

City of Jacksonville Kayak Launches: Site Characteristics

| Park/Site Name | Address | Waterbody | Launch Type | OVERALL SKILL LEVEL | Accessibility | Site Conditions | Hazards |
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| Alejandro Garces Camp Tomahawk Park | 8419 San Ardo Rd. | Goodbys Creek | Stabilized Shoreline | Beginner | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at hi & mid tides only *Light current | *Down/submerged trees *Boat traffic downstream *Plan trip around tides |
| Alimacani Park | 11080 Heckscher Dr. | Ft. George River | Natural Shoreline | Advanced | *Accessible parking *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Heavy boat traffic *Shoaling *Strong current *Plan trip around tides |
| Arlington Lions Club Park | 4322 Richard D. Gatlin Rd. | St. Johns River | Boat Ramp | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides |
| Arlington Road Boat Ramp | 5103 Arlington Rd. | St. Johns River | Boat Ramp | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides |
| Beach and Peach Urban Park | 10013 Anders Blvd. | lake | Natural Shoreline | Beginner | *Accessible parking *No adaptive features | *Lake level fluctuates | *Potential alligators *Submerged debris |
| Beach Blvd. Boat Ramp | 8540 Beach Blvd. | Pottsburg Creek | Boat Ramp | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Light current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |
| Bee Street Park | Corner of Bee St. and Utah Ave. | unnamed tributary | Natural Shoreline | Intermediate | *On-street parking *No adaptive features | *Usable at hi & mid tides only *Light current in trib/strong in river | *Down/submerged trees *Large vessels in river *Boat traffic in river *Strong current in river *Plan trip around tides |
| Bert Maxwell Boat Ramp | 680 Broward Rd. | Trout River | Boat Ramp | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |
| Bethesda Park | 10790 Key Haven | lake | Floating Dock | Beginner | *Accessible parking & route *Adaptive launch features: grab bars, transition seat, cradle system | *Large protected lake | *Potential alligators *Submerged debris |
| Betz-Tiger Point Preserve | 13990 Pumpkin Hill Rd. | Edwards Creek/ Pumpkin Hill Creek | Natural Shoreline | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Watch for oyster beds *Plan trip around tides |
| Big Talbot Island State Park | 15500 Heckscher Dr. | Sawpit Creek/ICW | Boat Ramp | Advanced | *Accessible parking *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Boat traffic *Shoaling *Strong current |
| Blue Cypress Park | 4012 University Blvd. N. | St. Johns River | Natural Shoreline | Intermediate | *Accessible parking *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Large vessels *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides |
| Castaway Island Preserve | 2921 San Pablo Rd. South | ICW | Floating Dock | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at hi & mid tides only *Light current in creek/strong in ICW | *Shallow canal *Boat traffic in ICW *Strong current in ICW *Plan trip around tides |
| Cedar Point Boat Ramp | 9023 Cedar Point Rd. | Horseshoe Creek | Boat Ramp | Intermediate | *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Watch for oyster beds |
| Charles Reese Memorial Park | 1200 Ken Knight Dr. | Ribault River | Concrete Ramp | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at hi & mid tides only *Moderate current | *Shallow approach to ramp *Soft mud around ramp *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides |
| Chelsea Street | End of Chelsea St. | McCoy's Creek | Natural Shoreline | Intermediate | *On-street parking *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Light current | *Down/submerged trees *Utility pipes cross creek *Boat traffic downstream |

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| County Dock Boat Ramp | 2403 County Dock Rd. | St. Johns River | Stabilized Shoreline | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Shallow water *Boat traffic *Submerged piles/debris |
| Cradle Creek Preserve | S. 15th St. & Fairway Lane | ICW | Fixed Dock | Advanced | *Accessible parking *1/3 mile paved route to launch *Steep drop from dock *No adaptive features | *Usable at hi & mid tides only *Light current in creek/strong in ICW | *Shallow canal *Boat traffic in ICW *Strong current in ICW *Plan trip around tides |
| Curtis Lee Johnson Marina Boat Ramp | 5434 San Juan Ave. | Cedar River | Boat Ramp | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Light current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |
| Dinsmore Boat Ramp | 11101 US Hwy. 1 | Trout River | Boat Ramp | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |
| Dutton Island Preserve (South Launch) | end of Dutton Island Rd. (south end of island) | ICW | Stabilized Shoreline | Intermediate | *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic in ICW *Strong current in ICW *Plan trip around tides *Watch for oyster beds |
| Dutton Island Preserve (North Launch) | end of Dutton Island Rd. (north end of island) | ICW | Floating Dock | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *Adaptive launch features: cradle system, transition seat, grab bars | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic in ICW *Strong current in ICW *Plan trip around tides |
| Fort George Island (Ribault Club) | 11241 Fort George Rd. | Ft. George River | Natural Shoreline | Intermediate | *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Heavy boat traffic *Shoaling *Strong current *Plan trip around tides |
| Fulton Road Landing Boat Ramp | 5099 Fulton Rd. | St. Johns River | Natural Shoreline | Advanced | *On-street parking *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides |
| Half Moon Island Preserve | 17847 Main St. North | Nassau River | Boat Ramp | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |
| Harborview Boat Ramp | 4100 Harbor View Dr. | Ribault River | Boat Ramp | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |
| Hood Landing Boat Ramp | 12803 Hood Landing Rd. | Julington Creek | Boat Ramp | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Light current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris *Potential alligators |
| Huguenot Memorial Park (Launch #1) | 10980 Heckscher Dr. | Haulover Creek | Natural Shoreline | Intermediate | *Accessible parking *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Shoaling |
| Huguenot Memorial Park (Launch #2) | 10980 Heckscher Dr. | Ft. George Inlet | Natural Shoreline | Intermediate | *Accessible parking *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Heavy boat traffic *Shoaling *Strong current *Plan trip around tides |
| Jim King Park at Sisters Creek (Launch #1) | 8203 Heckscher Dr. | ICW/Sisters Creek | Floating Dock | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *Adaptive launch features: cradle system | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Boat traffic *Shoaling *Strong current *Plan trip around tides |
| Jim King Park at Sisters Creek (Launch #2) | 8203 Heckscher Dr. | ICW/Sisters Creek | Natural Shoreline | Intermediate | *Accessible parking *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Boat traffic *Shoaling *Strong current *Plan trip around tides |
| Joe Carlucci Boat Ramp | 8414 Heritage River Rd. | ICW/Sisters Creek | Boat Ramp | Advanced | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Boat traffic *Strong current *Plan trip around tides |
| John T. Lowe Boat Ramp | 9021 San Jose Blvd. | Goodbys Creek | Boat Ramp | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |
| Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park | 500 Wonderwood Dr. | lake | Floating Dock & Natural Shoreline | Beginner | *Accessible parking & route *Adaptive launch features: grab bars, transition seat, cradle system | *Large protected lake | *Alligators |
| Lonnie Wurn Boat Ramp | 4131 Ferber Rd. | St. Johns River | Boat Ramp | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |

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| Mandarin Park | 14780 Mandarin Rd. | Julington Creek | Floating Dock | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *Adaptive launch features: grab bars, transition seat, cradle system | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |
| Mayport Boat Ramp/Michael Scanlon | 4870 Ocean St. | St. Johns River | Boat Ramp | Advanced | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Boat traffic *Strong current *Plan trip around tides |
| McCue Park & Boat Ramp | 2510 2nd Ave. N. | ICW | Natural Shoreline | Advanced | *Accessible parking *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Boat traffic *Strong current *Plan trip around tides |
| Metro Park Marina | 1410 Gator Bowl Dr. | St. Johns River | Floating Dock | Advanced | *Accessible parking & route *Adaptive launch features: cradle system | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides |
| Nathan Krestul Park | 2001 LaVaca Rd. | Christopher Creek | Natural Shoreline | Intermediate | *Dirt parking lot *No adaptive features | *Usable at hi & mid tides only *Moderate current | *Down/submerged trees *Boat traffic downstream *Plan trip around tides |
| New Berlin Boat Ramp | 9002 Frederick St. | St. Johns River | Boat Ramp | Advanced | *On-street parking *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides |
| North Shore Park | 7901 Pearl St. | Trout River | Stabilized Shoreline | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris *Potential submerged rocks |
| Northbank Riverwalk @ Gefen Park | 505 Alfred Dupont Place | St. Johns River | Natural Shoreline | Advanced | *Accessible parking *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides |
| Oak Harbor Boat Ramp | 2428 Seaway St. | ICW | Boat Ramp | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Shoaling *Oyster beds |
| PADL/Talbot Islands State Park | 13030 Heckscher Dr. | Simpson Creek | Floating Dock & Natural Shoreline | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Shoaling *Plan trip around tides |
| Palmetto Leaves Regional Park | 13799 Old St. Augustine Rd. | Julington Creek | Floating Dock | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *Adaptive launch features: cradle system | *Usable at all tide levels *Light current | *Boat traffic downstream *Down/submerged trees *Potential alligators/snakes |
| Palms Fish Camp Boat Ramp | 6359 Heckscher Dr. | Clapboard Creek | Stabilized Shoreline | Intermediate | *Accessible parking *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |
| Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park | 13802 Pumpkin Hill Rd. | Pumpkin Hill Creek | Stabilized Shoreline | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Watch for oyster beds *Plan trip around tides |
| Reddie Point Preserve | 4499 Yachtsman Way | St. Johns River | Natural Shoreline | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides |
| Ribault River Preserve | 2617 Ribault Scenic Dr. | Ribault River | Floating Dock | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |
| Ringhaver Park | 5198 118th St. | Ortega River | Floating Dock | Intermediate | *Accessible parking *1/4 mile paved route to launch *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Light current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |
| River Oaks Park | 1000 River Oaks Rd. | Craig Creek | Natural Shoreline | Intermediate | *On-street parking *No adaptive features | *Usable at hi & mid tides only *Light current | *Shallow water *Down/submerged trees *Boat traffic downstream *Plan trip around tides |
| Riverview Park | 9620 E. Water St. | Trout River | Natural Shoreline | Intermediate | *Accessible parking *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |

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| Seminole Park | 4170 McGirts Blvd. | Ortega River | Natural Shoreline | Intermediate | *On-street parking *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |
| Southbank Riverwalk @ School Board Bldg. | 1701 Prudential Dr. | St. Johns River | Floating Dock | Advanced | *Accessible parking & route *Adaptive launch features: grab bars, transition seat, cradle system | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides |
| St. Johns Marina Boat Ramp | 901 Museum Circle | St. Johns River | Boat Ramp | Advanced | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Strong current | *Large vessels *Boat traffic *Strong current *Potential floating debris *Plan trip around tides |
| Stinson Park | 4050 San Juan Ave. | Ortega River | Floating Dock & Natural Shoreline | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |
| T.K. Stokes Boat Ramp | 2120 Riverview Ave. | Ribault River | Boat Ramp | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Moderate current | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |
| Thomas Creek Fish Camp | 17198 Ethel Rd. | Thomas Creek | Boat Ramp | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Light current | *Down/submerged trees *Boat traffic downstream *Potential alligators/snakes |
| Tideviews Preserve | 1 Begonia St. | ICW | Floating Dock | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *1/3 mile from parking to launch *No adaptive features | *Usable at hi and mid tides only *Moderate current | *Boat traffic in ICW *Strong current in ICW *Plan trip around tides |
| Wayne B. Stevens Boat Ramp | 4555 Ortega Farms Blvd. | Fishing Creek | Boat Ramp | Intermediate | *Accessible parking & route *No adaptive features | *Usable at all tide levels *Light current upstream/moderate downstream | *Boat traffic *Potential floating debris |

| Skill Level Definition: |
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| Beginner: New to canoeing, kayaking or paddleboarding and may need tips and/or instruction. |
| Intermediate: Paddlers with experience in basic strokes and some paddling experience on the water. |
| Advanced: Seasoned paddlers who possess the skills and experience to paddle a variety of water types and conditions. |

| Information Disclaimer: |
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| Paddle sports are inherently dangerous activities. Information is provided only as a general guide and is not to be relied upon to identify all hazards that could exist. Weather can drastically impact water conditions. |