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"A Day in Jacksonville"

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Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)

"Contemporary Art at its Best"

The Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) is among the most famous contemporary art museums in the country. This huge Jacksonville complex is home to many temporary as well as permanent exhibits featuring renowned American as well as international artists. Apart from this, the museum hosts a variety of cultural activities and events. It offers an in-house eatery, Cafe Nola, that serves continental delicacies to ensure you don't let hunger pangs keep you from appreciating some of the finest contemporary art Florida has to offer.

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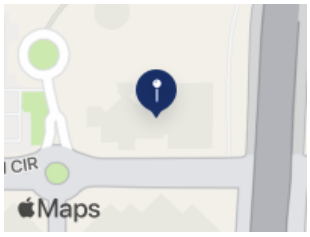
by MOSHJacksonville

Museum of Science and History, Jacksonville

"Fun For All Ages"

Nicknamed MOSH, this museum overlooks the St. Johns River and is near Downtown Jacksonville. Great fun and an educational experience for the whole family, it comes with its own planetarium. Exhibits include marine life, native Florida wildlife, local history, and the Holozone, full of interactive games and simulator rides. In addition, classroom activities and planetarium programs allow for hands-on, interactive fun.



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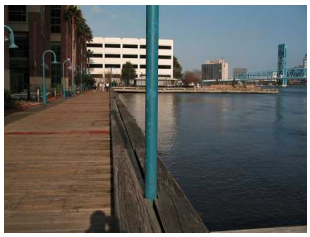
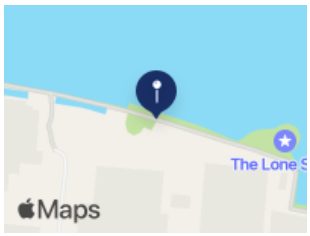


by Jim Ritchie

Southbank Riverwalk (Jacksonville Riverwalk)

"Boardwalk on the River"

This charming riverside dining and entertainment boardwalk is a popular riverfront meeting place for locals and visitors alike. You will find a variety of restaurants, bars, shops, museums and a marina. Riverwalk is linked to area hotels, including the Wyndham Riverwalk and the Hampton Inn Jacksonville Central, making it easy for visitors to take a relaxing stroll while enjoying scenic views of the downtown skyline. Owing to its vibrant atmosphere which is at once serene and exhilarating, this spot is a popular attraction visited by many.



+1 904 634 0303 (Tourist Information) | downtownjacksonville.org/locations/l-100-southbank-riverwalk.aspx | 1001 Museum Circle, Jacksonville FL

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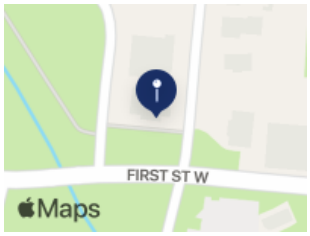
Karpeles Manuscript Library

"Historical Documents & Books"

Located off Main Street in Downtown Jacksonville, Karpeles Manuscript Library is billed as the world's largest holding of historical documents on literature, medicine, science, music and anthropology. Rare books and documents, some a century old, are on display here for the public to survey. This library has several locations throughout the country, so it frequently rotates its historical exhibits before returning them to the archive. You can visit again and again without seeing the same documents twice.



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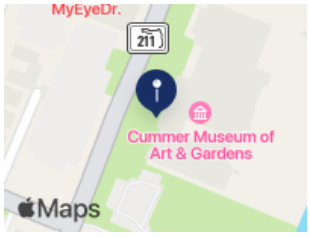
The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens

"Historical Art Collection"

Opened in 1961, this museum and art education center has handsome gardens with fragrant blooms, and peaceful, winding walkways. The permanent collection at Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens focuses on the history of art with exhibits spanning the eras from ancient times to the 21st century. Temporary exhibits are also presented throughout the year. The museum is located approximately five minutes away from downtown Jacksonville.



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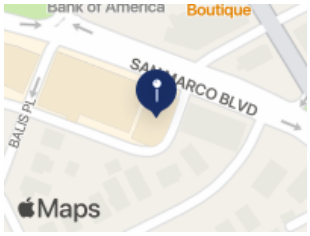
Theatre Jacksonville

"National Historic Site"

Touted as the longest continuously running community theater in the United States, Theatre Jacksonville brightens the historic San Marco District with its funky, art-deco facade of cool purples and neon lights. Since 1919, Jacksonville Theatre has been engaging audiences with live plays and musicals. Today's current troupe, consisting primarily of volunteer talent, has recently performed such plays as "Once Upon a Mattress" and "Spinning into Butter."



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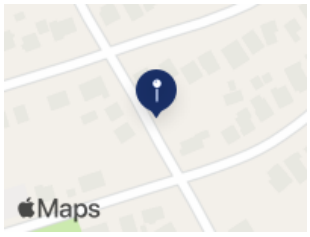
Riverside and Avondale Historic Districts

"Historic Area in Jacksonville"

Although Riverside and Avondale are two separate areas of Jacksonville, their proximity has led to their being considered one single entity. With a history that goes back to the late 19th Century, the neighborhoods comprise of of the oldest landscapes in the city. Mostly residential, the neighborhood comprises some commercial areas like the King Street District and Five Points. Take in the historic charm as you stroll the lanes at a leisurely pace, checking out the numerous shopping and dining options on offer. The Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, Memorial Park and Riverside Park are located here.



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Riverside and Avondale Historic Districts, Jacksonville FL

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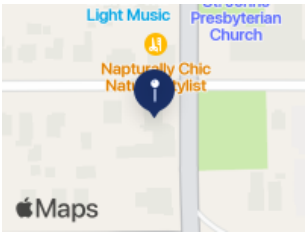
The Museum of Southern History

"Relive the Old South"

This small but informative 25-year old museum celebrates both the history and culture of daily life in the South during the 19th century. At the Museum of Southern History there are artifacts and memorabilia from the Civil War, and from everyday Southern life, politics and fashion. Friendly staff can assist visitors who are interested in tracing the genealogy of Southern families, leading you through the extensive research library that features more than 6,000 volumes.



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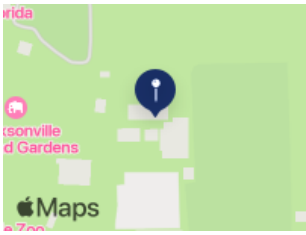
Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

"Exotic and Native Animals"

Visit white rhinos, crocodiles, lions and more as you survey the African exhibits among others at the Jacksonville Zoo. A boardwalk allows visitors to observe elephants and giraffes. Native Florida wildlife can also be seen, including jaguars, endangered Florida panthers and the American alligator. There is so much to see here that you should allow yourself an entire day to absorb it all. Refreshments are available throughout the park.



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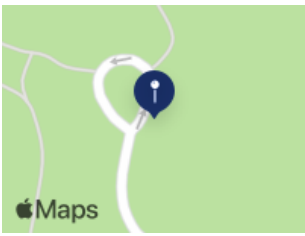
Fort Caroline National Memorial

"Early French Colony Lives On"

In 1564 French explorers founded the first Protestant colony in the United States along what is today the St. Johns River. Fort Caroline National Memorial is a reconstructed fort commemorating its probable location. The Spanish seized the original colony, leading to the demise of its residents in 1565, so not much is known about these early pioneers. The site stretches across 130 acres overlooking the river and features a museum with French and Indian artifacts from the 16th century. Fort Caroline was established as a national memorial in 1950 and is 14 miles from Downtown Jacksonville.



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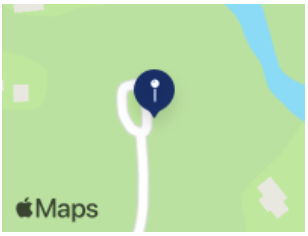
Ribault Monument

"Embodying History"

This monument is on the north side of the city and is located on a high bluff overlooking the St. Johns River. A wheelchair accessible terrace offers visitors a scenic view of the river and wetlands. Ribault and his crew landed on the First Coast in 1562 and erected the original stone monument to commemorate the first ever landing of Protestants on this foreign soil. Admission to the monument is free.



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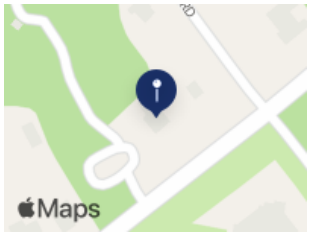
Mandarin Museum & Historical Society

"Historic Country Store"

Located at the southern tip of Jacksonville, this museum is dedicated to promoting Mandarin's history. Housed inside the historic Walter Jones general store it is an example of a one-story, crossroads country store. On display are artifacts detailing the life of Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of Uncle Tom's Cabin, who lived in Mandarin, as well as artifacts and memorabilia recovered from the Maple Leaf, a Union naval ship sunk off Mandarin Point in 1884. Admission is free.



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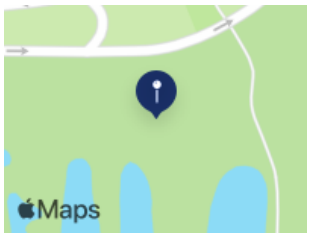
by Mgreason at English Wikipedia

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

"Stunning Beach & Lake Landscape"

Take in the fresh air at the oceanfront Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park, which features a 1.5-mile (2.41 kilometers) beach, beautiful nature trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, and fishing lakes. The lakeside swimming area has fountains and squirt guns. Boating, canoeing, hiking, biking, and camping facilities are also available, while lakeside tables and grills provide the perfect spots to relax, enjoy, and have a leisurely picnic with your loved ones. Also featuring an exciting kids' splash park, Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park is an ideal place to enjoy with the little ones.



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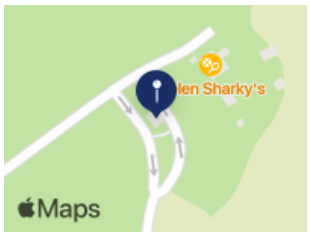
Huguenot Memorial Park

"Drive on the Beach!"

Named in honor of the Huguenot French settlers who colonized the area for a short while in the 16th century, Huguenot Memorial Park is another one of Jacksonville's many jewels. Aficionados of our fine-feathered friends will enjoy the avian observatory tower, and nature trails, perfect for bird watching. Adventurous types can rent canoes and use the boat launch to access the waterways, while sports-lovers can rent volleyball equipment, and bicycles for an afternoon of fun.



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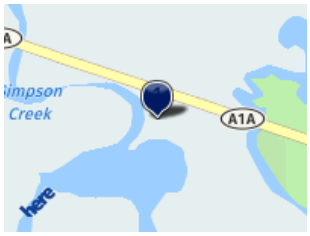
10980 Heckscher Drive, Jacksonville FL

by TimothyJ

Kayak Amelia

"Paddle Alongside Wildlife"

Kayak Amelia organizes guided tours through Amelia Island's scenic marshlands, tidal inlets and creeks. The rental service gives you the chance to observe birds, marine animals and if you're lucky, a manatee or two. Experienced guides are by your side as you paddle around in their one and two-seat kayaks for half-day or full-day tours, which is one of their specialty programs. The historic Kingsley Plantation, offers you a splendid short break during your excursions.



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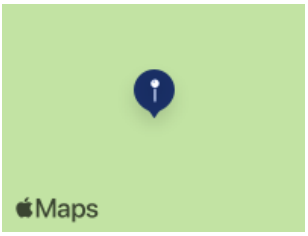
by KirkOls

Big Talbot Island State Park

"Picturesque Environs"

This park features a breathtaking coastal habitat covered with oak, holly, and magnolia, along with sea-oat covered dunes overlooking the ocean. Hiking is a favorite activity along the scenic nature trails, while fishing, canoeing or swimming on the Nassau Sound shoreline is tough to beat. The picturesque surroundings of the park attract a multitude of visitors who congregate on the expansive land for picnics, while engaging in activities like roller-blading and bird-watching. Guided tours of the stunning park are also available.



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