



Trail Guide

Cecil Recreational Trail

Activities allowed on property

- Wildlife Viewing
- Hiking
- Bicycle Riding
- Equestrian Activities

Trails

- Main - 1 Blue Stripe
- Spur - 2 Blue Stripes
- Trails - Marked with wood post and arrows for directions

Park Rules

Park Hours are sunrise to sunset

- No organized group activities
- Management reserves the right to close park facilities to the public
- Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages prohibited
- Animals must be on leash
- Dispose of animal waste properly
- No dumping or littering
- Glass containers prohibited
- No soliciting or vending without appropriate licenses and permits
- Non-licensed motorized vehicles prohibited
- Do not disturb wildlife or vegetation
- Swimming is prohibited
- Motorized vehicles to be driven on designated roadways and parking areas only
- JSO and other law enforcement officials have the authority to enforce park rules and issue trespass warnings which may prohibit violators from this park or all parks for one year
- A full listing of all park rules are posted on www.jaxparks.com

LEGEND

- Paved/Main Trail
- Unrefined Trail
- Spur Trails
- P** Parking
- ⊗ Crossing Point for Normandy Blvd.
- ↑ Pavilion
- ▨ Hunt Area

Pope Duval Park
I-10

Cecil Field
Conservation
Corridor



Taye Brown
Regional
Park

Florida State
College
at Jacksonville
Campus

Equestrian
Center

Softball/Aquatic
Center

Normandy Blvd.

Golf
Course

Sal
Taylor
Creek
Preserve

Jennings State
Forest
Yellow Water
Tract





- Many trails offer no shade or shelter, so be prepared for sun, excessive heat or sudden thunderstorms. Make sure you have plenty of water, snacks, sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Various city lands are wildlife management area (WMAs) where hunting occurs. Please check for hunting dates and areas before using trails.
- Although city lands do not permit motorized vehicular access, you may occasionally encounter staff vehicles and equipment.
- Crossing Normandy Boulevard is discouraged due to vehicular traffic. However, if you cross, please do so only at the designated crossing point. Please exercise caution when crossing.

Comfort and Safety

Hikers yield to equestrians, and bicyclists yield to both.

Let a horse and rider know of your presence (to avoid spooking horse or rider). Equestrian users, please ride single file in one track (in both directions) on two track trails to leave the other track form and stable for other users.

Keep dogs on short leash.

Animal and plant life are protected. Do not kill, trap or molest any mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian. Do not pick, cut, carve, break off limbs from, or mutilate any plant life.

Pack it in, pack it out. Leave only the minimum trace of your travels on the trail and take only memories.

Trail Etiquette

Lands owned and/or managed by the city use existing roads or fire lines, maintained primarily for land management activities, as trails. Maintenance activities (e.g., harrowing fire lines) will temporarily cause the surface of these areas to be uneven or to have unstable soils.

All trails are designated "multiple use" for hiking, bicycling and horseback riding unless otherwise noted. Multiple use trails will be marked with a single blue line. Double lines indicate spur trails or loops. These are your trails for your pleasure and enjoyment. Please be courteous to other trail users and use trail etiquette.

Plan ahead. Many of the trails are 'back country trails' where you may not encounter another trail user or find shelter from the weather. Plan accordingly for your safety!

Trail Use

Property History

Before it was conveyed to the city of Jacksonville in 2000, the property served as Naval Air Station (NAS) Cecil Field, and was the largest military base in the Jacksonville, Florida area. NAS Cecil Field was named in honor of Commander Henry Barton Cecil. The base got its start in June 1941, and operations were jump-started just 11 days after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. From 1943 until the war ended Cecil Field was a pilot's last stop before assignment to combat in either the Atlantic or Pacific fleet.

As directed by Congress, the base was officially closed September 30, 1999. The City of Jacksonville initiated development of a reuse plan to guide transition of base property and facilities to other uses that support economic and community development and public recreation.

Conservation

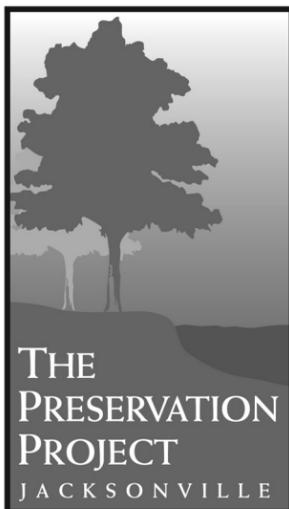
The recreation and conservation parcels that make up the Cecil Recreational Trail system are characteristic of pine flatwoods. Much of the area has been under silviculture management over the last 25 years. As a result some areas have been cleared and replanted with pine; other areas are in mature pine plantation. Some areas have not been harvested and are becoming more mixed pine and hardwood forests. Small isolated depressions with wetland vegetation exist on site.

The Florida Division of Forestry, through its management agreement with the city, has a silviculture program in place for much of the lands that comprise the Cecil Recreational Trail. Among the management techniques are prescribed burns, removal of exotic-invasive vegetation and hydrological restoration. These land management techniques compliment public recreation use and provide visitors with unique and diverse outdoor opportunities.

Trail users may see deer, turkey and gopher tortoise along the paths. Alligators have also been spotted in the waterways of property. The trails are intended to be minimally intrusive upon the natural communities and generally follow existing roads and corridors.

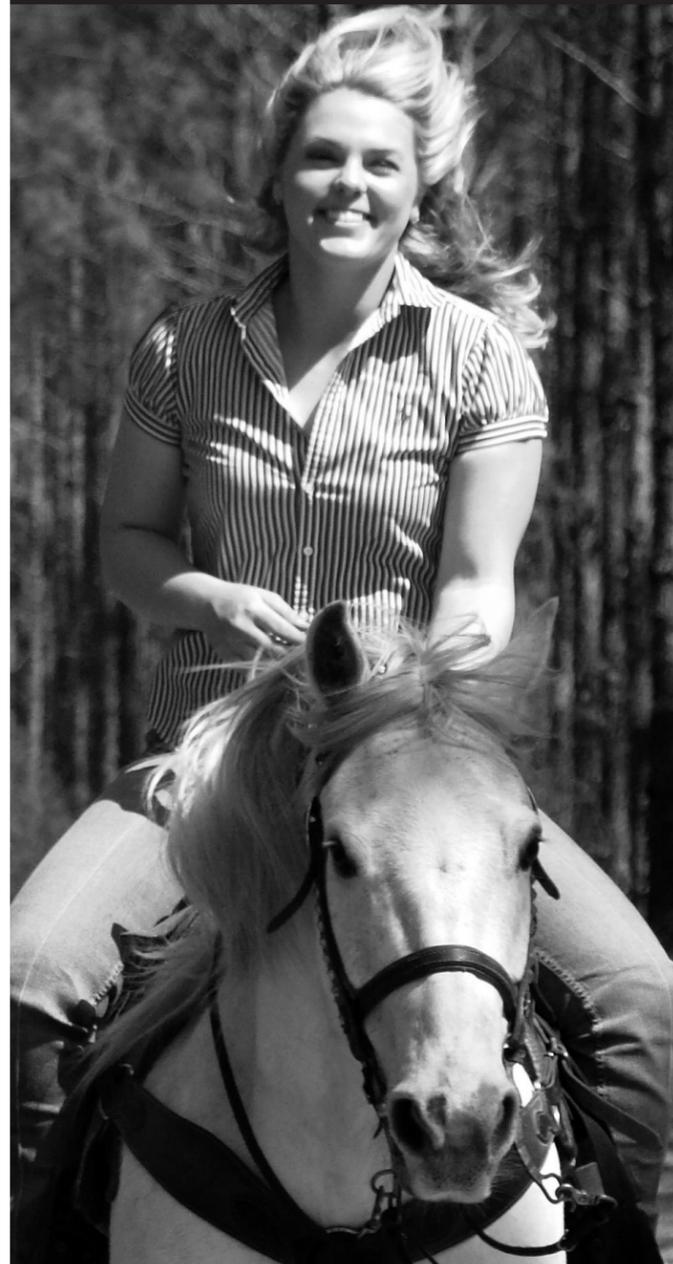
This property is an example of how the Federal Government works with local government and other agencies to purchase properties. The City of Jacksonville also partners with the State Division of Forestry in managing this property.

If you have questions regarding the management of this property, please direct them through the contact information below.



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