ABOUT THE TRAILS AND PROPERTY

Called “the hidden jewel” in Northeast Florida, the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens opened in November 2008 – covering 120 acres and featuring 13 distinct ecosystems. Each trail is measured in both distance and number of steps an average adult or child takes to complete the trail. Points of interest and cyber yoga stations can be accessed through QR codes located on posts along the trails.

TOURS AND PROGRAMS

Tours and field trips are available at the Arboretum. On the 4th Saturday of each month, the Arboretum offers tours to the public free of charge. Special guided tours and field trips can be arranged if there are volunteers available. There are fees for tours and field trips based on the length and level of the activity. For more information, please contact us at: info@jacksonvillearboretum.org. Upcoming public programs are advertised on the website (events/activities) and in our newsletter.

CONNECT WITH US

For information concerning all Arboretum events, to request services or to subscribe to our monthly newsletter, email info@jacksonvillearboretum.org or visit www.jacksonvillearboretum.org

Also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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MEMBERSHIP & DONATIONS

The Arboretum is managed and operated by a nonprofit agency, the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens, Inc. We depend on the community for support. Individual and corporate memberships at varying benefit levels represent our primary funding source. Other support opportunities are available through individual donations, sponsorships, naming and commemorative giving programs and in-kind contributions. For more information, please visit www.jacksonvillearboretum.org at the “Support Us” tab on the right-hand menu bar.

VOLUNTEERING

The Arboretum depends on volunteers for onsite maintenance and improvements as well as numerous offsite administrative and communication projects. On-site volunteer workdays are held the second Saturday morning every month from September through June. We schedule additional workdays as needs arise. Visit our website at www.jacksonvillearboretum.org for details. If you have a special volunteer activity you would like to request, please email info@jacksonvillearboretum.org with details.

RULES/CONDITIONS OF USE

WARNING: Watch for roots and obstacles when walking. The Arboretum is a natural area and home to some dangerous, venomous, and poisonous plants and animals. Please treat our plants and wildlife with caution and respect – do not introduce or remove any animals, plant parts or artifacts.

MINORS: The Arboretum is not an area suitable for UNACCOMPANYED MINORS. For their safety, persons under the age of 18 must always be accompanied by a responsible adult (at a rate of one adult per three minors).

VEHICLES: No bicycles, scooters, motorized vehicles or toys, or other vehicles (except those used by visitors with mobility impairments) are permitted on our trails. Bicycle racks are provided for your convenience.

FIRE HAZARDS: No smoking, fires or fireworks. This includes cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, cooking fires, grills and other flammable or incendiary devices. Use of our fire pit is not allowed except during special events approved by management.

DOGS: ARE WELCOME BUT MUST BE LEASHED ON LEASHES THAT DO NOT EXCEED EIGHT FEET (City Ordinance 462.102) and are allowed everywhere EXCEPT THE GATED AREAS OF THE ROSEMARY TRAIL, OFF TRAIL, OR IN WATER BODIES. Please clean up after your pet.

NO FISHING: No collecting or feeding of fish, birds, gopher tortoises, alligators or any other wildlife is permitted. Do not touch or attempt to lure animals closer to humans for any reason. If an animal appears to be injured or in danger contact info@jacksonvillearboretum.org.

ALCOHOL: Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted except during special events approved by management.

ACTIVITIES: Because of the potential danger to our gardens and plants, no football, baseball, soccer, Frisbee, or similar sports are allowed at the Arboretum. Drones are prohibited.

PRIVATE EVENTS: Private parties, events, weddings and organized social functions are not allowed without prior approval and may require a site rental contract. To request approval, please contact info@jacksonvillearboretum.org so we may review your request to determine if any fee, deposits, special event insurance, or other charges may be required.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Professional photography sessions are not allowed without a permit. Visit info@jacksonvillearboretum.org to obtain a permit. No props can be used for personal or professional photography. No area of the Arboretum can be blocked to lure animals closer to humans for any reason. If an animal appears to be injured or in danger contact info@jacksonvillearboretum.org.

BE NICE: Visitors must exhibit appropriate behavior including following city, state and federal laws, and Arboretum rules. Please report non-emergency situations to JSO at (904) 630-0500, and emergencies and immediate safety threats to 911.

The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens is privately-managed by a 501(c)3 non-profit organization – it is not a city park. Visitors who do not comply with these rules will be asked to leave. For a complete set of rules, visit www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/visit-the-arboretum/

Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy your visit.
TRAILS, PLANTED GARDENS, AND NATURAL HABITATS

**Lake Loop Trail** (Easiest) 0.3 miles - 900 adult or 1200 child steps

The Lake Loop circles a two-acre lake and is the route by which the secondary trails are accessed. This is the garden area where plants that are useful to people are cultivated. Some plants provide people with food: edible leaves, shoots, roots, flowers, fruits and seeds. Some provide us with construction materials, fibers, tools and other implements. Other plants provide us with latex, oil, resin, dye, plastics, fuel or other chemicals. Some of these plant-based chemicals are useful to us as medicines. We use plants to feed domestic animals and to provide environmental benefits such as cleansing our air and water, erosion control and wind breaks. Planted landscapes improve our learning and healing, and help us deal with daily stress. Take a walk around the lake, relax and consider the many ways that we use plants in our daily lives.

**Live Oak Trail** (Moderate) 0.5 miles 1440 adult or 1920 child steps

The Live Oak Trail winds through ecosystems including xeric hammock and successional forest. Several centenarian live oaks, a grove of blooming pinxter azaleas, and bright red Christmas lichen can be found along this trail. Please note on the map that the Live Oak Trail must be accessed from the Lake Loop Trail; the Sand Ridge Trail can also be accessed from the Live Oak Trail.

**Sand Ridge Trail** (More Difficult) 1.0 miles - 2600 adult or 3460 child steps

The Trail winds through xeric hammock, remnant scrubby flatwood forest, and rosemary scrub and past freshwater marsh, saltwater marsh, and depression marsh. In May, lyonia fungus, first named by botanists working at the Arboretum, is visible as flower-shaped growths on the branches of rusty lyonia. Please note on the map that the Rosemary Ridge Trail is only accessible from the Live Oak Trail. The Deer Moss Trail and Rosemary Trail paths provide for shortened hikes. DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ROSEMARY TRAIL.

**Jones Creek Trail** (More Difficult) 0.3 miles - 900 adult or 1200 child steps

The Jones Creek Trail meanders through bottomland forest and hydric hammock beneath a canopy of sweetgum, red maple, tulip poplar, bald cypress and several species of oaks. Numerous species of shrubs form the midstory and ferns and wetland plants the groundcover. Bridges cross the creek and a climb leads to a view over it. The trail also winds through upland hardwood forest under towering oaks and hickories, before returning to the bottomlands. This trail includes steps and narrow bridges and is not appropriate for children in strollers.

**Lower Ravine Trail** (Easy) 0.1 miles - 370 adult or 490 child steps

The Lower Ravine Trail loops through early successional forest. Loblolly bay, red maple, sweet gum and loblolly pine creates the canopy, while chain and cinnamon ferns blanket the forest floor. Please note on the map that the Lower Ravine Trail is only accessible from the Upper Ravine Trail, due to surrounding wetlands.

**Upper Ravine Trail** (Moderate) 0.2 miles - 600 adult or 800 child steps

The Upper Ravine Trail extends through successional forest, along the crest of the ravine, affording views into the wetlands below. Oaks dominate this area though a few longleaf pines remain on the west end. Please note on the map that the Lake Loop, Lower Ravine Trail, Jones Creek Trail and Aralia Trail can all be accessed from the Upper Ravine Trail.

**Aralia Trail** (More Difficult) 0.3 miles 900 adult or 1200 child steps

The Aralia Trail received its name from a colony of thorny *Aralia spinosa* (devil’s walking stick) located nearby. Plant habitats along this trail include remnant longleaf sandhill, remnant seepage slope, and bottomland forest. Please note on the map that the Upper Ravine Trail and Jones Creek Trail can be accessed from the Aralia Trail.

For accommodation requests please contact info@jacksonvillearboretum.org. Please allow three business days for appropriate processing.