

A BRIEF HISTORY

The approximately 120-acres that make up the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens are unique in that within its boundaries lay 13 distinct and different eco-systems. How it got this way is an interesting story of use, abuse, neglect, and... resurrection.

From 1941-1961 the property was part of the Humphries Gold Mining Co. which strip-mined the area of zircon and the minerals used to make titanium. Without nutrients and organic matter, the soil became barren white sand known locally as "the Dunes."

In the 1970's the City of Jacksonville acquired the property as a buffer to the nearby water reclamation facility and for over 30-years the property sat idle. It was this period that allowed Mother Nature to create what is today, one of the most remarkably beautiful areas of our city.

A group of citizens saw the property's potential as an arboretum and organized a non-profit organization, the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens, Inc., to develop and operate it. In 2006, the property was leased from the City of Jacksonville and work began by community volunteers to create an arboretum for all to enjoy.

Special thanks to:  jaxparks.com

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

The Arboretum has a variety of activities and programs of interest to young and old alike.

Walk & Talk

Many garden clubs, church groups, civic and business clubs visit the Arboretum for tours. Enjoy a casual, educational walk through the forest with one of our naturalist guides.

Healthy Trails

Studies have shown that walking 10,000 steps a day will lead to sustainable weight and improved cardiovascular health. Each of the Arboretum's trails has been measured in the number of steps it takes an average adult or child to complete them. Simply keep track of the trails you walk and count your steps to good health.

CONTACT US

For information on these and all of our events, visit www.jacksonvillearboretum.org, or email info@jacksonvillearboretum.org.

Connect with Us

The Jacksonville Arboretum is now on Facebook! Find us by simply searching Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens Official Fan Page and stay updated on our upcoming events.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The Arboretum is a great place to meet people while doing something positive in the community.

Volunteer

Volunteers play an essential role in the growth and care of our beautiful arboretum. Events, programs and general upkeep are some of many areas where volunteers are needed. Visit www.jacksonvillearboretum.org and click on *Volunteer* to join in!

e-Newsletter

Keep up with events and programs by subscribing to our e-newsletter today! Visit www.jacksonvillearboretum.org and click on *Newsletter*.

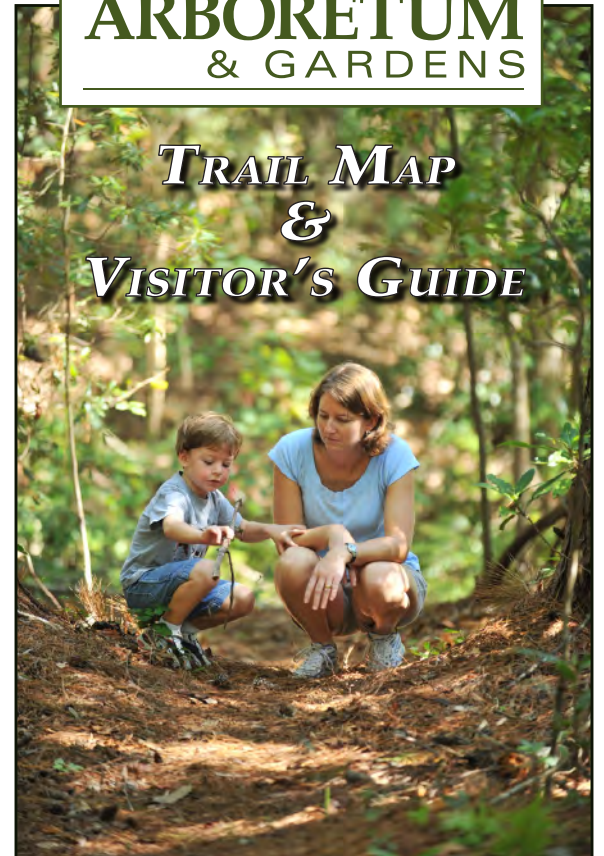
Membership

The Arboretum is a non-profit organization that depends on community support. As an Arboretum member, you will receive discounted or free admission to events and programs.

- \$25 – Senior (65+)/Student
- \$35 – Individual, \$55 – Family

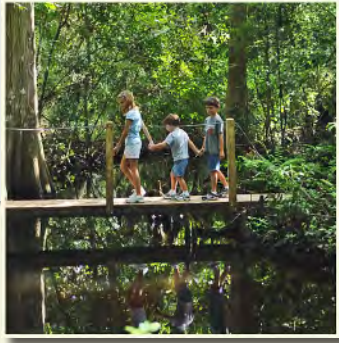
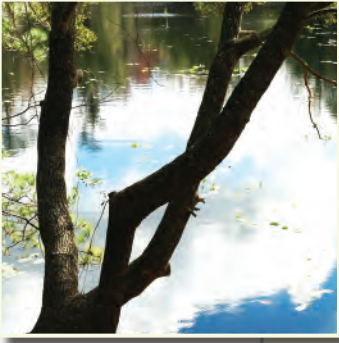
Visit www.jacksonvillearboretum.org and click on *Support*, or mail a check to:

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Daylight Hours, 7 Days a Week

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Additional content and Healthy Trails tips. Look for Points of Interest codes along the trails and to access the cyberYoga stations located around the Lake Loop Trail.



ABOUT THE TRAILS

Lake Loop Trail - Easiest

Our central trail, the Lake Loop encircles picturesque Lake Ray. All other trails are accessed from this trail. There is about a 25 foot elevation change in the trail.

Jones Creek Trail - More Difficult

The trail winds through the Jones Creek basin and climbs the bluff overlooking the creek. This is a beautiful trail of creeks, bridges and steep grades.

Lower Ravine Trail - Moderate

A peaceful area of quiet water and tall pines, the trail circles a small island on the floor of the ravine.

Upper Ravine Trail - Moderate

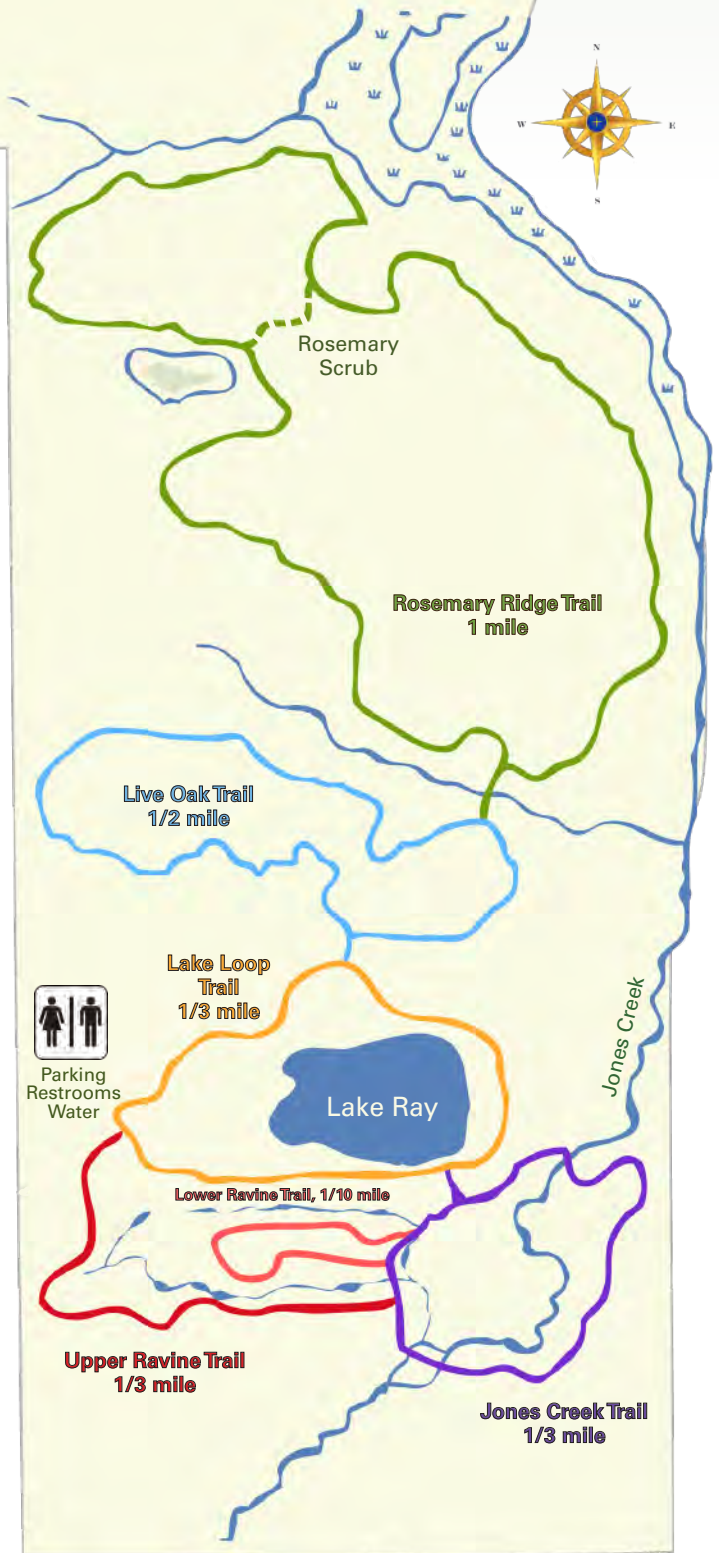
The trail climbs over the south ridge of the ravine through a wonderful upland forest. It offers some great views, particularly in winter.

Live Oak Trail - Moderate

Home to stately 100+ year-old Live Oaks and our national champion Loblolly Bay, the Live Oak Trail is also enjoyed for its seasonally flowering native azaleas and blueberries.

Rosemary Ridge Trail - More Difficult

This trail crosses multiple habitats and vistas. Please watch for snakes, particularly in palmetto areas. If you see one, leave it alone. Please don't disturb the Deer Moss.



STEPS TO HEALTH

Lake Loop - Adult 900 steps, Child 1200 steps

Jones Creek - Adult 900 steps, Child 1200 steps

Upper Ravine - Adult 900 steps, Child 1200 steps

Lower Ravine - Adult 372 steps, Child 520 steps

Live Oak - Adult 1439 steps, Child 2014 steps

Rosemary Ridge - Adult 2601 steps, Child 3640 steps

RULES TO REMEMBER

- This is an Arboretum. Show respect for all plants and animals.
- Do not disturb plants, wildlife or their habitats
- Stay on marked trails.
- Keep dogs on leash and on marked trails.
- Pick up your dog waste.
- No dogs on Rosemary Scrub portion of Rosemary Ridge Trail.
- No bicycles beyond paved parking area.
- No fishing.
- Exercise caution on rough terrain.
- Call 911 for emergencies and 904-630-5500 for non-emergencies.
- The Arboretum address is 1445 Millcoe Road, Jacksonville, FL 32225

