musical Instruments</i> | KLS Martin
<i>Manufacturing</i> | |



Downtown, photo by Monica Fields

Chambers of Commerce in the 6-County Region

- Baker County Chamber of Commerce
20 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny
www.bakerchamberfl.com
- Clay County Chamber of Commerce
2042 Park Ave., Ste. 111, Orange Park
www.claychamber.com
- JAX Chamber
3 Independent Dr., Jacksonville
<https://jaxchamber.com>
- Nassau County Chamber of Commerce
961687 Gateway Blvd., Ste. 101-G, Fernandina Beach
www.islandchamber.com
- Palm Coast-Flagler Regional Chamber of Commerce
145 City Pl., Ste. 300-A, Palm Coast
<https://pcfchamber.com>
- St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce
100 Southpark Blvd., St. Augustine
www.sjcchamber.com

Homegrown Companies

Home to three Fortune 500 and five Fortune 1000 company headquarters, the First Coast is the perfect place for businesses. More than 150 companies have decided to make the First Coast their home with regional, divisional or corporate headquarters located right here!

2G Energy, Inc. <i>Energy Conversion</i>	Astadia <i>IT Consulting</i>
Acosta Sales and Marketing <i>Marketing</i>	AT&T <i>Telecommunications</i>
Advantus Corp. <i>Manufacturing</i>	Atrium Windows and Doors of Florida <i>Manufacturing</i>
AGX Freight <i>Transportation</i>	Avallity <i>Healthcare Technology</i>
A.J. Johns, Inc. <i>Construction</i>	Baker Distributing Company <i>Distribution</i>
All Florida Safety Institute <i>Driving School</i>	Baptist Health <i>Health System</i>
Allstate <i>Insurance</i>	Beaver Street Fisheries, Inc. <i>Wholesale Distribution</i>
Alternate Energy Technologies, LLC <i>Manufacturing</i>	Beeline <i>IT</i>
Amports <i>Automotive Services</i>	Brightway Insurance <i>Insurance Services</i>
APL Logistics Warehouse Services <i>Distribution</i>	Brooks Rehabilitation <i>Healthcare</i>
APR Energy <i>Energy Supplier</i>	Bubba Foods <i>Food</i>
ArdentX <i>Logistics</i>	Burkhardt Sales and Services <i>Wholesaler</i>
Ash Properties <i>Commercial Real Estate</i>	Cain & Boltman, Inc. <i>Logistics</i>



Photo courtesy of Fanatics

Capital Markets Cooperative <i>Financial Consulting</i>	ERC <i>Collections Agency</i>
Carlisle Interconnect Technologies <i>Manufacturing</i>	EverBank <i>Banking and Mortgage</i>
CEVA Logistics <i>Logistics</i>	Famous Amos Restaurant <i>Restaurant</i>
Circle K South Atlantic <i>Gas Stations</i>	Fanatics, Inc. <i>Retail</i>
Citizens Property Insurance <i>Insurance</i>	Fidelity National Financial <i>Financial Services</i>
City Facilities Management Holdings <i>Facilities Management</i>	Fidus Construction <i>Construction</i>
Concealment Express <i>Manufacturing</i>	Finxact <i>Banking Software</i>
Community First Credit Union <i>Banking Services</i>	Firehouse Subs <i>Restaurant</i>
Craig/is Ltd. <i>Insurance Services</i>	First Professionals Insurance <i>Insurance</i>
Crowley Maritime <i>Transportation</i>	FIS <i>Financial Technology</i>
Crucial Care <i>Urgent Care Centers</i>	Flagler <i>Property Development</i>
CSI Companies <i>Staffing Services</i>	Florida Army National Guard <i>Military</i>
CSX Corporation <i>Transportation</i>	Florida Blue <i>Health Insurance</i>
D.R. Horton <i>Home Builders</i>	Forcura <i>Software</i>
David Dobbs Enterprises <i>Manufacturing</i>	Formativ Health <i>Healthcare Management</i>
Dream Finders Homes <i>Home Builders</i>	Fortegra <i>Insurance</i>
Drummond <i>Marketing</i>	Gate Petroleum <i>Petroleum Products</i>
Duos Technologies <i>IT Services</i>	GEE Group <i>Staffing Solutions</i>
Dun & Bradstreet <i>IT Services</i>	Genplant <i>Energy Services</i>
Duval Motor Company <i>Auto Sales</i>	Global Access Corp. <i>ATM Solutions</i>
Early Upgrade <i>Electronics</i>	Greenshades Software <i>Software Development</i>
Elkins Construction <i>Construction</i>	GuideWell <i>Medicare Administration</i>
Emtec, Inc. <i>IT Services</i>	Haskell <i>Construction</i>
Encore Development <i>IT Services</i>	HC Brands <i>Manufacturing</i>

Homegrown Companies

EverBank, photo by Monica Fields



Healogics
Wound Care Services

Home Depot Pro, The
Wholesale Distribution

iDeal Aluminum Products
Manufacturing

iVenture
IT Services

Iluka Resource
Manufacturing

International Baler Corporation
Manufacturing

ISF
IT Services

JinkoSolar
Manufacturing

Johnson & Johnson Vision
Optical Products

Kitchens Seafood
Seafood Processor

KLS Martin USA
Manufacturing

Landstar System, Inc.
Transportation

Larry's Giant Subs
Restaurant

Liberty Landscape Supply
Landscaping

Lift Power
Wholesale Industrial Products

Logistic Services International
Aviation Training

Mac Papers and Packaging
Manufacturing

Magellan Transport Logistics
Logistics

Main Street America Group, The
Insurance

McKesson
Medical Supplies

Medtronic
Manufacturing

Meridian Technologies
IT Services

Miller Electric Company
Electrical Contractor

MOBRO Marine, Inc.
Construction Equipment

NAQ Global
Manufacturing

Nateen
Manufacturing

Natural Life Collections
Wholesales

Nemours Foundation
Nonprofit

Newfold Digital
Internet Design Services

NGA Human Resources
Consulting Services

Nivel Parts & Manufacturing
Manufacturing

One Call
Workers Compensation Services

Optimum Healthcare IT
Healthcare IT

Patriot Rail Company
Logistics and Distribution

Perdue Office Interiors
Furniture

Persown
Healthcare

Pilot Pen Corporation of America
Manufacturing

PGA Tour
Professional Sports

PGA Tour Entertainment
Video Production

PRI Productions
Special Events Production

Q-PAC
Manufacturing

RailPros
Training Services

Rayonier, Inc.
Land Management

Redwire
Space Conglomerate

Regency Centers
Real Estate

Reynolds, Smith & Hills
Construction

Revalize
Supply Chain Technology

Riley Gear
Manufacturing

RF-Smart
Software Development

Ring Power
Construction Equipment

RISE: A Real Estate Company
Residential Real Estate

Roadway Worker Training
Rail Industry Services

Rogers Towers, PA
Law Firm

Ronco Group
Manufacturing

Rubix Foods
Food Services

Rulon International
Manufacturing

RYAM
Chemical Products

Safariland
Manufacturing

Saft America
Manufacturing

Sally Dark Rides
Manufacturing

Scott McRae Automotive Group
Auto Dealership

SEMCO Southeastern Metals
Manufacturing

Southeastern Grocers
Grocery Distribution

Standard Pacific Homes
Home Builders

Stellar
Construction

Suddath
Relocation Services

Swisher International Group, Inc.
Manufacturing

Total Distribution, Inc.
Logistics

Tote Maritime
Transportation and Distribution

Trailer Bridge
Transportation

Treace Medical Concepts
Surgical Treatment Development

Unison Industries
Manufacturing

US Assure
Insurance

VAC-CON
Manufacturing

Vacation Rental Pros
Vacation Home Rentals

Venus Swimwear
Apparel

Village Bread
Bakery

Vulcan Materials Company
Construction Aggregates

VyStar Credit Union
Financial Services

W & O Supply, Inc.
Shipping

W.W. Gay Mechanical Contractor, Inc.
Mechanical Contracting

Wells Fargo
Banking and Financial Services

Wounded Warrior Project
Veteran Rehabilitation

Zimmer Biomet CMF and Thoracic
Manufacturing

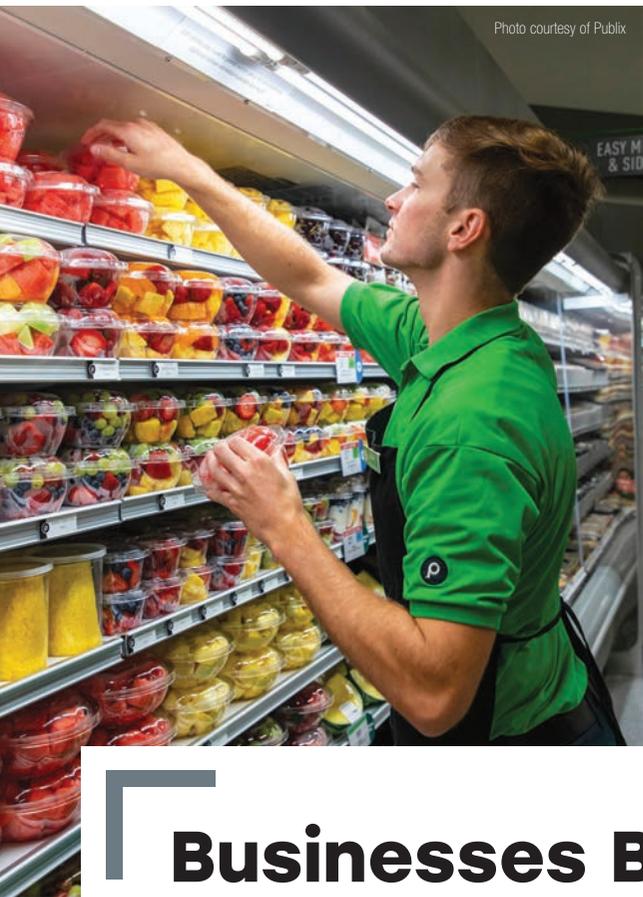


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Businesses By County

Large Employers by County

BAKER COUNTY

Baker County Medical Services
 Macclenny Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
 Swift Transportation
 Walmart
 Walmart Distribution Center

CLAY COUNTY

Andromeda Systems, Inc.
 Applied Business Solutions
 Ascension St. Vincent's Clay
 AT&T
 Bestbet Orange Park
 Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc.
 HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital
 Home Depot
 General RV
 Kelly Services
 Kindred Hospitals East
 Lowe's
 Parallon
 Paychex PEO

Pegasus Technologies
 Publix Supermarkets
 Vac-Con, Inc.
 Vallencourt Construction
 Walmart
 Winn-Dixie

DUVAL COUNTY

Aetna
 Allegis Group
 Ally Financial
 Amazon
 Ascension St. Vincent's
 AT&T
 Bank of America
 Baptist Health
 Brooks Rehabilitation
 Citi
 Citizens Property Insurance
 Coggin Automotive Group
 Comcast
 Contemporary Services Corporation
 Crowley

CSX Corporation
 Deutsche Bank
 Fanatics
 Fidelity Investments
 Fidelity National Financial
 FIS
 Fleet Readiness Center Southeast
 Flightstar Aircraft Services
 Florida Blue
 GAI Consultants, Inc.
 GATE Petroleum
 GCA Services Group, Inc.
 GuideWell
 Haskell
 HCA Florida Memorial Hospital
 Intercontinental Exchange
 Johnson & Johnson Vision
 JPMorgan Chase
 Landstar
 Mac Papers
 Mayo Clinic
 McKesson
 Miller Electric Company

Nemours Children's Health
 One Call
 Prudential Financial
 Publix Jacksonville Warehouse
 Remedy Intelligent Staffing
 Southeastern Grocers
 Swisher International Group, Inc.
 UF Health
 UPS
 VyStar Credit Union
 Wells Fargo
 W.W. Gay Mechanical Contractor, Inc.

FLAGLER COUNTY

AdventHealth
 Coastal Cloud
 Hammock Beach Resort
 Moving Minds
 Palm Coast Data

NASSAU COUNTY

Baptist Medical Center Nassau
 Omni Amelia Island Resort
 Rayonier Advanced Materials
 Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island
 WestRock

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Carlisle Interconnect Technologies
 D.R. Horton
 Flagler College
 Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind
 Hydro Extrusion
 KeHE Distributors
 Northrop Grumman
 PGA TOUR
 Ponte Vedra Inn & Club
 Ring Power
 Sawgrass Resort Marriott
 UF Health St. Johns
 Vicar's Landing
 Westminster Woods on Julington Creek

Money, Money, Money!

With a diverse population and a multitude of professional opportunities, the First Coast is the perfect place for those looking for a new career.

Below are several professions on the First Coast and their salaries compared to the U.S. mean. With ever-changing job markets, it's important to know the average salary in the area, which could help with choosing the right career path.



FINANCIAL MANAGERS
3,710 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$161,360 | Jacksonville Mean
\$174,820 | U.S. Mean



GENERAL AND OPERATIONS MANAGERS
13,810 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$126,790 | Jacksonville Mean
\$129,330 | U.S. Mean



LAWYERS
3,640 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$127,980 | Jacksonville Mean
\$176,470 | U.S. Mean



MANAGEMENT OCCUPATIONS
44,180 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$126,340 | Jacksonville Mean
\$137,750 | U.S. Mean



SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS, APPLICATIONS
6,270 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$118,560 | Jacksonville Mean
\$138,110 | U.S. Mean



LEGAL OCCUPATIONS
6,340 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$100,430 | Jacksonville Mean
\$133,820 | U.S. Mean



MANAGEMENT ANALYSTS
5,140 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$88,240 | Jacksonville Mean
\$115,530 | U.S. Mean



COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYSTS
2,690 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$104,710 | Jacksonville Mean
\$110,800 | U.S. Mean



SECURITIES, COMMODITIES AND FINANCIAL SERVICES SALES AGENTS
4,060 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$86,620 | Jacksonville Mean
\$109,710 | U.S. Mean



LOAN OFFICERS
3,210 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$79,670 | Jacksonville Mean
\$84,490 | U.S. Mean



HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS AND TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONS
51,700 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$96,710 | Jacksonville Mean
\$102,060 | U.S. Mean



COMPUTER AND MATHEMATICAL OCCUPATIONS
21,660 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$98,890 | Jacksonville Mean
\$113,140 | U.S. Mean



SALES REPRESENTATIVES, WHOLESALE AND MANUFACTURING, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTS
1,080 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$101,650 | Jacksonville Mean
\$113,520 | U.S. Mean



ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING OCCUPATIONS
9,300 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$90,750 | Jacksonville Mean
\$99,090 | U.S. Mean



ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS
7,010 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$79,960 | Jacksonville Mean
\$90,780 | U.S. Mean



MARKET RESEARCH ANALYSTS AND MARKETING SPECIALISTS
3,800 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$76,150 | Jacksonville Mean
\$83,190 | U.S. Mean



INSURANCE SALES AGENTS
2,960 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$67,190 | Jacksonville Mean
\$79,700 | U.S. Mean



BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OCCUPATIONS
56,370 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$83,290 | Jacksonville Mean
\$90,580 | U.S. Mean



PROJECT MANAGEMENT SPECIALISTS
5,300 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$96,370 | Jacksonville Mean
\$104,920 | U.S. Mean



REGISTERED NURSES
18,720 | Total Jacksonville Employees
\$72,460 | Jacksonville Mean
\$94,480 | U.S. Mean

Top 50 Employers on The First Coast

Bank of America tower, photo by Monica Fields



1. Naval Air Station Jacksonville

21,000 employees
6801 Roosevelt Blvd.,
Jacksonville
<https://cnrse.cnicy.navy.mil/Installations/NAS-Jacksonville>

2. Naval Station Mayport

14,000 employees
Box 280032, Mayport
<https://cnrse.cnicy.navy.mil/Installations/NS-Mayport>

3. Baptist Health

12,000 employees
800 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville
www.baptistjax.com

4. Mayo Clinic

8,450 employees
4500 San Pablo Rd. S.,
Jacksonville
www.mayoclinic.org

5. Amazon Fulfillment Center JAX2

8,000 employees
12900 Pecan Park Rd.,
Jacksonville
www.amazon.com

6. Bank of America

8,000 employees
50 N. Laura St., Jacksonville
www.bankofamerica.com

7. UF Health Jacksonville

6,600 employees
655 W. 8th St., Jacksonville
www.ufhealthjax.org

8. Florida Blue

5,700 employees
4800 Deerwood Campus Pkwy.,
Jacksonville
www.floridablue.com

9. Southeastern Grocers

5,700 employees
8928 Prominence Pkwy.,
Ste. 200, Jacksonville
www.segrocers.com

Fleet Readiness Center Southeast, photo by Toiete Jackson



10. Fleet Readiness Center Southeast

5,350 employees
101 Wasp St., Jacksonville
<https://frcse.navair.navy.mil>

11. Ascension St. Vincent's Riverside

5,050 employees
1 Shircliff Way, Jacksonville
www.healthcare.ascension.org

12. UPS

4,500 employees
4420 Imeson Rd., Jacksonville
www.ups.com

13. Citi

4,000 employees
14000 Citicards Way,
Jacksonville
www.citi.com

14. JPMorgan Chase

3,900 employees
112 W. Adams St., Ste. 101,
Jacksonville
www.jpmorganchase.com

15. Johnson & Johnson Vision

3,500 employees
7500 Centurion Pkwy. N.,
Jacksonville
www.jjvision.com



Photo courtesy of Johnson & Johnson Vision, Inc.

16. GATE Petroleum Company

3,000 employees
9540 San Jose Blvd.,
Jacksonville
www.gatepetro.com

17. Brooks Rehabilitation

2,900 employees
3599 University Blvd. S.,
Jacksonville
www.brooksrehab.org

18. Ascension St. Vincent's Southside

2,720 employees
4201 Belfort Rd., Jacksonville
www.healthcare.ascension.org

19. AT&T

2,600 employees
4663 River City Dr., Ste. 101,
Jacksonville
www.att.com

20. CSX Corporation

2,530 employees
500 Water St., Jacksonville
www.csx.com

21. Deutsche Bank

2,400 employees
5022 Gate Pkwy., Jacksonville
www.db.com

22. HCA Florida Memorial Hospital

2,370 employees
3625 University Blvd. S.,
Jacksonville
www.hcafloridahealthcare.com/locations/memorial-hospital

“Three Jacksonville-based companies are on *Forbes* magazine’s list of the largest privately owned U.S. companies. Southeastern Grocers, Inc. ranked 67th, Fanatics ranked 95th and Crowley Maritime ranked 181st.”



- 23. Haskell**
2,270 employees
111 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville
www.haskell.com
- 24. Diocese of St. Augustine**
2,100 employees
11625 Old St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville
www.dosafl.com
- 25. Remedy Intelligent Staffing**
2,010 employees
5834 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville
www.remedystaffing.com
- 26. Fidelity Investments**
2,000 employees
4601 Touchton Rd. E., Bldg. 400, JV1A, Jacksonville
www.fidelity.com
- 27. YMCA of Florida’s First Coast**
1,971 employees
40 E. Adams St., Ste. 210, Jacksonville
www.ymca.org
- 27. One Call**
1,970 employees
841 Prudential Dr., Ste. 204, Jacksonville
www.onecallcm.com
- 28. Parallon**
1,790 employees
335 Crossing Blvd., Orange Park
www.parallon.com

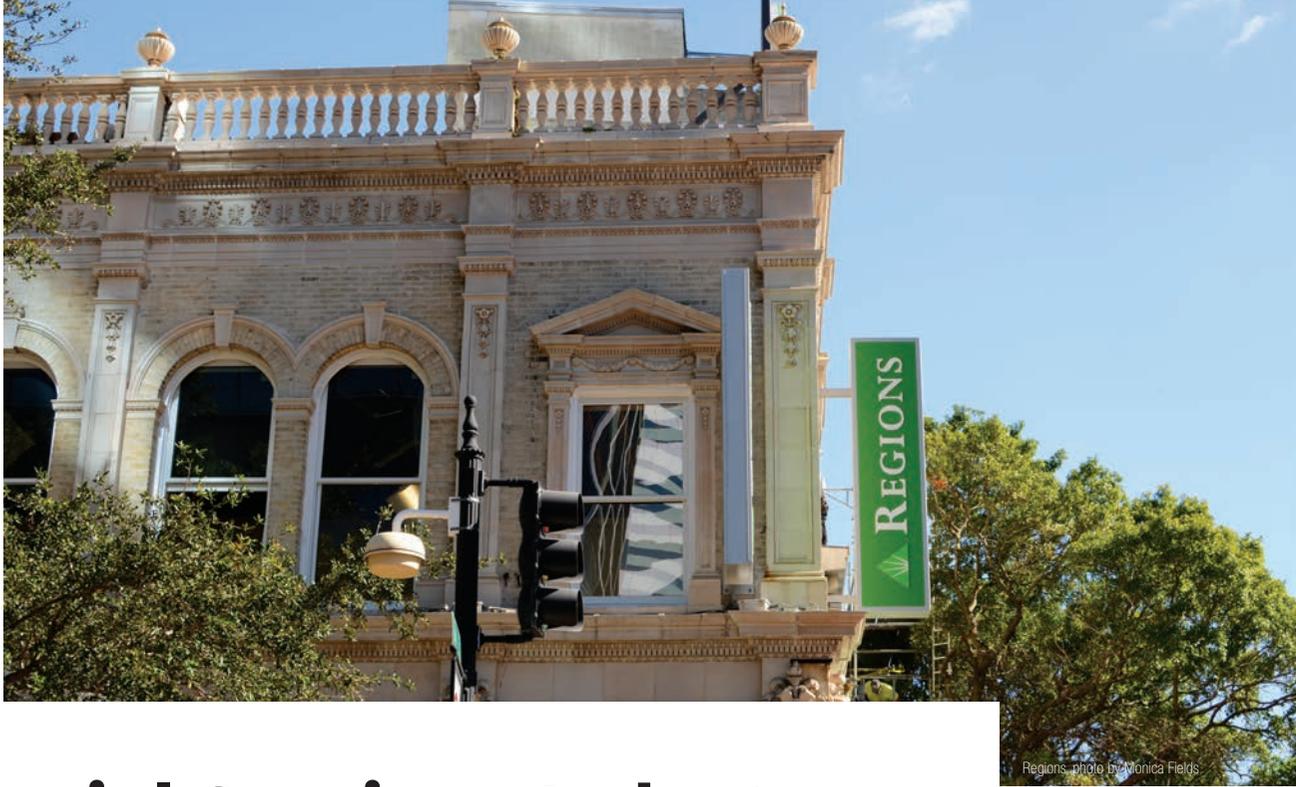
- 29. HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital**
1,770 employees
2001 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park
www.hcafloridahealthcare.com/locations/orange-park-hospital
- 30. Aetna, Inc.**
1,700 employees
9000 Southside Blvd., Bldg. 100, 8th Fl., Jacksonville
www.aetna.com
- 31. Fanatics, Inc.**
1,700 employees
8100 Nations Way, Jacksonville
www.fanatics.com
- 32. VyStar Credit Union**
1,690 employees
76 S. Laura St., Jacksonville
www.vystarcu.org
- 33. Fidelity National Financial, Inc.**
1,660 employees
601 Riverside Ave., Bldg. 5, Jacksonville
www.fnf.com
- 34. Intercontinental Exchange**
1,566 employees
601 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville
www.ice.com
- 35. UF Health Flagler Hospital**
1,560 employees
400 Health Park Blvd., St. Augustine
https://stjohns.ufhealth.org
- 36. FIS**
1,500 employees
347 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville
www.fisglobal.com

- 37. Crowley**
1,300 employees
9487 Regency Square Blvd., Jacksonville
www.crowley.com
- 38. GuideWell**
1,300 employees
4800 Deerwood Campus Pkwy., Jacksonville
www.guidewell.com
- 39. Baptist Medical Center South**
1,250 employees
14550 Old St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville
www.baptistjax.com/locations/baptist-medical-center-south
- 40. Comcast**
1,200 employees
4663 River City Dr., Ste. 107, Jacksonville
www.xfinity.com
- 41. Wells Fargo**
1,180 employees
3563 Philips Hwy., Jacksonville
www.wellsfargo.com
- 42. Northrop Grumman**
1,100 employees
5000 US 1 N., St. Augustine
www.northropgrumman.com
- 43. Wolfson Children’s Hospital**
1,100 employees
800 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville
www.wolfsonchildrens.com

- 44. Citizens Property Insurance Corporation**
1,040 employees
301 W. Bay St., Ste. 1300, Jacksonville
www.citizensfla.com
- 45. Flightstar Aircraft Services**
1,030 employees
6025 Flightline Dr., Jacksonville
https://mroholdings.com/facilities/flightstar
- 46. Contemporary Services Corporation**
1,000 employees
1 Everbank Field Dr., Jacksonville
https://csc-usa.com
- 47. McKesson**
1,000 employees
6651 Gate Pkwy., Jacksonville
www.mckesson.com
- 48. Miller Electric Company**
1,000 employees
6805 Southpoint Pkwy., Jacksonville
www.mecojax.com
- 49. Nemours Children’s Health**
1,000 employees
807 Children’s Way, Jacksonville
www.nemours.org
- 50. W.W. Gay Mechanical Contractor, Inc.**
1,000 employees
524 Stockton St., Jacksonville
https://wwgmc.com



Wolfson Children’s Hospital, photo courtesy of Baptist Health



Regions, photo by Monica Fields

Financial Services Industry

With both local and major banking and financial services institutions in our own backyard, the First Coast's strong financial reputation has allowed major employers to call the area home. Twenty major banks, insurance and investment firms found on the Fortune Global 500 list have operation centers here on the First Coast. Known as a financial hot spot with a high growth rate, there are more than 55,000 employees working in the financial services industry. Below are some available providers in the area ranging from smaller companies to larger national corporations.

Ally

Even though this fully online financial institution doesn't have any physical branches, Ally has a corporate office in Jacksonville and offers banking, investing, home loans, auto finance and much more.

Alive Credit Union

Founded right here on the First Coast, this full-service credit financial institution has served the community, including the employees of Florida Blue, Baptist Health, HCA Florida Memorial Hospital, UF Health Jacksonville, Ascension St. Vincent's and Mayo Clinic, since 1954. Membership services are also available to those working in healthcare, law enforcement, city, marketplace and within our local community, as well as their immediate family members.

Ameris Bank

Originally branded as Ameris Bancorp, this financial institution has been in the industry since 1971. The



Bank of America, photo by Monica Fields

bank serves customers across the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic and has several locations on the First Coast. They offer individual, small business and commercial banking services, as well as wealth management including financial planning, retirement and more.

Bank of America

This American multinational investment bank and financial services company is one of the world's leading financial institutions. It services individuals, businesses, corporations and more with full-service banking, investment management and other products such as savings accounts, loans, mortgages and auto loans.

Bank OZK

Bank OZK has been named one of "America's Best Banks" and "World's Best Banks" every year since 2019 by *Forbes* and has multiple locations on the First Coast. The bank offers personal checking and savings, debit and credit cards, business checking, trust services and much more.

Capital City Bank

Operating since 1895, Capital City Bank is one of the largest publicly traded financial holding institutions in the country. With locations in Keystone Heights and Hastings, the bank offers mortgages,

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trusts, merchant services, bank cards and many banking services.

Chase Bank

This multinational investment bank and financial services company is one of the world's oldest and largest financial institutions. The bank provides credit cards, savings and checking accounts, commercial banking, auto loans and more to its members. Chase Bank is even part of the Jacksonville skyline, with the downtown branch located in the former Barnett National Bank building.

Citi

For more than 25 years, Citi has offered financial services including credit cards, banking and wealth management. With an additional focus on security services, commercial banking, markets, private banking, trade solutions, treasury solutions and capital markets, Citi is a leader in growth and economic development on the First Coast.

Community First Credit Union

Community First Credit Union has been serving the First Coast community for more than 85 years. As one of Florida's largest credit unions, it offers auto loans, mortgages, credit cards, checking accounts, student banking and more for its members.

Deutsche Bank

As a multinational investment bank and financial services company, the bank's operations center in Jacksonville employs more than 2,000 individuals and is the second-largest U.S. operation outside of its New York City branch.

EverBank

Headquartered right here in Jacksonville, EverBank is a diversified financial services company that provides banking and investing services. The bank offers its members high-interest checking, money market accounts, CDs and more.



Chase, photo by Monica Fields

Fifth Third Bank

Fifth Third Bank offers a wide range of services including banking, home buying, insurance, investment markets, savings accounts, CDs and checking accounts with credit cards. The bank focuses on community involvement and builds strategic relationships with each customer to provide a positive and personalized experience.

First Bank, The

With a branch on the Southside of Jacksonville, The First Bank offers personal banking services including checking, savings and credit cards. It also has business and wealth management services, as well as mortgage loans.

First Citizens Bank

First Citizens Bank provides personal, small business and commercial banking services to the First Coast. The bank also provides wealth management services, including trusts, insurance options and investment solutions, to help plan and prepare for the future and retirement. To serve more residents on the First Coast, the bank offers military bank accounts.

First Federal Bank

First Federal Bank has been providing home financing for over 60 years. The company also focuses on warehouse lending, consumer lending, specialty commercial financing, wholesale lending and manufactured housing lending. As a wholesale mortgage lending solution, the bank has been ranked "5 Star, Superior" by BauerFinancial, Inc. since 2000.

First Florida Credit Union

Headquartered in Jacksonville, First Florida Credit Union provides its members with affordable financial products and services. Members have access to digital banking, fast loan approvals, free financial resources and more.

First Horizon

First Horizon has a wide range of products and services for First Coast residents, including banking, home loans, insurance, investing, trust services and more. It also offers small business and commercial banking services.

Florida Capital Bank

As a nationally chartered bank headquartered right here in Jacksonville, Florida, Capital Bank focuses on solutions for the financial well-being of businesses and their owners. It is a full-service retail

“There are more than 55,000 employees working in the financial services industry on the First Coast!”

and commercial bank specializing in SBA loans, small business checking, savings and treasury management services.

Intracoastal Bank

Intracoastal Bank is a true community bank and strives to keep its depository funds local, putting resources to work in the form of local loans helping to create jobs and growth in the local community. Intracoastal Bank has a long-standing history of stability and integrity as a local business dedicated to the needs of our communities.

Navy Federal Credit Union

Founded in 1933, this credit union offers personal and small business banking services to current and retired members of the armed forces, their families and household members, Department of Defense personnel and more.

PNC Bank

With several locations throughout the First Coast, PNC Bank offers a wide range of personal banking services, including checking and savings accounts, credit cards, mortgage loans, auto loans and more.

RadiFi Credit Union

Serving Northeast Florida since 1935, RadiFi Credit Union offers personal and business banking services, including auto loans, home loans, business loans, checking accounts, saving accounts and more.

Regions Bank

As a member of the S&P 500 Index and one of the largest full-service banking and mortgage providers in the country, Regions Bank is focused on both economic and community development. It provides a full range of services such as personal deposits, loans and credit lines, business banking services, insurance, investment products and more.

SpaceCoast Credit Union

SpaceCoast Credit Union opened in 1951 and now serves 34 counties, including Flagler County.

State Farm

In addition to focusing on auto insurance, State Farm offers banking services, including credit cards, savings and checking accounts, auto loans, home loans and money market savings.

Synovus

Named one of the Best Banks in America by *Forbes*, Synovus provides the First Coast community with commercial and retail banking, investment, and mortgage services. In 2024 Synovus was awarded The Smarter Bank – Customer Service award for relationship banking from GonzoBanker.

SouthState

This Florida-based bank offers personal checking and savings, personal loans, mortgages, retirement planning, small business services, commercial financing and more. SouthState Bank earned the “America’s Best Mid-Size Companies” award from *TIME Magazine* in 2024.

TD Bank

With multiple locations around the First Coast, TD Bank offers its customers numerous products and services, including checking and savings accounts, credit cards, home equity and mortgage loans.

Truist

As a top 10 commercial bank in the U.S., this financial institution is an important part of the First Coast that offers checking and savings accounts, credit cards, mortgages, small business, commercial banking and more.

Trustco Bank

Trustco Bank has been a low-cost provider of high-quality products and services since opening for business in 1902 in New York and expanded into Florida in 2002.

U.S. Bank

Named one of the World’s Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute for the 10th year in a row, U.S. Bank on the First Coast offers corporate and commercial banking services as well as home mortgages.



Synovus, photo by Monica Fields

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State Farm Florida Insurance Company, Winter Haven, FL

United Community Bank

United Community Bank believes in combining top-of-the-line financial solutions with award-winning satisfaction for its customers. United Community Bank has been providing customers with a secure and safe place to bank since 1950, and its teams have been consistently recognized for their outstanding service.

Valley Bank

For more than 95 years, Valley has been one of the premier commercial, retail and private banks in the country and offers a wide range of services for those banking on the First Coast.

VyStar Credit Union

Headquartered in Jacksonville, VyStar Credit Union was founded 70 years ago at Naval Air Station Jacksonville. They offer a comprehensive selection of products including banking and loan services, investment, insurance and retirement planning. The credit union also provides special services for military personnel and civil service workers. Recently, VyStar acquired 121 Financial Credit Union, giving it more than \$14 billion in assets and more than 985,000 members.

Wells Fargo

Wells Fargo provides a variety of banking services on the First Coast, including checking and savings accounts, personal loans, auto loans as well as small business and commercial financial services. The bank prides itself on offering local services as well as digital banking services to customers.

The First Coast is also becoming a global powerhouse for finance technology, or fintech. Our area has attracted many fintech giants, including Intercontinental Exchange, Inc., FIS, Paysafe, SoFi, SS&C Technologies and SmartStream Technologies. The University of North Florida even offers graduate and undergraduate programs in fintech to develop talent in this key industry.

AT&T

One of the largest employers on the First Coast, this multinational company provides the most mobile and fixed telephone services in the United States. AT&T has utilized the First Coast as a home base for its call center operations.

Availity

Connecting nearly 3 million providers, Availity delivers revenue cycle and other related business solutions for healthcare professionals. This Jacksonville-based IT company operates the largest real-time information network in healthcare.

Beeline

Beeline is a Jacksonville-based global leader in developing staffing software solutions and pioneered the world's first extended workforce platform. Over 400 global organizations currently rely on Beeline.

Dun & Bradstreet

Headquartered here in Jacksonville, this tech company offers a wide range of products and services for risk and financial analysis, operations and supply, and sales and marketing

professionals, as well as research and insights on global business issues.

Fanatics, Inc.

Established in 1995 as a brick-and-mortar storefront, this company is now one of the top IT employers on the First Coast and an online retail giant.

FIS

This Fortune 500 company offers a wide range of financial technology services and has been recognized by CNBC as one of the world's top 250 fintech companies. Headquartered in Jacksonville, FIS employs 56,000 people across 58 countries and processes over \$75 billion in transactions around the world.

Forcura

Since 2012, Jacksonville-based Forcura has been providing cloud-based software that modernizes documentation, workflows and secure communications for home health, hospice, rehabilitative therapy, skilled nursing and behavioral health providers.

Intercontinental Exchange, Inc.

With an office in Jacksonville, Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. is a multinational financial services company that operates global financial exchanges and clearing houses and provides mortgage technology, data and listing services.

Information Technology

The First Coast continues to grow as a global technology market, attracting a talented workforce to the region. Numerous companies in the area encompass a diverse array of Information Technology sectors, including software development, healthcare, logistics, e-commerce and more. According to LinkedIn, Jacksonville has been named a top city for tech workers.



FIS, photo courtesy of COJ



Avallity, photo by Monica Fields

Newfold Digital

Newfold Digital provides website development solutions for small and medium-sized businesses across the world and is headquartered here in Jacksonville.

Nymbus

Headquartered in downtown Jacksonville, Nymbus is a leading provider of banking technology solutions for financial institutions.

Optimum Healthcare IT

Based in Jacksonville Beach, Optimum Healthcare IT is a staffing and consulting services firm that works with healthcare providers, payers, software and life sciences organizations.

Paysafe

London-based Paysafe offers payment processing, digital wallet and online cash solutions. The company's North American headquarters is located right here in Jacksonville.

SoFi

This digital personal finance company's Jacksonville office, located near the St. Johns Town Center, focuses on member relations, loan review, quality assurance and fraud prevention.

SS&C Technologies

With an office on the Southside of Jacksonville, SS&C Technologies is the world's largest independent hedge fund and private equity administrator, as well as the largest mutual fund transfer agency.

SmartStream Technologies

This London-based company provides financial solutions and managed services for its clients. SmartStream's Jacksonville office focuses on providing technology and business support services, client onboarding, professional services and more.

“Numerous companies in the area encompass a diverse array of Information Technology sectors, including software development, healthcare, logistics, e-commerce and more.”

More Industries Making an Impact on the First Coast

Healthcare

The First Coast has a thriving healthcare industry. We are home to many top facilities like Baptist Health, Mayo Clinic, Ascension St. Vincent's and UF Health. Our hospital systems' services draw many to the area for the top programs and treatments they offer. Wolfson Children's Hospital and Nemours Children's Health are also here on the First Coast and offer top-notch medical services for infants to young adults.

Advanced Manufacturing

Several manufacturing companies have chosen the First Coast as their home base due to the convenient access to airports, railways and ports. Our leading advanced manufacturers include Johnson & Johnson Vision, Anheuser-Busch, BAE Systems,

Baker Hughes, Medtronic, Northrop Grumman and more. According to JAXUSA, construction costs on the First Coast are lower than the U.S. average, and the cost to lease industrial space is below most major metropolitan areas. This makes the Jacksonville region an affordable and efficient location for advanced manufacturing.

Space and Defense Technology

With a multitude of innovative manufacturers like Northrop Grumman, Boeing, Carlisle Interconnect Technologies, Redwire Space, Kaman Aerospace and Collins Aerospace, it is no wonder why NASA Administrator Bill Nelson dubbed the Jacksonville region as “the center for space technology.” Jacksonville's Cecil Spaceport is the first



Boeing, photo courtesy of COJ

commercial spaceport on the East Coast licensed to conduct horizontal launch operations and has been the center point for over \$300 million in infrastructure improvements in the area, according to JAXUSA.

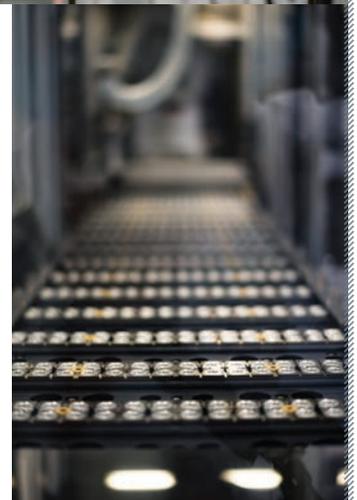


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We Salute You: First Coast Military



NAS Jax, photo by Yeoman 2nd Class Paul Cooper, Jr.

With the third-largest military presence in the country, the First Coast has a long history as a military- and veteran-friendly area. The region is home to thousands of active duty, reserve and civilian contractors stationed at the area's three naval bases: Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Naval Station Mayport and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. The United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville, Camp Blanding Army Base and Marine Corps Blount Island Command also call the First Coast home. Our strong military presence has a significant economic impact on the region and provides stability and diversity in the community. Every year, the First Coast holds the largest Veterans Day Parade in the state of Florida and other various veteran-gearred events. With a great military presence in the area, many businesses are veteran-owned as well as veteran-employed.



Naval Station Mayport

Box 280032, Mayport

<https://cnrse.cnnc.navy.mil/Installations/NS-Mayport/>

Situated at the mouth of the St. Johns River and the Atlantic Ocean, Naval Station Mayport (NS Mayport) is located near the small village of Mayport. As one of the three major Navy Installations on the First Coast, it is the third-largest naval facility in the continental U.S. and is also home to the Navy's 4th Fleet. NS Mayport's unique operational composition includes a busy harbor able to accommodate 34 ships and an 8,000-foot runway that can accommodate any type of Department of Defense aircraft. With more than 100,000 helicopter and fixed-wing flights each year, the airfield is operated by NS Mayport's Air Operations Department.



Naval Air Station Jacksonville

6801 Roosevelt Blvd., Jacksonville

<https://cnrse.cnnc.navy.mil/Installations/NAS-Jacksonville/>

As home to the famous Blue Angels, Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jacksonville) is the largest Navy base in the Southeast and is located on the Westside of Jacksonville on the St. Johns River. With a regional annual impact of \$2.1 billion, the base is a large part of our area's economy. NAS Jacksonville is an operational headquarters for more than 120 tenant commands. The base is a recipient of a 2012 Presidential Excellence Award and multi-year winner of the Commander, Navy Installations Command Excellence Award, including as recently as 2021 and 2024. Also included on the installation's 3,800 acres are Naval Hospital Jacksonville and the Navy Band Southeast.



Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay

1063 USS Tennessee Ave., Kings Bay, GA

<https://cnrse.cnmc.navy.mil/Installations/SUBASE-Kings-Bay/>

Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay is located approximately 38 miles away from Jacksonville, adjacent to St. Marys, GA. This base is the home port for the U.S. Navy Fleet ballistic missile nuclear submarines that are capable of being equipped with the Trident missile. The major base commands include the Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic, Trident Refit Facility, Trident Training Facility, Submarine Group 10 and the Naval Submarine Support Center. Currently, there are eight Ohio-class submarines, including two guided missiles and six ballistic missiles, on the base.



United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville

10426 Alta Dr., Jacksonville

www.atlanticaarea.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/District-7/Units/Sector-Jacksonville-Home/

Sector Jacksonville is accountable for 40,000 square miles of ocean and island waterways and is located on six acres of land close to NS Mayport. Sector Jacksonville's area of responsibility spans 190 miles of coastline spanning from Kings Bay, GA to Port Malabar, FL. Sector Jacksonville is responsible for all Coast Guard missions in the Jacksonville Captain of the Port zone and area of responsibility, including search and rescue, ports, waterways and coastal security, waterways management, maritime homeland security, marine science activities, aids to navigation, and command and logistical support.



Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island

5880 Channel View Blvd., Jacksonville

www.bic.marines.mil

Strategically positioned on the St. Johns River, Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island serves as the home of Blount Island Command. The installation is the hub of the Marine Corps' pre-positioning programs and its worldwide mission supporting Fleet Marine Forces. Blount Island Command received its sixth Meritorious Unit Commendation in 2024.

“The First Coast has the third-largest military presence in the country and the second highest concentration of veterans in Florida.”



Camp Blanding Joint Training Center

5629 FL-16 W., Starke

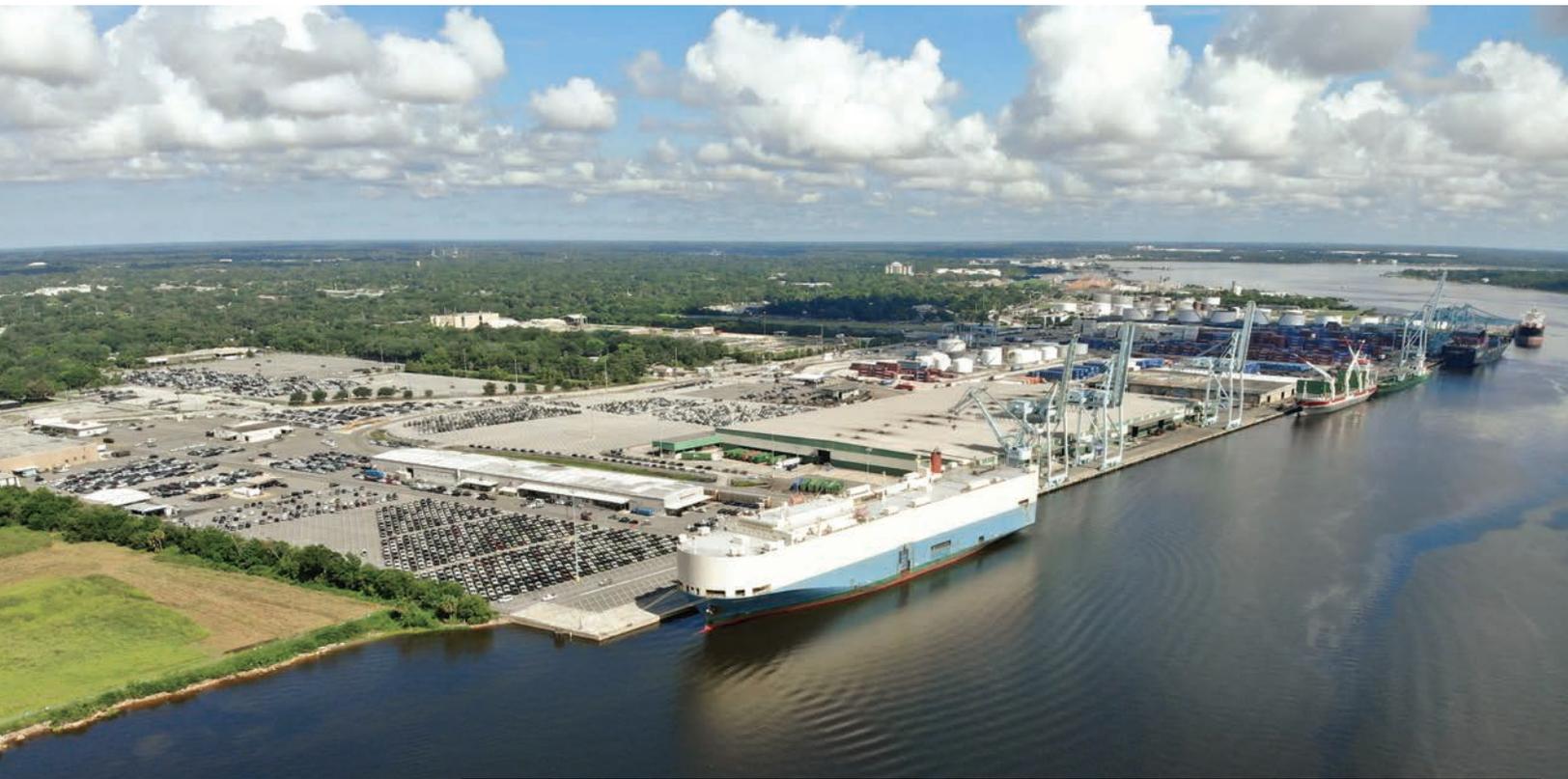
<https://fl.ng.mil/Commands/Camp-Blanding-Joint-Training-Center>

Located in Starke, Camp Blanding Joint Training Center is a 73,000-acre training center that serves as the primary military reservation and training base for the Florida Army National Guard and certain nonflying activities of the Florida Air National Guard. The facility is also home to the Camp Blanding Museum, which currently features displays on Camp Blanding's history and involvement during WWII.

NS Mayport, photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brandon J. Vinson



NSB Kings Bay, photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Travis S. Alston



Talleyrand Marine Terminal, photo courtesy of JAXPORT

Our Gateway to the World: Ports of the First Coast

Due to the First Coast's prime location, we are a major player in the logistics and distribution industry. With our access to waterways, interstates and railroads, more than 98 million consumers are receiving their goods faster than ever. Because of this, numerous logistics and distribution companies have decided to call the First Coast home.

PORTS

JAXPORT

The largest container port by volume in Florida and one of the nation's largest vehicle-handling ports, **Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT)** is known as the global gateway to Florida. JAXPORT's international seaport offers global cargo service from dozens of ocean carriers, including direct service with Asia, Europe, Africa, South America, the Caribbean and other major

markets. Comprised of three marine terminals, Blount Island, Dames Point and Talleyrand, shippers can utilize the port to ship to 140 ports in 70 countries via the 100 trucking firms or the 40 daily trains. In 2022, the Jacksonville Harbor Deepening Project was completed through Blount Island. The project deepened the Jacksonville shipping channel from 40 feet to 47 feet. The project included the construction of a vessel turning basin that now allows larger ships to turn around at Blount Island berths.

The Blount Island Marine Terminal is JAXPORT's largest marine facility, as well as one of the largest vehicle import/export centers in the U.S. The Dames Point Marine Terminal has 5,002 linear feet of deep-water berths, as well as six new Panamax container cranes. Talleyrand Marine Terminal mostly deals with containerized and breakbulk cargo, automobiles and liquid bulk commodities.

Port of Fernandina

The **Port of Fernandina** is a natural deep-water port that handles a variety of cargoes, such as steel, aluminum, machinery, paper and forest products and consumer goods. The 950-foot turning basin directly adjoins the 1,200-linear-foot pier. The port also features 250,000 square feet of warehouse space on-site, 100,000-plus square feet of off-port space, as well as 10 acres of open storage.

LOGISTICS & DISTRIBUTION

Headquartered in Jacksonville, **AGX Freight** offers expedited transportation services throughout North America. The company works with transportation and logistics professionals to offer cost-effective solutions for its customers.

CEVA Logistics is one of the world's leading supply chain management companies and specializes in end-to-end customized solutions for customers' supply chain needs. CEVA believes that innovation is necessary and works to improve the way they interact with customers in tandem with improving efficiency. The Jacksonville location was designed with this type of innovation in mind.

Headquartered in Jacksonville, **Crowley Maritime Corporation** is known for its speed and efficiency in shipping and distribution. The company ships to several countries in the Caribbean and Central America, as well as Puerto Rico. Crowley is made up of five business units: Logistics, Shipping, Fuels, Land Transportation and Wind.

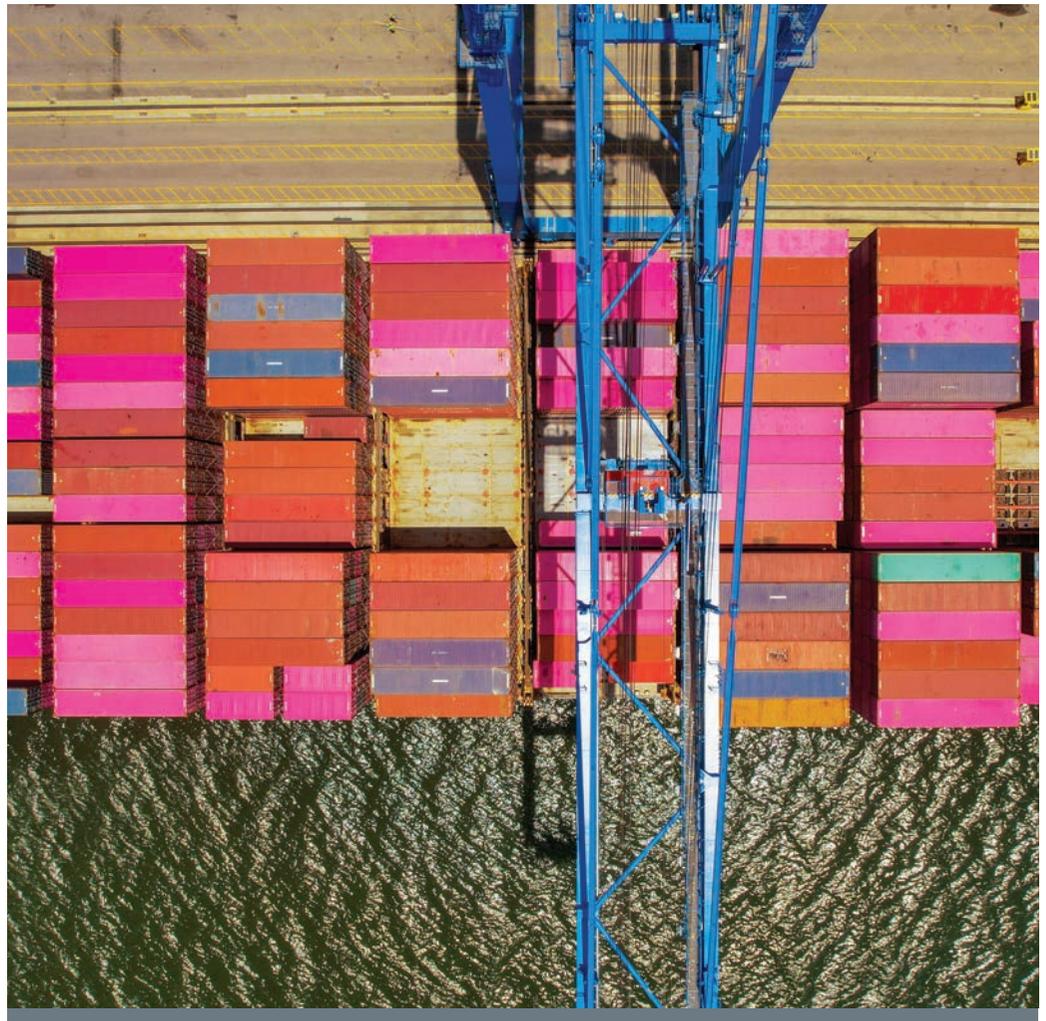
JAX Logistics provides worldwide logistics services to companies across the nation, from full container load transportation to door-to-door service. Based in Jacksonville, JAX Logistics is a woman-owned business with a commitment to safety and efficiency.

Made up of independent freight agents and transportation capacity providers, Jacksonville's **Landstar** provides transportation solutions to more than 25,000 businesses worldwide. With independent agents, Landstar provides local presence and global reach.

Calling out of JAXPORT, **Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC)** is one of the leading forces in shipping and logistics. Their fleet is equipped with the latest green technologies and accesses 520 ports along 260-plus trade routes.

MSC focuses on the evolution of the shipping industry and prides itself on "delivering global service with local knowledge."

Shoreside Logistics is a Jacksonville-based inland transportation company offering a broad range of logistics cargo services. Shoreside Logistics is also a U.S. Customs Centralized Examination Station and has 1,000,000 square feet of warehousing that includes a Foreign Trade Zone, within a few miles of JAXPORT.



Photos courtesy of JAXPORT

On the Road Again: Transportation

Navigating your way around a new town doesn't need to be difficult. Below is all the information you need to get around the First Coast.



St. Johns River Taxi, photo by Interpret Studios

ROADS

Alternative names for some of our major roadways:

U.S. 1 also known as ... New Kings Road, Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Philips Highway and Dixie Highway

U.S. 17 also known as ... Main Street, Roosevelt Boulevard and Park Avenue

U.S. 90 also known as ... State Road 212 and Beach Boulevard

State Road 10 also known as ... Atlantic Boulevard

State Road 13 also known as ... Hendricks Avenue and San Jose Boulevard

State Road 202 also known as ... J. Turner Butler Boulevard or Butler Boulevard or JTB

State Road A1A also known as ... Third Street

I-295 East Beltway formerly known as ... State Road 9A

TOLL ROADS

First Coast drivers who wish to use toll roads need to buy a SunPass or E-PASS. Drivers can use either pass to navigate through any state or local toll roads, along with express lanes.

SunPass

www.SunPass.com

SunPasses are issued by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). SunPasses can be purchased online, over the phone or at several convenient retailers such as Publix, Walgreens and CVS.

E-PASS

<https://epass.cfxway.com>

E-PASS is the Central Florida Expressway Authority's electronic toll collection system. Each time you pass through a toll, the fee is deducted from your prepaid E-PASS account. Funds can be added to an E-PASS account using cash or a debit or credit card. E-PASS is available to purchase online, over the phone or at the E-PASS Service Center in Orlando.

First Coast Expressway (State Road 23)

<http://firstcoastexpressway.com>

This multi-lane, limited-access toll road will cross parts of Duval, Clay and St. Johns counties upon completion. Those with a SunPass will be able to pass through electronic toll gantries without stopping.

The segments on the First Coast Expressway are:

- I-10 to N. Argyle Forest Blvd.
- North of Argyle Forest Blvd. to Blanding Blvd.
- SR 21 to North of SR 16
- North of SR 16 to East of CR 209
- New St. Johns River Bridge
- East of CR 16A Spur to I-95

I-295 Express Lanes

<https://nflroads.com/NorthFloridaExpress>

The express toll lanes on I-295 West stretch over four miles starting at I-95 to the Buckman Bridge. Express lanes along I-295 East stretch from JTB to SR 9B. Future projects include I-95 from International Golf Parkway to I-95/I-295 South Interchange and I-95 from JTB to Atlantic Boulevard.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)

www.jtafla.com

JTA provides various mass transit services for the public in Duval County, including paratransit for the disabled and elderly, and Ride Request on-demand services.

Bus – JTA manages all bus services in the greater Jacksonville area. The JTA website features updated information about each route daily, including a specific time for each stop.

Connexion (Paratransit) – The paratransit service provides destination-to-destination shared transportation for disabled and disadvantaged individuals. JTA provides this service to supplement fixed bus routes around the city in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Connexion Plus is for eligible customers who want private, same-day, door-to-door service anywhere in Duval County.

Park-n-Ride – Created to make going to downtown Jacksonville a breeze, this coordinated JTA effort has designated lots around the city with express service to downtown. The Stadium Shuttle provides transportation to and from the stadium for major sporting events.

ReadiRide – Offered by JTA through Owl Inc., ReadiRide is an on-call service that provides affordable transportation to customers in 15 Jacksonville communities. Download the MyJTA app for more information and payment options.

Skyway – This free automated train allows riders to glide high above traffic for convenient access around downtown Jacksonville. There are eight train stations, and trains depart every four minutes during peak hours (6 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.) and every eight minutes during off-peak hours.

Other JTA Regional Services

www.jtafla.com/transit-services/fixed-route-bus-service/regional-services/

JTA partners with all neighboring counties to provide a seamless ride to your destination, even if that destination isn't in Duval County.

Baker Transit: In Baker County, the Wildcat Shuttle is operated by the Baker County Council on Aging.

Clay Regional Express: JTA operates the Clay Regional Express (Route 201) from the Black Creek Park-n-Ride and Route 5 from the Orange Park Mall.

Nassau Express Select: Through JTA and NassauTRANSIT, Nassau Express Select offers travelers an executive-style ride back and forth from Nassau County to downtown Jacksonville.

St. Johns Express Select: Operated by JTA, St. Johns Express Select offers commuters an executive-style, affordable ride between the St. Johns County Government Center and the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center at LaVilla in downtown Jacksonville.

Sunshine Bus Company (St. Johns County)
www.sunshinebus.net

The Sunshine Bus Company is St. Johns County's public transit and offers a deviated fixed route line with nine different routes throughout the county. A paratransit door-to-door service is also available for those that need a wheelchair lift or extra assistance, provided by the St. Johns County Council on Aging.



Jacksonville International Airport, photo by Tabitha Edwards, JAA

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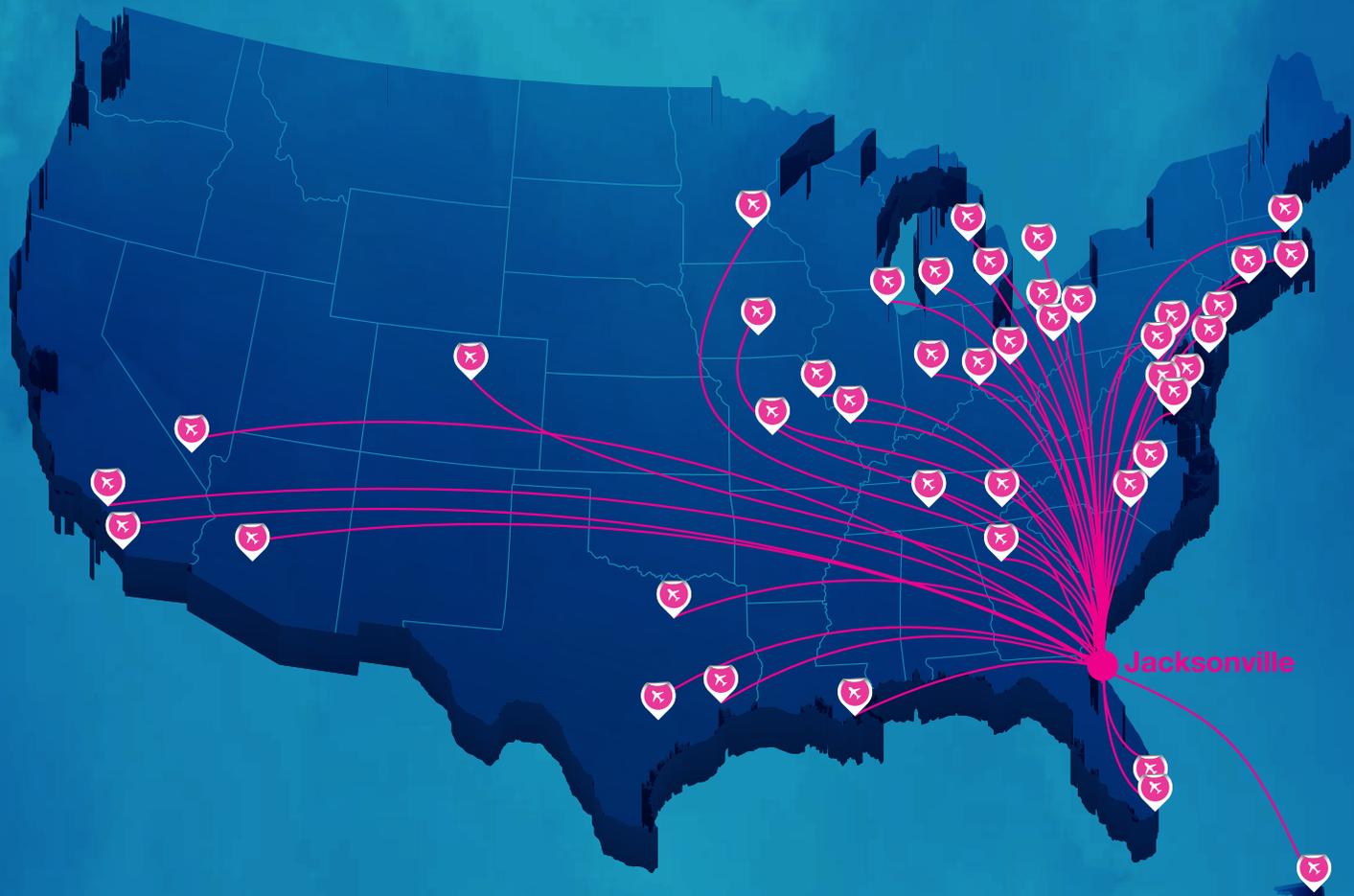
AERONAUTICAL

Jacksonville Aviation Authority
www.flyjacksonville.com

The Jacksonville Aviation Authority owns and operates Jacksonville International Airport, Cecil Airport, Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport and Herlong Recreational Airport.



Ponte Vedra Beach Blvd., photo courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com



JAX

Jacksonville
International
Airport

Please go to flyjax.com for a current list of direct flights.

Akron-Canton
Atlanta
Austin
Baltimore
Belleville
Boston
Charlotte
Chicago
(Midway, O'Hare)
Cincinnati
Cleveland
Columbus

(Columbus International,
Rickenbacker International)

Dallas
(Love Field, Ft. Worth)
Denver
Des Moines
Detroit
Flint
Ft. Lauderdale
Grand Rapids
Harrisburg
Hartford
Houston
(Hobby, George Bush Intercontinental)

Indianapolis
Kansas City
Knoxville
Las Vegas
Los Angeles
Miami
Minneapolis
Nashville
New Haven
New Orleans
New York
(LaGuardia, JFK)
Newark

Norfolk
Philadelphia
Phoenix
Pittsburgh
Providence
Raleigh-Durham
San Diego
San Juan, PR
St. Louis
Toronto, CAN
Washington, D.C.
(Reagan, Dulles)

Jacksonville International Airport (JAX)

Northeast Florida's only major airport serves as the gateway to the First Coast region and neighboring areas. JAX provides non-stop flights to major U.S. airports, many of which go international. Only 12 miles from downtown Jacksonville, the airport offers free in-terminal Wi-Fi, live entertainment, shops and restaurants.

Cecil Airport (VQQ)

Cecil Airport is a public joint civil-military airport and spaceport that services military aircraft, corporate aircraft, general aviation and air cargo.

Herlong Recreational Airport (HEG)

Perfect for aviation enthusiasts, this small-scale airport on Jacksonville's Westside is used for light sport and recreational flying, including skydiving, helicopters, glider airplanes and more. Additional services include flight training, aircraft sales and maintenance.

Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport (JAXEX)

This mid-sized corporate airport in the Arlington neighborhood provides convenient access to corporate travelers flying in and out of the city and offers a slew of services including flight training and an 18-hole golf course.

Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport (FMBA)

www.fbfl.us/66/airport

In Nassau County, the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport is operated by the City of Fernandina Beach and serves Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach.

Keystone Heights Airport (42J)

<https://keystoneairport.com/>

This airport serves travelers in Clay and Bradford counties and is located 50 miles southwest of Jacksonville.

Northeast Florida Regional Airport (KSGJ or UST)

www.flynf.com

This St. Johns County airport is just a few miles from historic downtown St. Augustine. Operated by the St. Johns County Airport Authority, the public facility is centered in a gateway market of 4.4 million passengers within a two-hour drive to the airport.

RAILROAD**Amtrak (Passenger)**

www.amtrak.com/stations/jax

Amtrak provides passenger rail service in Jacksonville with a station near New Kings Road. The Amtrak station is open daily and provides rail service throughout the U.S.

NAUTICAL**JAXPORT Cruise Service**

www.jaxport.com/cruise

If you're looking for a tropical getaway, Carnival Cruise Line's 2,190-passenger Carnival Elation departs from the JAXPORT Cruise Terminal. Norwegian Cruise Line recently began to offer seasonal service to the Eastern Caribbean and Bahamas on the 2,344-passenger Norwegian Gem.

St. Johns River Ferry/JTA Ferry

www.jtafla.com/transit-services/st-johns-river-ferry/

The St. Johns River Ferry, also known as the Mayport Ferry or the JTA Ferry, is a car and passenger boat that connects the north and south ends of State Road A1A in Duval County, linking Mayport Village and Fort George Island via a scenic ride across the beautiful St. Johns River.

St. Johns River Taxi & Tours

www.jaxrivertaxi.com

St. Johns River Taxi & Tours provides transportation across the St. Johns River in beautiful downtown Jacksonville. Special services and hours are provided for Jaguars games and other downtown events. The river taxi makes numerous stops along the St. Johns River, including the Friendship Fountain Dock, Arena Dock and Riverside Dock.

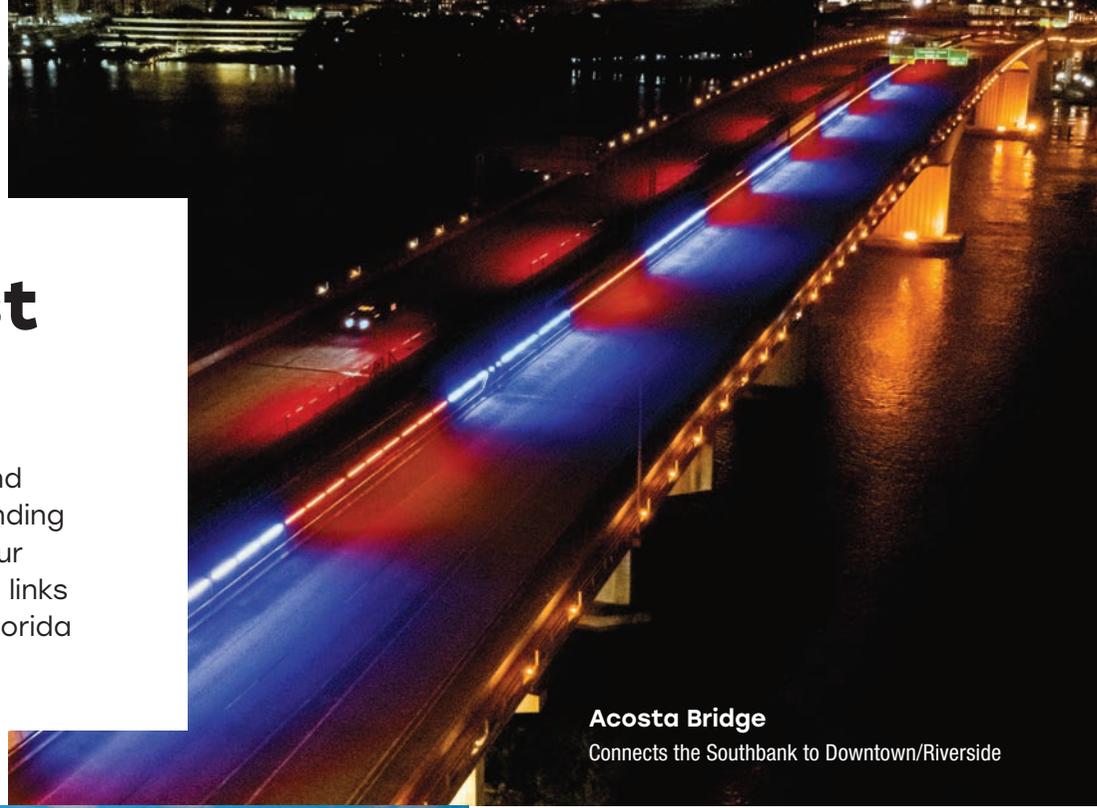


River Ferry, photo courtesy of JTA

“If you’re looking for a tropical getaway, Carnival Cruise Line’s 2,190-passenger Carnival Elation departs from the JAXPORT Cruise Terminal.”

First Coast Bridges

With the St. Johns River and Intracoastal Waterway winding through the First Coast, our many bridges serve as the links that connect Northeast Florida together.



Acosta Bridge

Connects the Southbank to Downtown/Riverside



Bridge of Lions, photo by Interpret Studios

Acosta Bridge, photo courtesy of JTA

Bridge of Lions

Connects Historic St. Augustine to
Anastasia Island

Buckman Bridge

Connects Mandarin to
Orange Park



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Dames Point Bridge, photo by Frame Craft 8, courtesy of Shutterstock



Dames Point Bridge
Connects Arlington to Northside

Hart Bridge, photo by Glenn R. Thomas, courtesy of Shutterstock



Hart Bridge
Connects Southside to Downtown

Fuller Warren Bridge (I-95)
Connects Riverside to San Marco

Fuller Warren Bridge, photo courtesy of Pexels



Main Street Bridge (John T. Alsop Jr. Bridge)

Connects San Marco to Downtown



Main Street Bridge, photo courtesy of Unsplash

More Bridges Throughout the Region

FEC Strauss Trunnion Bascule Bridge
Francis and Mary Usina Bridge
Intracoastal Waterway Bridge
J. Turner Butler Intracoastal Bridge
Kingsley Creek RR Swing Bridge
McCormick Bridge
Mickler O'Connell Bridge
Ortega River Bridge
Palm Valley Bridge
Shands Bridge
Thomas J. Shave Jr. Bridge
Trout River Bridge
Wonderwood Bridge

St. Johns River Bridge

Located just south of the two-lane Shands Bridge will be a new four-lane bridge that will cross over the St. Johns River. Expected to be completed in 2030, the new bridge will connect Clay and St. Johns counties as part of the First Coast Expressway and eventually replace the Shands Bridge.

Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Survivors Park Bridge Replicas

101 W. State St., Jacksonville

This downtown park features to-scale replicas of Jacksonville's beautiful bridges. Visitors can walk across miniature versions of the Acosta, Dames Point, Hart, Main Street and Mathews bridges.



Mathews Bridge, photo by Glenn R. Thomas, courtesy of Shutterstock

Mathews Bridge

Connects Arlington to Downtown



Cancer Survivors Park, photo by Morfida Fields

Play

The Play Section has everything you need to know about relaxing and having fun here on the First Coast.





Jacksonville Beach, photo by CycleHere Media

Surf and Sand: First Coast Beaches & Waterways

One of the best parts of living on the First Coast is having access to some of Florida’s most beautiful beaches and waterways! Here, you can breathe in the sea salt air and feel the sand between your toes. If you’re looking to bask in the sun, search for shells, build sandcastles or catch some waves, the First Coast is the perfect place to have a beach day.

BEACHES

DUVAL COUNTY

Atlantic Beach

Duval County’s northernmost beach community, Atlantic Beach offers a peaceful seaside atmosphere. The beach’s historic fishing village, Mayport, is well-known for its shrimping industry. Located between Atlantic Beach and Mayport is the popular Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park. Here visitors can enjoy camping, fishing and surfing.

Jacksonville Beach

Nestled between Neptune and Ponte Vedra beaches, Jacksonville (Jax) Beach spans 60 blocks along the Atlantic Ocean. Jax Beach offers public access in multiple locations and is the perfect spot for surfing. The Jax Beach pier is a great place for anglers to catch fish.

Neptune Beach

Located north of Jax Beach, this mile-long beach gives residents and visitors a chance to bike, bask in the sun and surf.

FLAGLER COUNTY

Flagler Beach

Flagler Beach in Flagler County offers six miles of uncrowded shoreline, ocean-view dining, eclectic shops, lush green parks, bountiful fishing spots, surfable waves and free access to the beach. Flagler Beach is also a very pet friendly destination,

with several sections of beach where dogs are welcome.

NASSAU COUNTY

Fernandina Beach

As the First Coast’s northernmost beach, Fernandina Beach is the perfect place for seashell hunting and is known for its horseback riding



Mickler's Landing, photo courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com

tours that give visitors and residents a chance to experience the beach from a whole new perspective.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Crescent Beach

Located south of St. Augustine on Anastasia Island, Crescent Beach is named from the crescent shape of its coastline. The beach's hardpacked sand is perfect for bike riding, horseback riding or beach volleyball.

North Beach

North Beach is a serene spot just north of the Vilano Bridge on A1A. A full range of facilities are available, including boat ramps, showers and public parking.

Ponte Vedra Beach

This low-key beach located just south of Jax Beach has many access points for beachgoers and is the perfect place to hunt for seashells and shark teeth. Mickler's Landing is tucked into the southern part of Ponte Vedra Beach and is known as a popular destination for surfers and families.

St. Augustine Beach

St. Augustine Beach has everything for a fun-filled beach day, including a fishing pier, pavilion, splash park and beach volleyball courts.

Vilano Beach

Vilano Beach is located on the north side of the Matanzas Inlet and has a dune walkover and access for four-wheel-drive vehicles. Its location

on the coast gives it a stronger current, making it popular for surfing, paddleboarding and skim boarding.

WATERWAYS

The Intracoastal

The Intracoastal Waterway runs about 100 miles through Northeast Florida from Nassau County to Flagler County and has a variety of saltwater inlets, sounds and man-made canals, which are open to recreational vessels.

St. Johns River

Florida's longest river runs right through the First Coast, spanning 310 miles from Mayport to Indian River County. Residents can enjoy many activities on the river, such as kayaking, boating and fishing. The Riverwalk in downtown Jacksonville

allows residents to take a stroll or jog along the beautiful river. Keep your eyes peeled for manatees or dolphins, which frequent the river.

Other First Coast Rivers

Other First Coast rivers provide for fishing, boating and other outdoor activities throughout the year. In St. Johns County, the Guana and Tolomato rivers surround the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuary Research Reserve. On the Amelia River, boaters can take in the historic sights of Fort Clinch State Park. In St. Augustine, take a ride on the Matanzas Bay and Matanzas River to see the Bridge of Lions, St. Augustine Lighthouse and Castillo de San Marcos.

Matanzas Inlet, photo by Janice Jones

Amelia Island, photo by CycleHere Media



St. Johns River Base, photo by Diana Ferguson

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The Great Outdoors: State Parks & Preserves

While the hustle and bustle of the First Coast is great and exciting, few things compare to the peace of nature. The First Coast is home to 80,000 acres of parks, including nine state parks, a national forest and national wildlife refuge. Enjoy a walk through beautiful gardens and nature preserves, or spend some time at one of the more than 400 urban parks. Many of the parks and preserves have options for water activities like fishing or canoeing and trails for biking, walking or horseback riding.



Big Talbot Island, photo by Ryan Ketterman

BAKER COUNTY

John M. Bethea State Forest

On more than 37,000 acres, the John M. Bethea State Forest houses a plethora of animals, including bald eagles, black bears, white-tailed deer and the ever-present alligators. There is also a seven-mile horse loop, areas open for fishing and hunting and three miles of the St. Johns River for a scenic river hike.

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

With more than 400,000 acres of land, it's no surprise that the refuge is home to over 400 species of wildlife. While the refuge is mainly located in Georgia, a portion of the land claims space in Baker County. The area is a great location for camping, hiking and boating.

Osceola National Forest

The Osceola National Forest is perfect for those looking to hunt, hike, camp or fish. The 237,000 acres of flatwoods and swamps has plenty of options for every type of adventurer.

CLAY COUNTY

Jennings State Forest

In northern Clay County, Jennings State Forest gives visitors the chance to experience several different ecosystems, hike or bike along trails, fish or go horseback riding. The forest is over 25,300 acres and has several recreational areas.

Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park

In the 1930s, this 600-acre area was established as one of Florida's first state parks. The rolling sandhills, ravines, springs and other ecosystems offer a wide array of activities like canoeing, swimming and hiking.

Hanna Park, photo by Ryan Ketterman



DUVAL-BEACHES

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

With a mile and a half of gorgeous beaches, a 60-acre lake and over 20 miles of hiking and biking trails, Hanna Park is perfect for a day outside. Visitors can also spot some local wildlife, including alligators, foxes and various birds. Sea turtle nesting is from May to October.

DUVAL-NORTH

Amelia Island State Park

Containing picturesque beaches, salty marshes and magnificent forests, this state park is great for anyone looking to go horseback riding or wanting to search for shark teeth and shells while walking along the white sandy beach.

Big Talbot Island State Park

Home to Boneyard Beach, aptly named due to the skeletons of live oak and cedar trees that once grew along the shoreline, Big Talbot Island is a beautiful beach with hiking trails that lead to the shore, marsh and maritime forest.

Fort George Island Cultural State Park

Originally home to a fort of the same name, this state park is now a beautiful destination for people wanting to spend some time on the water boating or fishing or enjoy a hike around the island. The Ribault Club is a lovingly restored museum and event venue that highlights the history and beauty of Fort George Island.

George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier State Park

Head to one of the best fishing areas on the First Coast with this mile-long, pedestrian-only bridge that leads to a variety of fish such as tarpon, whiting, jake and drum.

Little Talbot Island State Park

Made up of five miles of untouched beaches and three miles of biking trails, Little Talbot Island is one of the last barrier islands on the First Coast. Camping, kayak rentals and paddle tours are available for visitors.

Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park

Threatened and endangered species like the American alligator and wood stork, respectively, and various other flora and fauna call the state park home due to the protective nature of the longleaf pine flatwoods. Visitors can bike, hike or ride horses along the more than 15 miles of trails.

Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve

Merging history with nature, this preserve is home to a variety of plants and animals, as well as Fort Caroline and the Kingsley Plantation. Within the 46,000 acres, visitors will find the St. Johns River, multiple tributaries, wetlands, dunes, hardwood hammocks and salt marshes. For those interested in the history of the area, including that of the Timucua people who lived here for thousands of years, monuments and historical structures can be found along the hiking trails.

FLAGLER COUNTY

Bulow Plantation Ruins State Park

Once the site of a prosperous early 1800s plantation of sugar cane, cotton, rice and indigo, the park includes the scattered ruins of a coquina sugar mill, the foundation of the manor house and workers' village, several wells and a spring house. Today, a scenic walking trail leads visitors to the ruins of the sugar mill where an interpretive center tells of the plantation's history.

Gamble Rogers Memorial State Park

This 145-acre park offers a nature trail, surf fishing, a boat ramp, picnic area and a camping area located near the beach, close enough for an excellent view of the Atlantic Ocean and a nearby constant breeze. Dune walkovers provide easy access to the swimming area while protecting the fragile dune system.

Washington Oaks Gardens State Park

Located on the barrier island south of Marineland, Washington Oaks Gardens State Park consists of 389 acres of coastal scenery extending from the Intracoastal Waterway to the Atlantic Ocean. The park was once the site of General Joseph Hernandez' Bella Vista Plantation, which had citrus

groves. A portion of the gardens contains many species of exotic plants from around the world.

NASSAU COUNTY

Cary State Forest

Established in 1937 as Florida's second state forest, Cary State is comprised of 11 ecosystems and is home to endangered and threatened species such as the gopher tortoise, Sherman's fox squirrel and wood stork. Visitors can camp, hike, hunt or go horseback riding within the forest.

Four Creeks State Forest

Aptly named for the four water systems located within the over 10,000 acres, Boggy, Plummer, Thomas and Alligator (Mills), Four Creeks State Forest is a great spot for water-based activities such as kayaking and fishing.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Anastasia State Park

With over 1,600 acres of beaches, sand dunes, marshes and hammocks, this state park offers space for an array of activities like camping, biking, bird-watching and more.

Faver-Dykes State Park

Nature lovers can find reprieve at this state park, which is home to more than 100 species of native and migratory birds, creeks, tidal marshes and forests. Faver-Dykes is a great place for camping and various water-related activities.

Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve

This connection of freshwater and saltwater mixes, thus creating a unique and diverse habitat for several species. This estuary is one of 30 in the nation and is comprised of over 76,000 acres of land, with nine miles of trails and places for fishing and kayaking.

Matanzas State Forest

Home to the last undisturbed salt marshes on the Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve, this state forest is home to a variety of species, such as bald eagles, deer, otters, hogs and songbirds. Visitors can explore the area in a myriad of ways, including hiking, biking, kayaking and horseback riding.



7 Creeks, photo by Karen Morgan

“Jacksonville is home to the largest urban park system in the country!”



Cedar Point in Timucuan Preserve, photo courtesy of NPS

Top Five Neighborhood Parks and Preserves

The First Coast is home to hundreds of locally managed parks and preserves. Check out these five parks that offer a serene spot to relax in nature.

Bird Island Park

101 Library Rd.,
Ponte Vedra Beach

Castaway Island Preserve

2921 San Pablo Rd. S.,
Jacksonville

Dutton Island Park

793 Dutton Island Rd. W.,
Atlantic Beach

Tide Views Preserve

1 Begonia St., Atlantic Beach

Tommy Hazouri, Sr. Park

14780 Mandarin Rd., Jacksonville



Dutton Island Preserve, photo courtesy of Unsplash

Geocaching: Find Real-World Treasure on the First Coast

Often referred to as “the great outdoor GPS-based hide-and-seek game,” geocaching is a simple, fun way to explore the First Coast. Armed with your phone or GPS and app, you can search for caches hidden throughout the area. Once you’ve found your treasure, simply sign the book, trade an item if you’d like, replace the cache and log your find on the app. With thousands of caches hidden anywhere from beaches to parks and everywhere in between, this real-world treasure hunt will help you learn your new terrain in no time.

Black Creek Trail
Fleming Island

Fort Clinch State Park
Fernandina Beach

Howell Park
Atlantic Beach

Mike Roess Gold Head Branch
State Park
Keystone Heights

St. Mary’s Shoals Park
Glen St. Mary

Geocaching Websites:

Geocaching
www.geocaching.com

EarthCache
www.geosociety.org

Waymarking
www.waymarking.com

First Coast Geocachers FB group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1630177707250004/>

Jogging Paths & Yoga Spots

While our many parks and preserves are great places for joggers and yoga enthusiasts, there are also many spots to visit throughout the First Coast for a peaceful run or relaxing yoga session. If going to a preserve or state park for a hike or a yoga session isn't an option, the First Coast also has great jogging paths and yoga spots to help residents find their inner peace.

JOGGING PATHS

CLAY COUNTY

Bayard Conservation Area Loop

- 10.5 miles

Black Creek Trail

- 8 miles

Camp Chowenwaw Park Trail

- 2.3 miles

Nine Lives Trail

- .7 miles

DUVAL COUNTY

Jacksonville Baldwin Rail Trail

- 14.5 miles

Main Street Bridge & Acosta Bridge Loop

- 1.7 miles

Robert W. Loftin Nature Trails at UNF

- Big Cypress Trail - .47 miles
- Blueberry Trail - 1.44 miles
- Goldenrod Trail - 2.85 miles
- Gopher Tortoise Ridge - .78 miles
- Red Maple Boardwalk - .31 miles
- Southbank Riverwalk - 1.25 miles

FLAGLER COUNTY

Graham Swam Preserve Trails

- 5.5 miles

Lehigh Greenway Trail

- 7 miles

NASSAU COUNTY

Amelia Island Trail

- 8.7 miles

Egan’s Creek Greenway Trail

- 5 miles

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Alpine Groves Park Trail

- 1.5 miles

Gourd Island White to Red Loop

- 4.3 miles

Nocatee Greenway Trails

- Darter Trail - 2 miles
- Eagle Trail - 3 miles
- Egret Trail - 1 mile
- Heron Trail - 2.5 miles
- Herring Trail - 2 miles
- Nocatee Preserve Trail - 4.1 miles
- Osprey Trail - 6.4 miles



Beach Yoga, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville

- Peacock Trail - 4 miles
- Pelican Trail - 2.15 miles
- Seagull Trail - 3.5 miles
- Spoonbill Trail - 1 mile

OUTDOOR YOGA

CLAY COUNTY

Spring Park Pavilion

Green Cove Springs

DUVAL COUNTY

Riverside Arts Market Morning Yoga

Jacksonville

Yoga in the Gardens

Jacksonville Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

Yoga in the Park

Memorial Park

Yoga on the Beach

Jacksonville Beach Pier

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Beach Yoga by Pilates Yoga Loft

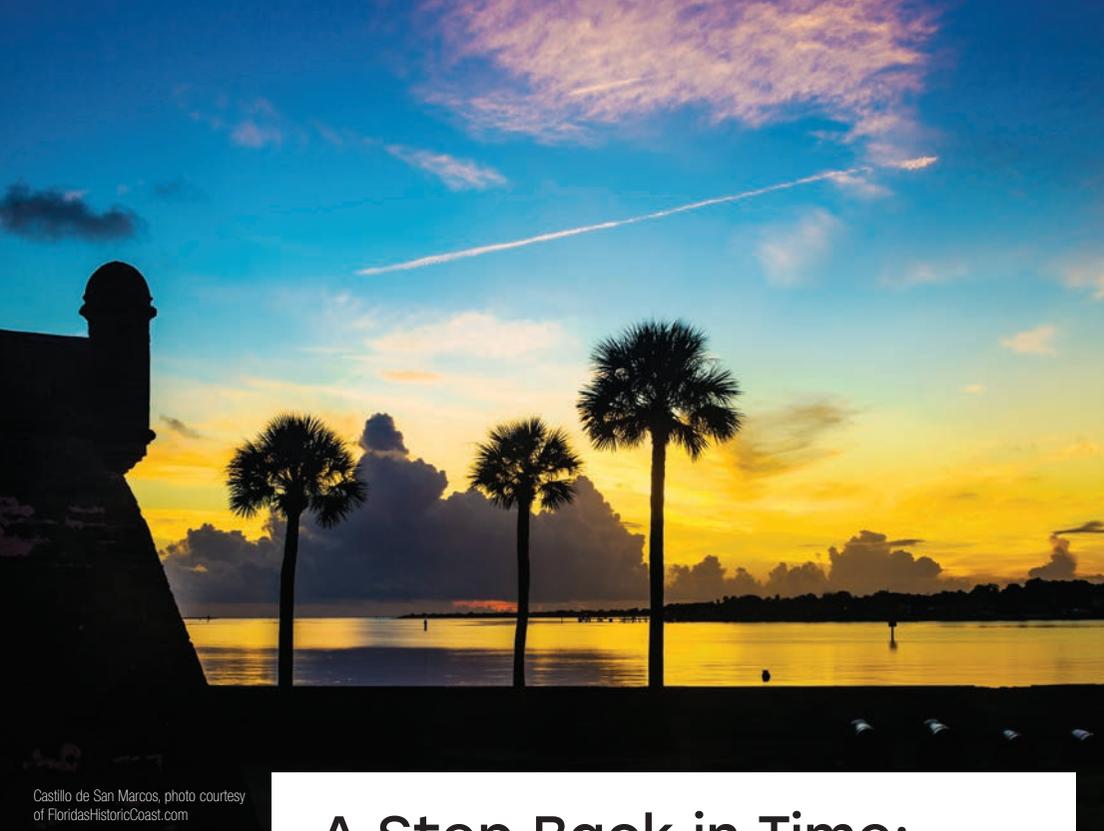
Vilano Beach

Yoga in the Garden

Lightner Museum Radzinski Family Garden

Yoga on the Lawn

Ximenez-Fatio House Museum



Castillo de San Marcos, photo courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com

A Step Back in Time: Historical Sites & Museums

In the beginning, the Timucuan tribes populated the area, making their homes along the waterways in northern and central Florida, as well as southeastern Georgia. For more than 1,000 years, they lived and thrived in the region. At the Timucuan Ecological and Historical Preserve, archeologists have discovered some of the oldest pottery in the U.S., dating back to 2500 B.C.

One of the most famous residents of the First Coast, Juan Ponce de León, a Spanish conquistador, landed on the banks of Northeast Florida and claimed the land for Spain in 1513. He called the region La Florida because of the jaw-dropping landscape.

Several decades later, in 1562, the French Huguenots, led by Jean Ribault, claimed land near the St. Johns River and traveled north to South Carolina to establish a colony. However, this colony ended in failure and a return trip to Florida. This trip was led by René Goulaine de Laudonnière, the founder of Fort Caroline. In 1565, just a year after it was established, the fort was destroyed on orders from Pedro Menéndez de Avilés, the Spanish governor of Florida.

Disaster after disaster for the French led to the creation of St. Augustine, formerly the Timucuan village Sely. St. Augustine has been rebuilt numerous times after being attacked during various wars. At the end of the French and Indian War, most of the Spain's Florida territory was given to the British in a trade to keep the city of Havana.

After the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783, Britain returned control of Florida to the Spanish as outlined in the Peace of Paris, which was a set of treaties that ended the war and British control over the U.S. colonies.

In 1821, Spain sold the territory to the United States. The next year, Cowford, originally named for the shallow and narrow part of the St. Johns River that was perfect for cattle to cross, was renamed Jacksonville for General Andrew Jackson, who later became the seventh president of the U.S.

From 1890 to 1910, Jacksonville's population grew from 17,201 to 57,699 residents. As the city became more popular, the area became a major vacation destination and, due to the warm weather and beautiful landscape, was used as the

Living on the First Coast comes with many benefits. The picturesque beaches, thriving job market and plethora of opportunities for a fun day out are all huge draws to the area. However, these are just a small part of what makes the First Coast amazing. Its history is filled with battles, struggles over land occupation, and the kind of perseverance that shows exactly why the area is continuing to grow daily.

"Winter Film Capital of the World." The St. Johns River became a large transporter of goods and passengers, opening up travel and commerce options. The growing Naval bases also contributed to the rise in population. This only drove more people to the First Coast, starting it on a path to its current popularity and importance in numerous sectors.

BAKER COUNTY

Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park
5815 Battlefield Trail Rd., Olustee
www.floridastateparks.org

For five hours on Feb. 20, 1864, cavalry, infantry and artillery troops totaling more than 10,000 fought in the largest Civil War battle in Florida, known as the Battle of Olustee. The battle ended with a Union retreat to Jacksonville and 2,807 casualties. The state park pays tribute to the battle, and each February, volunteers honor those who fought in the battle with a reenactment. Scenes from the film "Glory" were filmed during one such reenactment.



Fort Caroline, photo courtesy of Unsplash

Jacksonville was named after General Andrew Jackson, who later became the seventh president of the U.S.

Norman Studios

6337 Arlington Rd., Jacksonville
www.normanstudios.org

As the only silent film studio complex on the First Coast, Norman Studios is a callback to the days when the area was used as the "Winter Film Capital of the World."

Ribault Club, The

11241 Fort George Rd., Jacksonville
www.theribaultclub.com

Originally meant as a getaway for affluent families, The Ribault Club now serves as a museum for the history of Fort George Island.

Yellow Bluff Fort Historic State Park

New Berlin Rd., Jacksonville
www.floridastateparks.org

Despite its name, Yellow Bluff Fort was an armed encampment that served as an access point to inland Florida during the Civil War for both Union and Confederate troops. At its peak, it housed more than 250 soldiers.

DUVAL-SOUTH

Brumos Collection, The

5159 San Pablo Rd. S., Jacksonville
www.thebrumoscollection.com

Filled with Porsche racecars from as far back as 1953, auto memorabilia and stories, the Brumos Collection is a beautiful collection worth seeing for any automobile fan.

Hands On Children's Museum

8580 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville
www.handsonchildrensmuseum.org

With over 20 interactive exhibits, kids between 1 and 12 can enjoy hands-on learning intended to develop their cognitive, social and physical abilities.

Mandarin Museum & Historical Society

11964 Mandarin Rd., Jacksonville
www.mandarinmuseum.org

Made up of multiple buildings, permanent and temporary exhibits, the Mandarin Museum and Historical Society highlights the history and culture of the Mandarin area. Visit the St. Joseph's Mission Schoolhouse for African American Children or take a moment to learn about abolitionist and author Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Museum of Science & History (MOSH)

1025 Museum Cir., Jacksonville
www.themosh.org

Fun for visitors of all ages, MOSH is comprised of numerous interactive and educational exhibits, the Bryan-Gooding Planetarium, the Hixon Native Plant Courtyard and many more areas to explore. The



MOSH, photo by Interpret Studios

Heritage Park Village

102 S. Lowder St., Macclenny
www.cityofmacclenny.com/parks.html

Heritage Park Village is comprised of 20 small museums that celebrate Baker County's history. The village includes a trading post, jail, train depot and chapel. The site also includes the Burnsed Blockhouse, the last in the state, which was used as a defensive structure.

CLAY COUNTY

Clay County Historic Museum & Triangle

915 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs
www.claycountyhistoricalsociety.org

Clay County's rich history is preserved at the Clay County Historic Museum & Triangle. Visitors can see the many exhibits that cover the everyday life of residents through personal letters, photos, furniture and clothes. The Triangle includes the 1890 courthouse, haunted jail and a veterans memorial monument.

DUVAL-BEACHES

Beaches Museum

381 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach
www.beachmuseum.org

With permanent and ever-changing exhibits, a 1911 steam locomotive and the History Park tours, guests can get a glimpse of what it was like to live at the beaches in the early 20th century.

DUVAL-NORTH

Fort Caroline National Memorial

12713 Fort Caroline Rd., Jacksonville
www.nps.gov

Established in 1564, the Fort Caroline National Memorial pays tribute to the brief French Huguenot presence in the 16th century. Visitors can tour the replica of the fort or venture into the Timucuan Preserve.

City of Jacksonville has approved funds to start construction on the new Northbank location.

DUVAL-WEST

Camp Milton Historic Preserve

1175 Halsema Rd. N., Jacksonville

www.timucuanparks.org

Civil War artifacts, reenactments, an 1800s farmstead and an education center can be found at Camp Milton, a former Civil War encampment.

Durkeeville Historical Society & Museum

1293 W. 19th St., Jacksonville

www.durkeevillehistoricalsociety.org

During the Jim Crow era, Durkeeville served as a community for African Americans. The museum includes artifacts and exhibits covering that period of racial segregation.

Eartha M. M. White Museum

613 W. Ashley St., Jacksonville

<https://clarawhitemission.org/new-page-1>

Clara White, former slave, and Eartha White, humanitarian, served food to and sheltered those in need beginning in the 1880s. This museum commemorates their selfless efforts towards reducing and preventing homelessness and hunger, a mission that is continued today.

Jacksonville Naval Museum

610 E. Bay St., Jacksonville

<https://jaxnavalmuseum.org>

Visit the USS Orleck and the floating naval museum that honors the U.S. Navy and their efforts in the Cold, Vietnam and Korean wars.

Merrill House Museum

319 A Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville

www.jaxhistory.org/merrill-museum-house-tours

Experience early 1900s middle-class life with a tour at the Merrill House Museum, a fully furnished Queen Anne-Eastlake Victorian home.

Ritz Theatre and Museum

829 N. Davis St., Jacksonville

<https://theritz.jaxevents.com>

Acting as a working venue and museum, the Ritz honors the LaVilla neighborhood, also referred to as the "Harlem of the South." Visitors can attend shows or enjoy learning about part of Jacksonville's history from the 1920s to the 1960s, including a permanent exhibit honoring John Rosamond and James Weldon Johnson, who wrote the African American National Anthem, "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing."

Veterans Memorial Wall

1145 E. Adams St., Jacksonville

www.jacksonville.gov

Created to honor the more than 1,700 fallen heroes from World War I to the War on Terror, it was first dedicated to veterans from all military branches in 1995 and rededicated on its 20th anniversary in 2015. This memorial is the second largest veterans memorial wall in the nation.

FLAGLER COUNTY

Flagler Beach Historical Museum

207 S. Central Ave., Flagler Beach

<https://fbmflagler.wixsite.com/flagler>

The Flagler Beach Historical Museum features old photographs, antique tools, newspapers and other memorabilia from the early 1900s that trace the history of the city and a way of life in old Florida. Also on display are archaeological artifacts from Bings Landing Park, fossils from the Intracoastal Waterway and Indian tools from the surrounding area.

Florida Agricultural Legacy Learning Center

7900 Old Kings Rd. N., Palm Coast

www.floridaagmuseum.org

Florida Agricultural Museum is a 370-acre site tracing Florida's farming history. Beginning with the Timucuan Indian influence and continuing through the post WWII era when farming became known as "agribusiness," the museum is a living history of the industry.

Holden House Museum

204 E. Moody Blvd., Bunnell

<https://flaglercountyhistoricalsociety.com/holden-house-flagler-county-historical-society/>

Holden House Museum was built in 1918 by pharmacist Tom Holden and contains Flagler County's history. From the brightly colored apothecary bottles, whose glass adorns the eaves of



Fort Matanzas, photo courtesy of Unsplash



Fort Mose Museum, photo courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com

Historical Sites & Museums

the building, to the beautifully restored pine floors, which were constructed from local lumber, the home surrounds visitors with the feeling of old-fashioned Southern hospitality and graciousness from the moment of entry.

NASSAU COUNTY

A.L. Lewis Museum

1600 Julia St., Fernandina Beach
<https://allewismuseum.org>

This museum gives visitors a look at the lives of African Americans living on Amelia Island during the Jim Crow era and their resilience and perseverance to triumph over segregation and racial discrimination.

Amelia Island Lighthouse

215 O'Hagan Ln., Fernandina Beach
www.fbfl.us

Built in 1828, this lighthouse is the state's oldest lighthouse and the only one left from the Territorial Period that has not required major restoration.

Amelia Island Museum of History

233 S. 3rd St., Fernandina Beach
www.ameliamuseum.org

Cover 4,000 years of Amelia Island history at this museum, with information on the Timucua tribe all the way to the Victorian era.

Fernandina Plaza Historic State Park

Estrada St., Fernandina Beach
www.floridastateparks.org

Located where Fort San Carlos once stood, this state park offers a gorgeous view of the river and the homes that have replaced the fort. This state park is the smallest in Florida, coming in at about 0.8 acres.

Fort Clinch State Park

2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach
www.floridastateparks.org

Explore the rooms, galleries and grounds of Fort Clinch, a Union stronghold during the Civil War. Visitors can also enjoy the beautiful surroundings, including maritime hammocks with live oaks, trails for biking and hiking, and the many species that call this area home.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Castillo de San Marcos National Monument

1 S. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine
www.nps.gov/casa

Built to protect Spain's claim on the New World, Castillo de San Marcos is the oldest masonry fort in the U.S. Visitors can walk through the fort, experience exhibits and enjoy reenactments.

Fort Clinch, photo courtesy of Unsplash



St. Augustine Lighthouse, photo courtesy of Unsplash

Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine

38 Cathedral Pl., St. Augustine
www.thefirstparish.org

Visitors to the cathedral are welcome to take guided tours of the oldest Catholic church in St. Augustine and the oldest parish in the country.

Colonial Quarter

14 S. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine
www.colonialquarter.com

Get the full colonial experience at the Colonial Quarter, where visitors can take tours through history, learn about blacksmithing, watch a live musket demonstration or even climb the watchtower.

Flagler's Legacy Tours

59 St. George St., St. Augustine
<https://legacy.flagler.edu>

Take a tour of Flagler College, originally built as the Hotel Ponce de León by developer Henry Flagler in 1888.



Fort Matanzas National Monument

8635 A1A S., St. Augustine
www.nps.gov/foma

Visitors to the fort, built to protect the area from the invading British in the 1740s, can learn about its history and watch reenactments.

Fort Mose Historic State Park

15 Fort Mose Trl., St. Augustine
www.floridastateparks.org

Visitors to the fort can take a tour of the Flight to Freedom Trail or enjoy the interactive museum that tells the story of this first sanctioned free African American settlement, established for those fleeing from slavery in the English colonies.

Karpeles Manuscript Library Mini Museum

106 St. George St., Unit L, St. Augustine
www.karpeles.com/visit/st-augustine-mini-museum

This mini Karpeles Manuscript Library is the smallest walk-in museum in the U.S. Visitors can view just a small taste of the historical documents that Karpeles has in their possession.

Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum

105 St. George St., St. Augustine
www.karpeles.com/visit/st-augustine-florida

This location is the newest addition to the manuscript library and will include rotating exhibits and a garden for visitors to enjoy.

Lightner Museum

75 King St., St. Augustine
www.lightnermuseum.org

Another former Henry Flagler hotel, the former Hotel Alcazar now serves as a museum that houses several permanent and rotating exhibits that cover

Lightner Museum, photo by 500PX



fine art, architecture, history and even hosts regular events for visitors.

**Oldest Wooden School House
Historic Museum & Gardens**
14 St. George St., St. Augustine
www.oldestwoodenschoolhouse.com

Dating back to the early 18th century, the Oldest Wooden Schoolhouse offers visitors the chance to experience colonial school life replicated with textbooks, supplies and furniture. After returning to school, visitors can head to the gift shop for some “old school gifts.”

St. Augustine History Museum
167 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine
www.historictours.com/st-augustine/history-museum

Learn about different periods of St. Augustine history at this museum. Its exhibits include a Timucuan Indian Village, a replica trading post and information on Henry Flagler’s lasting influence on the city.

St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum
100 Red Cox Dr., St. Augustine
www.staugustinelighthouse.com

An iconic landmark of the First Coast, the lighthouse gives visitors an amazing view of St. Augustine. Climb to the top or explore the exhibits located in the Keeper’s House.

St. Augustine Old Jail & Oldest Store Museum
167 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine
www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine/old-jail
Get a glimpse into the daily life of prisoners and the sheriff at the Old Jail, which functioned as inmate housing, the sheriff’s residence and the gallows.

For an adventure-filled day, visit these other notable St. Augustine historical sites and museums!

Father Miguel O’Reilly House Museum
32 Aviles St., St. Augustine
www.oreillyhousefl.org

Governor’s House Cultural Center and Museum
48 King St., St. Augustine
www.staugustine.ufl.edu/govHouse.html

Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center
102 M L King Ave., St. Augustine
www.lincolnvillemuseum.org

National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios
101 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine
www.missionandshrine.org

Oldest House Museum Complex
14 St. Francis St., St. Augustine
<https://staugh.com>

Peña-Peck House, The
143 St. George St., St. Augustine
www.penapeckhouse.com

Spanish Military Hospital Museum
3 Aviles St., St. Augustine
www.smhmuseum.com

St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine
41 St. George St., St. Augustine
www.stphotios.org

Ximenez-Fatio House Museum
20 Aviles St., St. Augustine
www.ximenezfatiohouse.org

Spanish Military Hospital, photo courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com



Ximenez Fatio House, photo courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com

Nearby, the Oldest Store Museum offers visitors an authentic experience with tour guides acting as clerks and their 19th and 20th century wares.

St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum
12 S. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine
www.thepiratemuseum.com

This museum houses over 800 pieces of authentic pirate artifacts that encompass pirate history from the 17th century to present day.

Villa Zorayda Museum
83 King St., St. Augustine
www.villazorayda.com

Built in 1883 as a winter home, this building kickstarted the Moorish architecture revival and has exhibits and self-guided audio tours covering the history of the Zorayda and its life as a casino, restaurant and speakeasy.

A Curated Collection: Art Museums & Events

The First Coast is bursting with artistic expression. Our many museums, public art spaces and small galleries are home to everything from paintings and sculptures to contemporary and mixed media art. Local art walks and art markets also offer a multitude of unique art as well.



Cummer Museum, photo by Ryan Ketterman

DUVAL-NORTH

Alexander Brest Gallery
2800 University Blvd. N., Phillips
Fine Arts Bldg., Jacksonville
www.ju.edu

This multipurpose 2,300-square-foot art gallery located on the Jacksonville University (JU) campus showcases nationally recognized artists as well as emerging JU students in a variety of media.

DUVAL-WEST

CoRK Arts District
2689 Rosselle St., Jacksonville
<http://corkartsdistrict.com>

More than 80,000 square feet of art studios and galleries are found at the corner of Rosselle and King streets. Known as CoRK, the warehouse space is full of a variety of disciplines, including mixed media, painting and photography.

Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens
829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville
www.cummuseum.org

Overlooking the banks of the St. Johns River, the First Coast's largest fine arts museum is home to more than 5,000 works of art in its permanent and traveling exhibits.

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) Jacksonville
333 N. Laura St., Jacksonville
<https://mocajacksonville.unf.edu>

With nearly 1,000 pieces of art, including sculpture, mixed media, printmaking, photography and painting, MOCA is one of the largest contemporary art museums in the Southeast and features more than 500 artists. MOCA celebrated its 100th anniversary last year as the oldest art museum in the region and the second contemporary art museum established in the U.S.



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ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Crisp-Ellert Art Museum
 48 Sevilla St., St. Augustine
www.flagler.edu

Art from local, national and international artists can be found in this museum on the Flagler College campus. This contemporary art museum has numerous exhibits and community programs available.

First Coast Cultural Center
 6000-B Sawgrass Village Cir.,
 Ponte Vedra Beach
www.firstcoastculturalcenter.org

The First Coast Cultural Center offers educational art programs, exhibits, workshops, events and classes to the Ponte Vedra Beach community.

St. Augustine Art Association
 22 Marine St., St. Augustine
www.staaa.org

For 100 years, the St. Augustine Art Association has provided a rich cultural art experience to the community. With 3,200 square feet of gallery space, there are 500 works in the art association’s permanent collection.



MOCA, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville

Art Walks and Festivals

Artrageous Artwalk
 Downtown Fernandina Beach
<https://islandart.org/special-events>
Second Saturday of the month

First Friday Artwalk
 St. Augustine Historic District
www.staaa.org/art-galleries-of-st-augustine
First Friday of the month

First Wednesday Art Walk
 Downtown Jacksonville
<https://dtjax.com/artwalk>
First Wednesday of the month

Jax Beach Arts Market
 Seawalk Pavilion
<https://jaxbeachartsmarket.com>
See website for dates

Mandarin Art Festival
 Mandarin Community Club
www.mandarinartfestival.org
Easter weekend

North Beaches Art Walk
 Beaches Town Center
www.nbaw.org
Third Thursday of the month

Riverside Arts Market
 715 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville
www.riversideartsmarket.org
Every Saturday

San Marco Art Festival
 Balis Park
www.sanmarcoartfestival.com
Thanksgiving weekend

Riverside Arts Market, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville



First Wednesday Art Walk, photo courtesy of COJ

Lights, Camera, Action!



FSCJ Artist Series, photo by Matthew Murphy

First Coast Entertainment

When the curtains rise and spotlights come on, entertainment seekers can find some of the best shows on the First Coast. From concerts and comedians to variety shows and musicals, the First Coast is full of fun and laughs. Whether you are looking for a small, intimate space like the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, or larger venues like Daily's Place and VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, there are a multitude of options for a night full of fun in our own backyard!

CLAY COUNTY

Thrasher-Horne Center
283 College Dr., Orange Park
www.thcenter.org

Located on the St. Johns River State College campus, the Thrasher-Horne hosts professional dance, theater and musical performances.

DUVAL-BEACHES

Beaches Fine Arts Series
1150 5th St. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.beachesfinearts.org

This fine arts series offers the community free world-class dance and musical performances ranging from jazz and world music to contemporary and classical.

Latham Plaza & Seawalk Pavilion
11 1st St. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.jacksonvillebeach.org

Located in the heart of Jacksonville Beach, the plaza

and pavilion host live music, concerts, festivals and outdoor movie screenings.

DUVAL-NORTH

Florida Ballet, The
10131 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville
<https://floridaballet.org>

As the First Coast's only professional ballet company, the Florida Ballet brings an assortment of dance performances to the area. Enjoy "The Nutcracker" each holiday season as well as several other special performances throughout the year.

Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts & Humanities Creative Arts Series
2800 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville
www.ju.edu/cfa

Located on the Jacksonville University campus, this creative arts series hosts dance performances, concerts, exhibitions and workshops.



Photo courtesy of Florida Theatre

DUVAL-SOUTH

Alhambra Theatre & Dining
12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville
www.alhambrajax.com

The Alhambra is the oldest continuously operating dinner theater and offers shows throughout the year. Performances have a themed dinner that coordinates with the show as well.

FSCJ Artist Series, photo by Joan Marcus

Photo courtesy of FSCJ Artist Series



Comedy Zone, The
3130 Hartley Rd., Jacksonville
www.comedyzone.com

Head over to the Comedy Zone in Mandarin for a night full of laughs to see stand-up comedians and entertainers from all over the country.

Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts
11901 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville
www.fscj.edu/campuses/south-campus/wilson-center

Located on the Florida State College at Jacksonville's South Campus, the Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts includes an art gallery, main theater seating 500, a studio theater for small productions and more. Productions throughout the year include music, theater, humanities and visual arts.

University of North Florida (UNF)
Fine Arts Center
1 UNF Dr., Bldg. 45, Jacksonville
www.unf.edu/fineartscenter

Offering more than 128,000 square feet of space, this venue hosts a variety of performances by international, national and local entertainers, including dance performances, operas and concerts.

DUVAL-WEST

Daily's Place
1 Daily's Pl., Jacksonville
www.dailysplace.com

With the ability to hold more than 5,000 people, Daily's Place is the perfect place to enjoy concerts by your favorite artists right on the banks of the St. Johns River.

Florida Theatre
128 E. Forsyth St., Ste. 300, Jacksonville
www.floridatheatre.com

The Florida Theatre has been a staple of the First Coast for more than 97 years, bringing an array of

dance performances, concerts, comedians and more to our own backyard.

Friday Musicale
645 Oak St., Jacksonville
www.fridaymusicale.com

As the oldest musical organization in Florida, Friday Musicale hosts concerts, private events and children's summer music camps.

FSCJ Artist Series, The
501 W. State St., Ste. 109, Jacksonville
www.fscjartistseries.org

Known as the top source for professional Broadway shows on the First Coast, the FSCJ Artist Series has entertainment for all ages with dance performances, opera, concerts and more.

Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts
300 Water St., Jacksonville
<https://pac.jaxevents.com>

This venue hosts a variety of professional and community performances, including concerts, comedy, ballet, Broadway and symphony productions.

Jacksonville Symphony
300 Water St., Ste. 200, Jacksonville
www.jaxsymphony.org

The Jacksonville Symphony has been a staple of the First Coast for more than 75 years and is one of the nation's leading regional orchestras.

Metropolitan Park
1410 Gator Bowl Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jacksonville.gov

Known for its music festivals, concerts and other events, Metropolitan Park is located on the St. Johns River.

Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center
1000 Water St., Jacksonville
<https://conventioncenter.jaxevents.com>

This 78,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art convention center was converted from a historic railroad station and is now used for conventions, trade shows, expos and more.

VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena
300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville
<https://arena.jaxevents.com>

VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena has some of the biggest names in entertainment and music visiting the First Coast.

FLAGLER COUNTY

Fitzgerald Performing Arts Center
5500 SR 100, Palm Coast
<https://flaglerauditorium.org>

The Fitzgerald Performing Arts Center at Flagler Auditorium is Flagler County's premier performing arts center. This 1,000-seat venue is available for professional performances, community performances and activities. The auditorium offers

Florida Theatre has hosted many notable events, including a performance by Elvis Presley in 1956!

a large variety of entertainment, including nationally touring Broadway shows, cultural programs, big bands, symphonies, family theater and celebrity entertainment.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

EMMA Concert Association
14 Granada St., St. Augustine
www.emmaconcerts.com

The EMMA Concert Association provides the nation's oldest city with a variety of classical concerts, including dance and musical performers, offering music for all ages.

First Coast Opera
St. Augustine
www.firstcoastopera.com

The only opera company in the area, the First Coast Opera gives the community a chance to experience creative performances like cabaret shows as well as opera and operetta.

Ponte Vedra Concert Hall
1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach
www.pvconcerthall.com

The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is an intimate concert venue, hosting more than 140 concerts and events throughout the year.

St. Augustine Amphitheatre, The
1340-C A1A S., St. Augustine
www.theamp.com

The St. Augustine Amphitheatre, also known as "The Amp," is a 5,000-seat venue located on Anastasia Island right across the bridge from downtown St. Augustine. Each year it hosts more than 40 performances.

First Coast Community Theaters

5 & Dime, The
10131 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville
www.the5anddime.org

All Beaches Experimental Theatre
106 6th St. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.abetjax.com

Amelia Community Theatre
207 & 209 Cedar St., Fernandina Beach
www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org

Limelight Theatre
11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine
www.limelight-theatre.org

Greenlight Theatre Company
106 6th St. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.greenlighttheatreco.com

Orange Park Community Theatre
2900 Moody Ave., Orange Park
www.opct.info

Players by the Sea
106 6th St. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.playersbythesea.org

Theatre Jacksonville
2032 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville
www.theatrejax.com

Photo courtesy of Florida Theatre



Ritz Theatre, photo courtesy of Downtown Vision, Inc.



Thrasher-Horne Center, photo by Diana Ferguson

Adventure Awaits You: First Coast Attractions



K1 Speed, photo courtesy of PR1 Newswrite

With so many fun things to do on the First Coast, the opportunities to make lifetime memories are endless! Now that you live here, you have access to many exciting and fun-filled attractions right in your own backyard.

DUVAL-NORTH

Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary

1860 Starratt Rd., Jacksonville
www.cattyshack.org

This nonprofit sanctuary allows visitors to get up close and personal with big cats and other animals.

The Catty Shack provides a safe home for endangered big cats and educates visitors about their plight in the wild and captivity. The sanctuary offers year-round educational school tours and is open to the public on select weekends. The Catty Shack's current residents include tigers, lions, leopards, cougars, coatimundis, servals and more.



Photo courtesy of Catty Shack

Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens 370 Zoo Pkwy., Jacksonville www.jacksonvillezoo.org

Take a walk on the wild side and see more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals at the Jacksonville Zoo. There are a variety of educational programs and exhibits to explore, including the African Forest, Giraffe Overlook and Land of the Tiger.

DUVAL-SOUTH

iFly Jacksonville 10579 Brightman Blvd., Jacksonville www.iflyworld.com/jacksonville

Experience all the thrills of skydiving in iFly's state-of-the-art vertical wind tunnel, which simulates the feeling of skydiving without needing to jump out of a plane!

K1 Speed 6601 Executive Park Ct. N., Jacksonville www.k1speed.com/jacksonville-location.html

Channel your inner Speed Racer at K1 Speed, the First Coast's ultimate indoor go-kart racing destination. Race along the speedway's professionally designed indoor tracks on their European-style electric karts that reach speeds up to 45 mph.

FLAGLER COUNTY

Marineland Dolphin Adventure 9600 N. Ocean Shore Blvd., St. Augustine www.marineland.net

Marineland is home to the world's first oceanarium, and for more than 60 years, Marineland has been home to over 70 different marine species. If you've ever wondered what a dolphin

Alligator Farm, photo by Jenni Shoofs, courtesy of Shutterstock



feels like, check out Marineland's Touch and Feed program.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park
11 Magnolia Ave., St. Augustine
www.fountainofyouthflorida.com

This historical attraction transports visitors to the time when Spanish settlers and Juan Ponce de León came to the New World in 1513 in search of the Fountain of Youth.

Potter's Wax Museum
31 Orange St., St. Augustine
www.potterswaxmuseum.com

This unique attraction is the country's first established wax museum and has more than 160 realistic wax sculptures of scientists, musicians, movie stars, political figures, authors and athletes.

Ripley's Believe It or Not!
19 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine
www.ripleys.com/attractions/ripleys-believe-it-or-not-st-augustine

Marvel at the 800-plus rare and unusual artifacts, including two-headed animals, shrunken heads and a Fiji "mermaid," at Ripley's Believe it or Not!

St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park
999 Anastasia Blvd., St. Augustine
www.alligatorfarm.com

Embark on an adventure at one of Florida's oldest continuously running attractions. The Alligator Farm is home to alligators and crocodiles as well as numerous other birds, reptiles and more. Guests can also zipline across seven acres through the treetops above the park.

St. Augustine Aquarium
2045 SR 16, St. Augustine
www.saaquarium.com

Become a marine biologist for a day while visiting this interactive and educational aquarium. Here, visitors can feed sharks and stingrays and even snorkel with multiple species of fish in a natural Florida reef environment.

St. Augustine Wild Reserve
5190 Farm Creek Rd., St. Augustine
www.sawildreserve.org

This rescue nonprofit gives visitors a chance to see more than 90 animals, including wolves, lions, tigers, hyenas, coyotes, a coatimundi, lynxes, leopards, jaguars and more, through their educational tours.



Jacksonville Zoo, photo by Diana Ferguson

Bounce Around at These First Coast Trampoline Parks!

Altitude
 1214 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach
www.altitudetrampolinepark.com

Flight
 7022 A C Skinner Pkwy., Ste. 200, Jacksonville
www.flightadventurepark.com/jacksonville

Surge Adventure Park
 9292 Arlington Expy., Jacksonville
<https://surgefun.com/locations/jacksonville/>

Bravoz Family Entertainment Center
 14985 Old St. Augustine Rd., Unit 123, Jacksonville
www.bravoz.com

Get Air
 1564 Park Ave., Orange Park
www.getairsports.com/orange-park

Urban Air Adventure Park
 9950 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville
www.urbanair.com/florida-south-jacksonville



Photo courtesy of Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp

The Fan Zone: First Coast Sports

The First Coast is the perfect place for any sports fanatic! Catch a Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp minor league baseball game or cheer on the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars at EverBank Stadium. There are also soccer, arena football, rugby and hockey teams that call the First Coast home. Our area even hosts the Taxslayer Gator Bowl and the Florida-Georgia football game. With a great sports scene, it's easy to find a game for anyone to enjoy!

DUVAL-NORTH

Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament
Jim King Park and Boat Ramp at Sisters Creek
 8203 Heckscher Dr., Jacksonville
www.kingfishtournament.com

More than 300 boats in this annual fishing tournament compete for thousands of dollars in prize money. One of the largest kingfish tournaments in the Southeast, this weeklong event also includes a food festival, live entertainment, a boat display and a junior angler tournament.

Kona Skatepark
 8739 Kona Ave., Jacksonville
www.konaskatepark.com

Skaters of all skill levels can learn some new tricks at the longest privately owned skatepark in the world.

DUVAL-SOUTH

Community First Igloo
 3605 Philips Hwy., Jacksonville
www.communityfirstigloo.com

Home to the Jacksonville Icemen training and practice facilities, the Community First Igloo includes two NHL-sized ice rinks, a pro shop and a sports-themed restaurant and lounge.

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Jacksonville Armada Football Club
 1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville
www.jacksonvillearmada.com

The Jacksonville Armada is the First Coast's only professional soccer team. Founded in 2013, the Armada will play in the MLS NEXT Pro league starting this year. Construction has begun on a new stadium in downtown Jacksonville, which is set to open in 2026.

Jacksonville Axemen Rugby League
 1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville
www.jaxaxe.com

As an expansion team of the American National Rugby League, the Axemen are one of the most successful rugby league football clubs in the country.

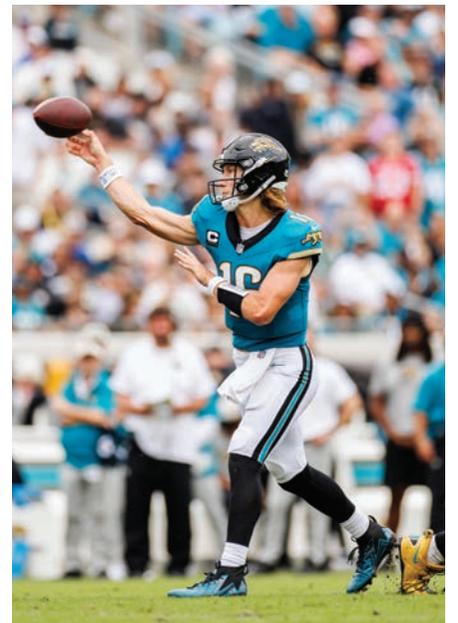


Photo courtesy of Jacksonville Jaguars

Fun Fact: The first college football game in Florida was played in Jacksonville in 1901!



Photo courtesy of Jacksonville Jaguars

The Jacksonville Jaguars have announced plans to build a new \$1.4 billion stadium! Dubbed the “Stadium of the Future,” construction is set to begin in 2026. The stadium will include state-of-the-art technology and a shade canopy to reduce heat retention.

New Jaguars Stadium rendering, photo courtesy of COJ



Jacksonville Roller Derby
Skate Station Funworks Mandarin
 3461 Kori Rd., Jacksonville
www.jacksonvillerollerderby.com

The first and only women’s flat-track roller derby league on the First Coast, the Jacksonville Roller Derby League has more than 70 skaters who compete in this fast-paced contact sport.

DUVAL-WEST

Florida-Georgia Football Game
EverBank Stadium
 1 EverBank Stadium Dr., Jacksonville
<https://flgajax.com>

Held in Jacksonville since 1933, this rivalry game brings Georgia Bulldog and Florida Gator fans together for a fun-filled week ending with the big game.



Equestrian Center Rodeo, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville

Jacksonville Equestrian Center
 13611 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jaxequestriancenter.com

The First Coast’s premier facility for horseback riding, events, outdoor activities, hiking and biking is located on 80 acres of beautiful land.

Jacksonville Icemen
VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena
 300 A Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jacksonvilleicemen.com

The Jacksonville Icemen wow fans with their skills on the ice. The Icemen are members of the ECHL and are affiliated with the Buffalo Sabres and Rochester Americans.

Jacksonville Jaguars
EverBank Stadium
 1 EverBank Stadium Dr., Jacksonville
www.jaguars.com

Fans love to cheer on the Jacksonville Jaguars at EverBank Stadium each football season. They are members of the National Football League (NFL) as well as the American Football Conference. The Jaguars have won four division championships and had eight playoff appearances.



Photo courtesy of Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp

Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp
VyStar Ballpark
 301 A Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville
www.milb.com/jacksonville

Take the family out to a ball game to cheer on the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp, the Triple-A affiliate of the Miami Marlins. Enjoy themed nights, appreciation events and family movie nights.

Jacksonville Sharks

VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena
300 A Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jaxsharks.com

The Jacksonville Sharks are the First Coast's professional indoor football team and have won multiple championship titles. Join in on the fun and attend one of their action-packed games!

TaxSlayer Gator Bowl
EverBank Stadium

1 EverBank Stadium Dr., Jacksonville
www.taxslayergatorbowl.com

Founded in 1946, the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl is one of the oldest college football bowl games in the country and was the first to be nationally televised.

First Coast Sports Teams Stats



Jacksonville Jaguars
 National Football League
 EverBank Stadium
 Established: 1995
 Division Championships: 4



Jacksonville Sharks
 Indoor Football League
 VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena
 Established: 2009
 League Championships: 4



Jacksonville Armada FC
 MLS Next Pro
 Hodges Stadium
 Established: 2013



Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp
 Minor League Baseball
 VyStar Ballpark
 Established: 1962
 League Championships: 7



Jacksonville Icemen
 East Coast Hockey League
 VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena
 Established: 1992



Jacksonville Axemen
 USA Rugby League
 University of North Florida Turf Field
 Established: 2006
 League Championships: 4

First Coast College Sports

Edward Waters University (EWU) Tigers
 1658 Kings Rd., Jacksonville
www.ewutigerpride.com

Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)
 Manta Rays
 4501 Capper Rd. (North Campus), Jacksonville
 11901 Beach Blvd. (South Campus), Jacksonville
www.fscjmantarays.com

Jacksonville University (JU) Dolphins
 2800 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville
www.judolphins.com

University of North Florida (UNF) Ospreys
 1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville
www.unfospreys.com

Edward Waters University Volleyball, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville



First Coast Walks and Runs

Ameris Bank Jacksonville Marathon, Half Marathon & 5K
www.amerisbank.com
December

DONNA Marathon Weekend
www.breastcancermarathon.com
February

Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville Buddy Walk
www.ds-stride.org/dsajbuddywalk
October

Festival of Lights 5K
www.cmnjax.com/fol
December

Fight for Air Climb
www.lung.org
March

Gate River Run
www.gateriverrun15k.com
March

Light the Night Walk
www.lightthenight.org/nofl
November



Gate River Run, photo courtesy of COU

Making Strides of the First Coast
www.cancer.org
October

McKenzie's Run
www.mckenziestrun.org
November

Ortega River Run
<https://esj.org/support/events/ortega-river-run>
February

Penney Farms Historical 5k Run and 1 Mile Walk
<https://1stplacesports.com/races/penney5k/>
October

Relay for Life West Nassau
www.cancer.org
December

It's Tee Time!

Golf on The First Coast

THE PLAYERS, photo courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com

Northeast Florida offers world-class golf courses in scenic destinations such as Amelia Island, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra, Clay County, Palm Coast and the World Golf Village. Be sure to test your skills on the same courses played by THE PLAYERS Championship, PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions, including the iconic TPC Sawgrass.



Fleming Island Golf Club, photo courtesy of Explore Clay

THE PLAYERS Championship

Each March, this five-day competition attracts some of the world's best golfers and golf's biggest fans. Hosted in Ponte Vedra Beach at TPC Sawgrass, THE PLAYERS Championship is our most popular and renowned golf event. The pros are challenged by the infamous "Island Green," a par-3, 137-yard hole that is considered one of the most difficult holes.

Golf Fun for Everyone

If world-renowned competitive golf courses aren't on the agenda, a visit to one of the miniature golf courses, driving ranges or other golf-related

spots is an option. Head to the St. Johns Town Center for a few rounds of golf and drinks at **TopGolf**. They offer different games you can play with your group or date and food and drink service straight to your bay. For some mini golf, there are many options throughout the First Coast. In Keystone Heights, the newly renovated **Keystone Heights Mini Golf** is available for an exciting 18 holes with the family. **Anastasia Mini Golf** in St. Augustine is a fun course with a pirate ship, tunnel and many courses to challenge golfers of all levels. At **Batt Family Fun Center**, visitors can go for a round of "Krazie Golf," where a pair of 3D glasses really enhance the experience. **Fiesta**

of Lions. **Skate Station Funworks** in Mandarin and Orange Park are home to Swamp Golf and Captain Graybeard's buried treasure. For a nautically good time, mini golfers should head to **Heron's Cove Adventure Golf**, located at Omni Amelia Island Resort, where there are 18 nautically themed holes. Pick up a club and drink at **Gregor Macgregor's Mini Links & Drinks** in Fernandina Beach, where you can enjoy a few rounds at the lush course.

Gregor MacGregor's, photo courtesy of Ameliainland.com



Falls in St. Augustine boasts a full 18 holes with eight waterfalls and a 65-foot Spanish ship. At **Island Falls Adventure Golf**, located in Fernandina Beach, there are 18.5 holes that are surrounded by gorgeous waterfalls, bridges and tunnels. For a historical experience, head to Florida's oldest mini golf course at **Ripley's Bayfront Mini Golf**, where you can putt around and take in a dazzling view of the Bridge

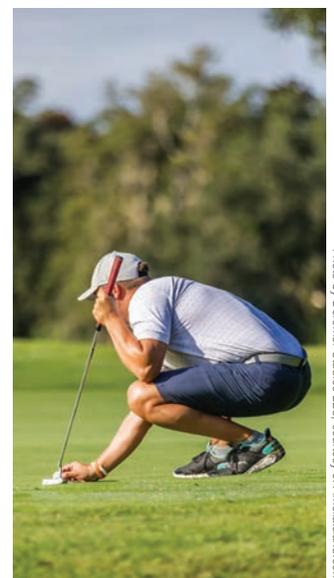


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First Coast Fun on The Water



If you're looking to spend a day of fun on the water, the First Coast has plenty of options for those who want to get their feet wet! Explore our beautiful beaches, rivers and creeks by fishing, boating, kayaking, paddleboarding and more.

Amelia Island, photo by CycleHere Media

FISHING

With both saltwater and freshwater fishing options throughout the area, anglers can catch a variety of different fish. Choose from our many fishing piers, rent a boat or even charter an offshore fishing trip.



First Coast fishing, photo by Ryan Ketterman

Fish Found on the First Coast



Catfish



Cobia



Trout



Bluefish



Spanish Mackerel



Sailfish



Snapper



BOATING

The First Coast is a great place for boaters to explore our rivers, the Intracoastal Waterway or even the ocean. There are many boat rental opportunities and boat-friendly restaurants, complete with docks.

Boating in St. Augustine, photo by ViaVal Tours, courtesy of Shutterstock

JET SKIS

Get an adrenaline rush and feel the wind in your hair while speeding along on a jet ski. Multiple locations for jet ski rentals make it easy to have some fun on the water.



Jet Ski, photo by Chuck Wagner, courtesy of Shutterstock

First Coast surfing, photo by Ryan Ketterman



SURF, BOOGIE OR SKIM BOARDING

The Atlantic Ocean offers adventure for those looking to ride the waves on a surf, boogie or skim board. With a multitude of beaches and waterways in the area, it is easy to find the perfect spot to catch a wave.

Kayaking, photo courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com



PADDLE SPORTS

Are you looking for a relaxing paddle down a creek in a kayak or canoe? Or are you looking for more of a challenge riding a paddleboard onto the waves of the Atlantic? Either way, kayaks, canoes and paddleboards can be found throughout the First Coast.

Retail Therapy: First Coast Shopping

CLAY COUNTY

Shoppers in Clay County have a few different options when it comes to shopping. The **Orange Park Mall** has several shops, restaurants and a movie theater for visitors to peruse. There are also several shopping centers in Fleming Island, like the **Fleming Plaza**.

DUVAL COUNTY

Quintessential coastal shops can be found at the **Beaches Town Center**, located in the heart of Atlantic and Neptune beaches.

The Southside of Jacksonville is home to three main large shopping centers. **The Avenues** is a multi-level indoor shopping mall that is especially fantastic for those hot or rainy days. Shoppers can also head

to the **St. Johns Town Center**, an outdoor shopping mall that has stores from several designers and brands. Just down the street is **The Markets at Town Center**, where visitors can find many top retailers and restaurants.

San Marco Square draws shoppers to historic San Marco where cute boutiques offer unique items. In Riverside, **Five Points** is a great place to find vintage clothing, accessories and décor.

Since the 1940s, **The Shoppes of Avondale** has been selling eclectic pieces ranging from furniture to home accessories to clothing from their locally owned shops. The Westside boasts the **Oakleaf Town Center**, which offers a myriad of options for shoppers and all of their needs.

Whether you're staying in your area or venturing out for a new shopping experience, the First Coast has it all. Big box stores, quaint boutiques and everything in between can be found all around the region.



Fernandina Beach shopping, photo by Deremer Studios LLC, courtesy of Ameliasland.com



Shopping in Atlantic Beach, photo by Ryan Kellerman



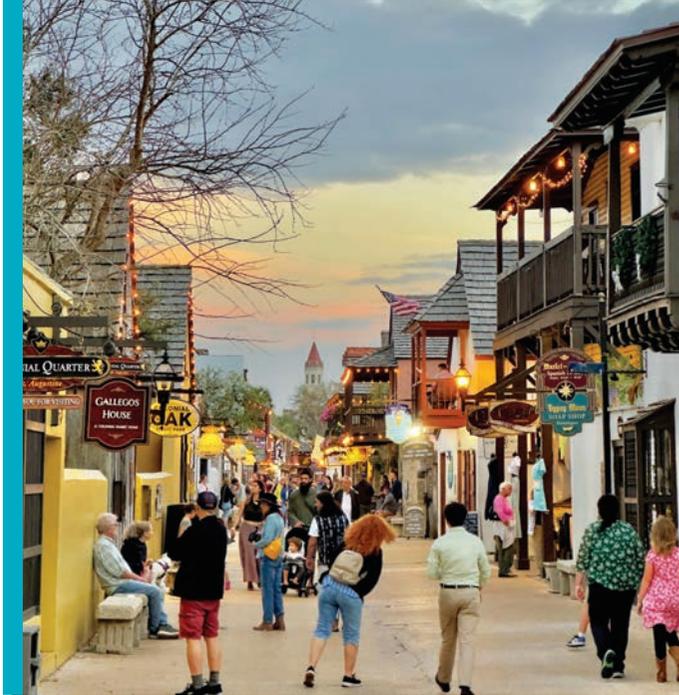
St. Johns Town Center, photo by Monica Fields

Conveniently located near Jacksonville International Airport, **River City Marketplace** is full of major anchor stores and other popular retailers.

FLAGLER COUNTY

In downtown Flagler Beach, guests can stroll along the strip of boutiques, galleries, art shops, beach gear stores and surf shops. Bunnell also offers numerous antique and thrift shops.

Oakleaf Town Center, photo by Diana Ferguson



St. George Street, photo courtesy of Unsplash

NASSAU COUNTY

In Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach, shoppers can find a variety of boutiques and shops filled with décor, fashionable clothes and gifts at the historic **Centre Street** in downtown Fernandina Beach and at **The Shops at Omni Amelia Island**.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

In Ponte Vedra Beach, **Sawgrass Village** is great for those looking for upscale shops and boutiques. Also in the area is the **Nocatee Town Center**, which has an array of businesses, shops and restaurants.

The Pavilion at Durbin Park, located in northern St. Johns County, is an ever-growing shopping center. Once finished, the three-phase shopping area will be home to many stores and restaurants and will be the largest on the First Coast.

Take a stroll down the historic cobblestoned **St. George Street**, where shoppers can find unique clothing, accessories, décor and souvenirs. The **St. Augustine Premium Outlets** has name-brand clothing, accessories and shoes, all for lower prices.

All-Natural and Organic Grocery Stores

Grassroots Natural Market
2007 Park St., Jacksonville
www.facebook.com/Grassroots5Pts

Grassroots Natural Market II
1915 E. West Pkwy., Ste. 1, Fleming Island
www.grassrootsnaturalfoods.com

Native Sun Kitchen + Market
1585 3rd St. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.nativesunjax.com

Sprouts Farmers Market
12675 Beach Blvd., Ste. 200, Jacksonville
4873 Town Center Pkwy., Jacksonville
www.sprouts.com

The Fresh Market
12795 San Jose Blvd., Ste. 1, Jacksonville
13493 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville
150 Riverside Ave., Ste. 200, Jacksonville
1960 E. West Pkwy., Ste. 100, Fleming Island
840 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach
www.thefreshmarket.com

Trader Joe's
11112 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville
4180 S. 3rd St., Jacksonville Beach
www.traderjoes.com

Whole Foods Market
10601 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville
2050 3rd St. S., Jacksonville Beach
www.wholefoodsmarket.com



A Foodie's Paradise:



Mesa in Jacksonville, photo by Vy Nguyen Films

First Coast Dining

From quaint bistros and upscale eateries to fish camps and downhome diners, First Coast restaurants are always cooking up something scrumptious. We are fortunate to have nationally and internationally trained chefs who create delectable dishes. Here, you'll also find some of the most unique dining flavors around, with a variety of tastes and cultures mixed in. *Bon appétit!*

Name	Neighborhood(s)	Website	Cuisine
Ill Forks	Southside	www.3forks.com/location/jacksonville	Steakhouse
4 Rivers Smokehouse	Orange Park, Southside	www.4rsmokehouse.com	Barbeque
ABBQ	Atlantic Beach	www.abbqmeatdrink.com	Barbeque
Aqua Grill	Ponte Vedra Beach	https://aquagrill.net	Seafood
bb's restaurant and bar	San Marco	www.bbsrestaurant.com	American
Bearded Pig, The	Jacksonville Beach, San Marco	www.thebeardedpigbbq.com	Barbeque
Bellwether	Downtown	www.bellwetherjax.com	American
Biscottis	Avondale	www.biscottis.net	American
Blue Bamboo Canton Bistro	Mandarin	https://bluebamboojacksonville.com	Chinese
Blue Fish Restaurant & Oyster Bar, The	Avondale	https://bluefishjax.com	Seafood
Blue Orchid Thai Cuisine	Arlington, Riverside	https://blueorchidthai.com	Thai
Brick Restaurant	Avondale	www.thebrickofavondale.com	American
Burlingame Restaurant	Fernandina Beach	https://burlingamerestaurant.com	American
Burrito Gallery	Riverside, Town Center	www.burritogallery.com	Mexican
Caffe Andiamo	Ponte Vedra Beach	www.caffeandiamo.com	Italian
Callahan's Irish Bistro	Orange Park	www.callahansbistro.com	Irish
Cantina Laredo	Town Center	www.cantinalaredo.com	Mexican
Capital Grille, The	Town Center	www.thecapitalgrille.com	American
Captain's BBQ	Palm Coast	https://captainsbbq.com/	BBQ

Amelia Island Brewing Co., photo by Deremer Studios, courtesy of Ameliainland.com



Photo courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com

Carmine's Pie House	Riverside	https://carminespiehouse.com	Pizza
Catch 27	St. Augustine	www.catchtwentyseven.com	Seafood
ChopHouse Thirteen	Mandarin	www.chophouse13.com	Steakhouse
Congaree and Penn	Northside	www.congareeandpenn.com	American
Coop 303	Atlantic Beach	https://coop303.com	Southern
Copeland's of New Orleans	Southside	https://copelandsjax.com	Southern
Cowford Chophouse	Downtown	https://cowfordchophouse.com	Steakhouse
District SPR, The	Springfield	www.thedistrictspr.com	American
Domu	Town Center	https://domufl.squarespace.com	Japanese
Dunya	Orange Park	www.instagram.com/dunya_jax	Middle Eastern
Dwight's Bistro	Jacksonville Beach	www.dwightsbistro.com	Mediterranean
Eleven South	Jacksonville Beach	www.elevensouth.com	American
Ember & Iron	St. Johns	www.emberandiron.com	American
Fish Company, The	Atlantic Beach	https://thefishcojax.com	Seafood
Floridian, The	St. Augustine	www.thefloridianstaug.com	Southern
Flying Iguana Taqueria & Tequila Bar	Neptune Beach	https://flyingiguana.com	Mexican
Fogo de Chão Brazilian Steakhouse	Town Center	https://fogodechao.com	Brazilian
Good Dough	San Marco	www.gooddoughjax.com	Breakfast/Brunch
Grumpy's Restaurant	Middleburg, Neptune Beach, Orange Park, St. Johns, Wildlight	www.grumpysrestaurantco.com	Breakfast/Brunch
Happy Tomato Courtyard Café & BBQ, The	Fernandina Beach	www.thehappytomatocafe.com	Barbecue
Hawkers	Five Points, Neptune Beach	https://eathawkers.com	Pan-Asian
Hilltop Club & Restaurant, The	Orange Park	https://hilltop-club.com	American
Indochine	Downtown	www.indochinejax.com	Thai
Irie Diner	Orange Park	https://iriediner.com	Caribbean
J. Alexander's	Town Center	www.jalexanders.com	American
Jax Beach Brunch Haus	Jacksonville Beach	www.jaxbeachbrunchhaus.com	Breakfast/Brunch
JJ's Liberty Bistro	Ponte Vedra	www.jjbistro.com	French
Johnny's	Keystone Heights	www.johnnysbbqcatering.com	Barbecue
Joseph's Pizza	Atlantic Beach, Northside	https://josephpizza.com	Pizza
Kazu Japanese Restaurant	Mandarin	https://kazujapaneserestaurant.com	Japanese
Lola's Filipino Café & Mini Store	Orange Park	https://explorecalay.com/dining/lolas-filipino-cafe-mini-store/	Filipino
M Shack	Nocatee	https://mshackburgers.com	American
Maggiano's Little Italy	Town Center	www.maggianos.com	Italian

Blue Bamboo Chef Dennis Chan, photo by Vy Nguyen Films



Safe Harbor, photo by Interpret Studios

Maple Street Biscuit Company	Baymeadows, Fleming Island, Jacksonville Beach, Julington Creek, Murray Hill, San Marco, St. Augustine	www.maplestreetbiscuits.com	Southern
Margarita Island Mexican Kitchen & Bar	Flagler Beach	https://margaritaislandfl.com	Mexican
Mason's Famous Lobster Rolls	Fernandina Beach, St. Johns, Town Center	www.masonslobster.com	Seafood
Matthew's Restaurant	San Marco	https://matthewsrestaurant.com	French/Mediterranean
Mesa	Avondale	https://mesajax.com	Indian
Metro Diner	Jacksonville Beach, Mandarin, Orange Park, Ortega, Ponte Vedra Beach, San Marco, Southside, St. Augustine	https://metrodiner.com	American
Mezza Luna Ristorante	Neptune Beach	https://mezzalunajax.com	Italian
Michael's	St. Augustine	https://michaelsa.com	Spanish
Midtown Table	Town Center	https://midtowntable.medurebrothers.com	Italian
Nona Blue Modern Tavern	Ponte Vedra Beach	www.nonablue.com/locations/ponte-vedra-beach	American
North Beach Fish Camp	Neptune Beach	https://thenorthbeachfishcamp.com	Seafood
O-Ku	Jacksonville Beach	www.o-kusushi.com	Japanese
Orsay	Avondale	www.restaurantsays.com	French
Palermo Puerto Rican Kitchen	Orange Park	https://palermopuertoricankitchen.com	Puerto Rican
Parlor Doughnuts	Fleming Island, Fruit Cove, Jacksonville Beach, St. Augustine, St. Augustine Beach	www.parlordoughnuts.com	Breakfast/Brunch
Pepe's Hacienda & Restaurant	Mandarin	https://pepeshaciendajax.com	Mexican
Pepper's Cocina Mexicana & Tequila Bar	Fernandina Beach, Fleming Island, St. Johns	https://pepperscocina.com	Mexican
Pizza Time	St. Augustine	www.visitstaugustine.com/restaurant/pizza-time	Pizza
Prati Italia	Town Center	www.pratiitalia.com	Italian
Prohibition Kitchen	St. Augustine	www.pkstaug.com	American
Restaurant Doro	Neptune Beach	https://restaurantdoro.com	American
Restaurant Medure	Ponte Vedra Beach	https://restaurantmedure.com	American
RH Rooftop Restaurant	Town Center	https://rh.com/us/en/jacksonville/restaurant	American
River & Post	Five Points	www.riverandpostjax.com	American
Romero's Tuscany By The Sea	Flagler Beach	www.romerostuscanybythesea.com	Italian
Rue Saint-Marc	San Marco	https://ruesaintmarc.com	French
Salt	Amelia Island	www.saltameliaisland.com	American
Santioni's Italian Restaurant	Fleming Island	www.santionis.com	Italian
Schnitzel-Time	Palm Coast	https://schnitzel-time.com	German

Mason's Famous Lobster Rolls, photo by Deremer Studios LLC, courtesy of Ameliasland.com



Parlor Doughnuts, photo by Diana Ferguson



South Kitchen & Spirits	Nocatee	www.southnocatee.com	Southern
Sugar Factory	Town Center	www.sugarfactory.com	American
TacoLu Baja Mexicana	Jacksonville Beach	www.tacolu.com	Mexican
Taverna	San Marco	https://taverna.restaurant	Italian
Timoti's Seafood Shak	Fernandina Beach, Nocatee	www.timotis.com	Seafood
Tommy Bahama Marlin Bar	Town Center	www.tommybahama.com/restaurants-and-marlin-bars/locations/jacksonville	Seafood
Town Hall	San Marco	www.townhalljax.com	Southern
TreyLor Park	Nocatee, St. Augustine	www.treylorpark.com	Southern
True Food Kitchen	Town Center	www.truefoodkitchen.com	American
Turmeric Kitchen, The	Green Cove Springs	https://clayturmeric.com	Indian
V Pizza	Fernandina Beach, Fleming Island, Jacksonville Beach, Mandarin, Ponte Vedra, San Marco, St. Augustine, Town Center	www.vpizza.com	Pizza



Food Trucks in St. Augustine, photo by Kelly Rizzo

First Coast Food Trucks

Looking for delicious gourmet food on the go? Try one of the more than 130 food trucks in the area. From burgers and grilled cheese to barbecue, tacos, sushi and much more, Jacksonville has food trucks for all tastes. Food trucks can often be found around town at art walks, festivals, concerts and breweries.

For more information visit: <https://foodtruckfinderusa.com/jacksonville-food-trucks/>



Kings Tacos food truck, photo by Diana Ferguson

Picturesque Dining: First Coast Waterfront Restaurants

On the First Coast we are blessed to have beautiful beaches, rivers and waterways throughout the area, so there is certainly no shortage of waterfront dining options. For an unforgettable dining experience with stunning views, check out these restaurants on the water.

OCEAN VIEWS

- Azurea at One Ocean**
Atlantic Beach
- Beachcomber**
St. Augustine
- Casa Marina Restaurant**
Jacksonville Beach
- Joe's Crab Shack**
Jacksonville Beach
- LandShark Bar & Grill**
Jacksonville Beach
- Next Door Beach Bistro**
Flagler Beach

- Oceanside Beach Bar & Grill**
Flagler Beach
- Reef Restaurant, The**
St. Augustine
- Refinery Jax Beach**
Jacksonville Beach
- Salt**
Jacksonville Beach
- Salt Life Food Shack**
Fernandina Beach, Jacksonville Beach, St. Augustine
- Sliders Seaside Grill**
Fernandina Beach

- The NET by George**
Flagler Beach
- Tides Beach Bar and Grille**
Jacksonville Beach
- Turtle Shack Café**
Palm Coast

ST. JOHNS RIVER VIEWS

- Chart House**
Southbank
- Estrella Cocina**
Downtown
- Julington Creek Fish Camp**
Julington Creek

Safe Harbor, photo by Interpret Studios



- Palms Fish Camp Restaurant**
Northside
- River & Post**
Riverside
- Safe Harbor Seafood Market & Restaurant**
Mayport
- Sandollar Restaurant**
Northside
- Singleton's Seafood Shack**
Mayport
- Whitey's Fish Camp**
Fleming Island

- Conch House**
St. Augustine
- Dockside Seafood Restaurant**
Jacksonville Beach
- Down Under Restaurant**
Fernandina Beach
- Hurricane Patty's**
St. Augustine
- Kingfish Grill on the Water**
St. Augustine
- Marker 32**
Intracoastal

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY AND OTHER RIVER VIEWS

- Asado Life**
St. Augustine
- Aunt Kate's**
St. Augustine
- Barbara Jean's on the Water**
Ponte Vedra Beach
- Brett's Waterway Café**
Fernandina Beach
- Cap's on The Water**
St. Augustine

- Mavi Waterfront Bar & Grill**
Jacksonville Beach
- Palm Valley Fish Camp**
Ponte Vedra Beach
- Palm Valley Outdoors Bar & Grill**
Ponte Vedra Beach
- Salty Pelican Bar & Grill**
Fernandina Beach
- Shucker's Oyster Bar & Grill**
Fernandina Beach
- St. Augustine Fish Camp**
St. Augustine



Dockside, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville



Sliders, photo by Deremer Studios, courtesy of Ameliasland.com

First Coast Cup of Joe: Local Coffee Shops

From foamy cappuccinos to chilled iced coffees, there's always something good brewing on the First Coast. Our many local coffee shops are sure to have something to satisfy your caffeine cravings. Cozy up with a cup of coffee on a comfy leather couch, meet up with friends or even settle down for a good study or work session.



Brew Five Points in Jacksonville, photo by Vy Nguyen Films

1985 Coffee

1985 Mayport Rd., Atlantic Beach
<https://1985-coffee.square.site>

Amelia Island Coffee

207 Centre St., Fernandina Beach
www.ameliaislandcoffee.com

Bitty & Beau's Coffee

1965 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville
www.bittyandbeauscoffee.com/location/jacksonville

Bold Bean Coffee Roasters

869 Stockton St., Ste. 100, Jacksonville
2400 3rd St. S., Ste. 201, Jacksonville Beach
<https://boldbeancoffee.com>

Brass Tacks Coffee Co.

4352-01 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville
www.brasstackscoffee.com

BREW 5 Points

1024 Park St., Jacksonville
www.brewfivepoints.co

Coffee Grinder, The

9834 Old Baymeadows Rd., Jacksonville
www.thecoffeegrinderjax.com

DOS Coffee & Wine

4853 Big Island Dr., Jacksonville
2375 SR 16, St. Augustine
300 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine
74 Spanish St., St. Augustine
www.dosbar.com

Ellianos Coffee

6135 State Hwy. 100, Palm Coast
www.ellianos.com/locations/palm-coast-fl/

Flamingo, The

1176 Edgewood Ave. S., Ste. 1, Jacksonville
<https://flamingocoffeeroasters.com>

Foxtail Coffee Co.

2039 Hendricks Ave., Unit 114, Jacksonville
7570 Gate Pkwy., Ste. 106-A, Jacksonville
260 Front St., Ste. 620, Ponte Vedra Beach
160 King St., Unit 3, St. Augustine
50 Silver Forest Dr., Ste. 109, St. Augustine
www.foxtailcoffee.com

Jacksonville Coffee Company

12620 Beach Blvd., Ste. 7, Jacksonville
4413 Town Center Pkwy., Ste. 221, Jacksonville
8221 Southside Blvd., Ste. 7, Jacksonville
www.jacksonvillecoffeecompany.com

Kookaburra Coffee, The

351 Town Plaza Ave., Ste. 102-A, Ponte Vedra
1835 US Hwy. 1 S., St. Augustine
24 Cathedral Pl., St. Augustine
4265 A1A S., St. Augustine
470 SR 207, St. Augustine
647 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine
www.thekookaburracoffee.com

Mechanism Coffee Roasters

11526 Lake Mead Ave., Ste. 103, Jacksonville
<https://mechanismcoffee.com>

Royal Moose Coffee Company

2441 Blanding Blvd., Middleburg
<https://royalmoosecoffee.com>

Sago Coffee

318 7th Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.sagocoffeejax.com

Sip & Surf Coffee Co.

701 N. Ocean Shore Blvd., Flagler Beach
<https://wakesipsurf.com>

Sippers Coffeehouse

7643 Gate Pkwy., Ste. 101, Jacksonville
www.facebook.com/sipperscoffeehouse

Southern Grounds

1671 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville
3562 St. Johns Ave., Jacksonville
JAX Airport, Concourse A, Jacksonville
200 1st St., Neptune Beach
www.southerngrounds.com

Spring Park Coffee

328 Ferris St., Green Cove Springs
www.springparkcoffee.com

Urban Bean Coffeehouse Cafe, The

2023 Park Ave., Orange Park
www.theurbanbeancoffeehouse.com

Urban Grind Coffee Company

45 W. Bay St., Jacksonville
www.urbangrind.coffee

Yes Coffee

213 S. 2nd St., Flagler Beach
<https://yescoffee.com>

Hang out with some cool cats at one of the First Coast's cat cafés! The cats in these cafés are even available for adoption.

Caffeinated Cat, The

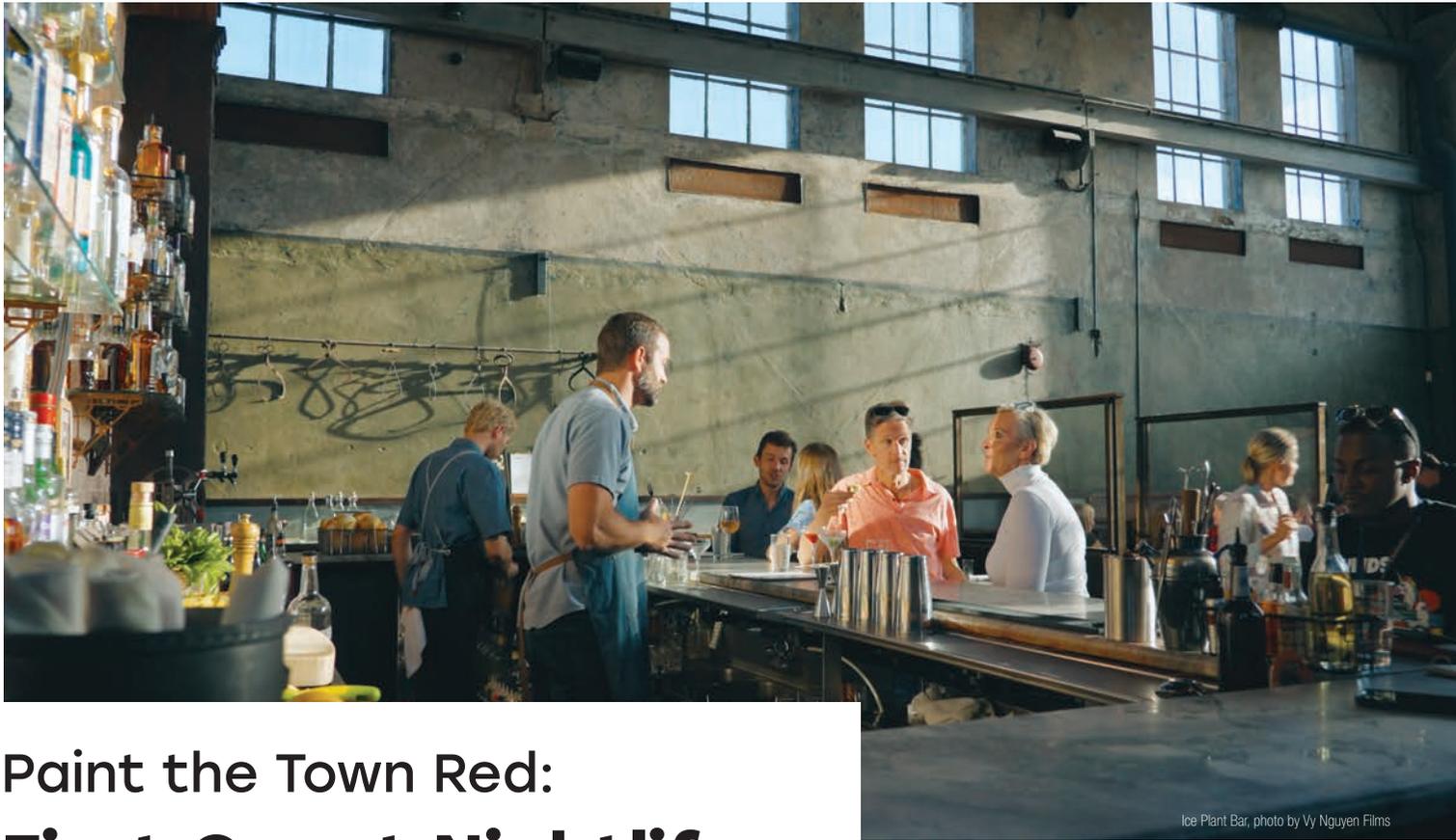
331 1st Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.facebook.com/thecaffeinatedcatjax

Frisky Cat Café

1092 S. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St. Augustine
www.friskycatcafe.com

Witty Whisker Cat Café

112 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., Unit A, St. Augustine
www.wittywhisker.com



Ice Plant Bar, photo by Vy Nguyen Films

Paint the Town Red: First Coast Nightlife

When the sun sets, the First Coast nightlife comes alive. Whether you are looking to relax on a rooftop bar or enjoy the ocean breeze while bar hopping, the First Coast has something for everyone. The live music venues, dance clubs and even hole-in-the-wall spots found throughout the area are guaranteed to make your night unforgettable.

CLAY COUNTY

Cheers Park Avenue
Orange Park

Industry Pub, The
Orange Park

Roadhouse, The
Orange Park

DUVAL-BEACHES

Brix Taphouse, The
Jacksonville Beach

Flask & Cannon
Jacksonville Beach

**Hoptinger Bier Garden
& Sausage House**
Jacksonville Beach

Lemon Bar
Neptune Beach

Lynch's Irish Pub
Jacksonville Beach

Pete's Bar
Neptune Beach

Surfer The Bar
Jacksonville Beach

DUVAL-SOUTH

Aromas Cigar, Wine & Martini Bar
Southside

Grape & Grain Exchange, The
San Marco

Sidecar
San Marco

DUVAL-WEST

1904 Music Hall
Downtown

Axe Champs
Murray Hill

Birdies
Five Points

Dos Gatos
Downtown

Eclipse Bar & Nightclub
Avondale

Garage, The
Riverside

**Hoptinger Bier Garden
& Sausage House**
Five Points

Keg & Coin
Riverside

Kickbacks Gastropub
Riverside

Loft, The
Riverside

Root Down
Five Points

Rouge
Riverside

Volstead, The
Downtown

FLAGLER COUNTY

1405 Saloon
Bunnell

First Coast Nightlife

Crossroads Tavern
Bunnell

Rehab Sports Bar
Bunnell

The Brass Tap
Palm Coast

NASSAU COUNTY

Hammerhead Beach Bar
Fernandina Beach

Palace Saloon
Fernandina Beach

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Auggie's Draft Room
St. Augustine

Barley Republic
St. Augustine

Fionn MacCool's
Ponte Vedra Beach

Ice Plant Bar
St. Augustine

Mulligan's Pub
Ponte Vedra Beach

Odd Birds
St. Augustine

**Stogies Jazz Club
& Listening Room**
St. Augustine

Tini Martini Bar
St. Augustine



Amelia Distillery Tour, photo by Deerner Studios LLC, courtesy of AmeliaIsland.com

Tour and Sample these First Coast Wineries and Distilleries

Black Creek Distilleries
4289 CR 218, Middleburg
www.facebook.com/blackcreekdistilleries

Citrus Distillers
2222 Harper St., Jacksonville
<https://citrusdistillers.com>

City Gate Spirits
11 St. George St., St. Augustine
www.citygatespirits.com

Flagler Beachfront Winery
611 N. Ocean Shore Blvd., Flagler Beach
<https://flaglerbeachfrontwinery.com/>

Four Fathers Distillery
2917 Borden St., Jacksonville
www.fourfathersdistillery.com

Manifest Distilling
960 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville
www.manifestdistilling.com

Marlin & Barrel Distillery
232 S. 8th St., Fernandina Beach
www.facebook.com/MarlinBarrel

Old A1A Distillery
611 N. Ocean Shore Blvd., Flagler Beach
<https://olda1adistillery.com>

San Sebastian Winery
157 King St., St. Augustine
www.sansebastianwinery.com

St. Augustine Distillery
112 Iberia St., St. Augustine
www.staugustinedistillery.com

Meehan's Irish Pub, photo courtesy of Pexels



Pete's Bar is the oldest bar in Duval County and was featured in the John Grisham novel *The Brethren*.



Photo by Deerner Studios LLC, courtesy of AmeliaIsland.com

Pet-Friendly Bars

Brewhound Dog Park + Bar
Neptune Beach

Kanine Social
Riverside

First Coast Craft Breweries

The First Coast is flowing with craft brews! Here, you can taste a variety of unique and award-winning beers found nowhere else. Newcomers can take a self-guided tour called the Jax Ale Trail to visit dozens of breweries found in all corners of the First Coast, including Amelia Island, Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Orange Park.

CLAY COUNTY

Cultured Collective Brewing Co.
www.culturedcollective.info
Orange Park

DUVAL-BEACHES

Engine 15 Brewing Co.
www.engine15.com
Jacksonville Beach

Green Room Brewing
<https://greenroombrewing.com>
Jacksonville Beach

Ink Factory Brewing
www.inkfactorybrewing.com
Jacksonville Beach

Jekyll Brewing
www.jekyllbrewing.com/jacksonville-beach
Jacksonville Beach

Mayport Brewing Co.
<https://mayportbrewing.com>
Mayport

Reve Brewing
www.revebrewing.com
Atlantic Beach

Southern Swells Brewing Co.
www.southernswells.com
Jacksonville Beach

Strings Sports Brewery
<https://stringssportsbrewery.com>
Jacksonville Beach, Springfield

DUVAL-NORTH

Flying Fish Taphouse
www.flyingfishtaphouse.com
Northside

DUVAL-SOUTH

Aardwolf Brewing Company
www.aardwolfbrewing.com
San Marco

Bottlenose Brewing
<https://bottlenosebrewing.com>
Southside

Legacy Ale Works
www.legacyaleworks.com
Bartram Park

Tepeyolot Cerveceria
<https://tepeys.com>
San Marco

Veterans United Craft Brewery
www.vubrew.com
Southside

Voodoo Brewing Co.
<https://jacksonville.voodoobrewery.com>
San Marco

Wicked Barley Brewing Company
<https://wickedbarley.com>
Baymeadows

DUVAL-WEST

Bold City Brewery
<https://boldcitybrewery.com>
Downtown, Riverside

Fishweir Brewing Company
www.fishweirbrewing.com
Murray Hill

Grace Note Brewing
<https://www.gracenote.beer>
Ortega

Historically Hoppy Brewing Company
<https://historicallyhoppy.com>
Springfield

Intuition Ale Works
<https://intuitionaleworks.com>
Downtown

King Maker Brewing
www.kingmakerbrewing.com
Riverside

Myrtle Avenue Brewing
www.facebook.com/MyrtleAveBrewing
LaVilla

Ruby Beach Brewing Company
www.rubybeachbrewing.com
Downtown

FLAGLER COUNTY

Coquina Coast Brewing Co.
<https://coquinacoastbrewingcompany.com>
Flagler Beach

NASSAU COUNTY

Amelia Island Brewing Co.
www.ameliaislandbrewing.com
Fernandina Beach

Disco Witch Brewing
<https://discowitchbrewing.com>
Yulee

First Love Brewing
<https://firstlovebrewing.com>
Fernandina Beach



Ancient City Brewing, photo courtesy of FloridaHistoricCoast.com

Mocama Beer Company
<https://mocama.com>
Fernandina Beach, Yulee

SJ Brewing Company
<https://sjbrewingco.com>
Yulee

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

2nd Bay Brewing Co.
www.2ndbaybrewing.com
Fruit Cove

Ancient City Brewing
www.ancientcitybrewing.com
St. Augustine

Bog Brewing Company
www.bogbrewery.com
St. Augustine

Dog Rose Brewing Co.
www.dogrosebrewing.com
St. Augustine

Old Coast Ales Brewery
www.oldcoastales.com
St. Augustine

Time to Party!



St. Augustine Schooner Freedom, photo courtesy of FloridaHistoricalCoast.com

First Coast Festivals & Celebrations

We certainly know how to let loose on the First Coast! From food festivals to holiday events and cultural celebrations to historical reenactments, thousands of locals and visitors enjoy the many annual festivals and celebrations all over the First Coast.

BAKER COUNTY

Battle of Olustee

February

www.battleofolustee.org

To commemorate Florida's largest Civil War battle, history comes to life through reenactments of the battle fought on Feb. 20, 1864. The event includes memorial services, demonstrations, crafts and arts, concerts, parades and more.

CLAY COUNTY

Carrie Clarke Day

March

www.townoforangepark.com

This historical festival celebrates the life and legacy of the Clarke family, one of the earliest families to live in Orange Park. Visitors can enjoy historic demonstrations, live music, hayrides and more.

Spring Park, photo by Diana Ferguson



Town of Orange Park Fall Festival

October

www.opfallfestival.com

Clay County's oldest and largest arts and crafts festival features more than 200 vendors and artists. Find beautiful handmade jewelry, pottery, art and unique gifts for purchase. Make sure to bring your appetite and sample the many food vendors on site.

Hometown Holiday in the Park

December

www.townoforangepark.com

Enjoy an old-fashioned holiday celebration in Orange Park with pony rides, hay and train rides, tours of the Clarke House, pictures with Santa, shopping, music and more.



Parade of Trees, photo by Diana Ferguson

Parade of Trees in Spring Park

December

www.greencovesprings.com/292/Parade-of-Trees

Stroll through this enchanting Spring Park and admire beautifully decorated trees sponsored by members of the community. The trees are lit every night from December 1 through December 31.

Jacksonville Jazz Fest, photo courtesy of Downtown Vision, Inc.



DUVAL COUNTY

World of Nations Celebration

February

<https://specialevents.coj.net/Special-Events/World-of-Nations-Celebration.aspx>

For more than 30 years, visitors have been enjoying this annual multicultural celebration. Travel the globe by sampling food, music, dance and stories from a variety of countries and cultures.

Opening of the Beaches Parade

April

www.jacksonvillebeach.org

Each year, the City of Jacksonville Beach celebrates the beginning of beach season with a festive parade.

Springing The Blues Festival

April

www.springingtheblues.com

This exciting three-day blues festival at the Seawalk Pavilion features local, regional and national blues artists.

Jacksonville Jazz Festival

May

www.jacksonvillejazzfest.com

For more than four decades, the Jacksonville Jazz Festival has brought jazz legends such as Dizzy

Gillespie, Miles Davis, Branford Marsalis, Buddy Guy, Harry Connick Jr., Mavis Staples and many more to the First Coast.

Spooktacular

October

www.jacksonvillezoo.org/spooktacular

This family-friendly Halloween event at the Jacksonville Zoo is full of tricks and treats. Dress up in your costume for a night filled with spooky stories and surprises around every corner.

Jacksonville Light Boat Parade

November

<https://specialevents.coj.net/Special-Events/Light-Boat-Parade.aspx>

For more than 30 years, the First Coast has enjoyed this holiday boat parade on the St. Johns River. Boats of all shapes and sizes are decorated with festive holiday lights, wreaths and other decorations.

Jacksonville Jazz Fest, photo courtesy of COJ





Deck The Chairs

November/December

www.deckthechairs.org

This holiday light display in Jacksonville Beach showcases more than 60 lifeguard chairs decorated with festive props, lights and more.

NASSAU COUNTY

Amelia, The

March

www.ameliainland.com

As one of the top automotive events in the world, The Amelia is the perfect event for car aficionados. Fans can see hundreds of cars on display, from 1930s Alfa Romeos to Formula 1 cars.

Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival

May

www.shrimpfestival.com

Taste the most delicious shrimp at this annual festival in downtown Fernandina Beach. Visitors can also enjoy live music, arts and crafts, contests and a pirate-themed parade.

Dickens on Centre

December

www.ameliainland.com/dickens-on-centre

Inspired by Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, this annual event in downtown Fernandina Beach transports visitors back to the Victorian era with themed holiday entertainment, Christmas carolers, costumed characters and visits with Santa.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

St. Augustine Lions Seafood Festival

April

www.floridashistoriccoast.com/blog/st-augustine-lions-spring-festival/

This annual festival draws thousands of visitors each year for two days of live music, delicious seafood and a local arts and crafts fair.



Shrimp Festival, photo by Deremer Studios LLC, courtesy of Ameliainland.com

St. Augustine Food and Wine Festival

May

<https://staugustinefoodandwinefestival.com>

This weekend-long festival features celebrity guest chefs, celebrity winemakers, local chefs, artisans and local craft spirits/beers. From tasting events to master classes, this culinary celebration is perfect for all taste buds!

Sing Out Loud Festival
September
www.singoutloudfestival.com

Enjoy the best of live entertainment in the Nation's Oldest City at this annual festival. Over 100 national, regional and local artists play a mix of free and ticketed shows at a dozen venues throughout St. Augustine over multiple weekends in September.

Nights of Lights
November through January
www.floridashistoriccoast.com/nights-lights

Listed among the top 10 holiday light displays in the world by *National Geographic*, this festival illuminates downtown St. Augustine with millions of twinkling lights.



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World of Nations, photo courtesy of COJ



Dickens on Centre, photo by Deremer Studios LLC, courtesy of Amelialisland.com

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