

# Beyond the Trail: Exploring our Timucuan Parks and Preserves

## Timucuan Parks Foundation Environmental Center Leadership Program 2020-2021

Kingsley Plantation



Kingsley Plantation is a National Park located here in the city of Jacksonville.

There is so much history at this park which is one of the reasons why it is so unique.

My project that is taking place at Kingsley Plantation on Saturday, March 27 consisted of an audio tour given by one of the volunteers that work with the Timucuan Parks Foundation. With the audio tour, a tour of the grounds was also given by the volunteer for all the participants. After the tour was completed the participants volunteering for my project then helped preserve some of the slave cabins that are on the property of the park.

What the volunteers did to preserve the cabins was by pulling out the weeds and other plants that were inhabiting the inside of the cabins.

Dutton Island Preserve



Dutton Island Preserve is the largest park here in the city of Jacksonville.

This park offers many outdoor activities that are open to everyone here in the city of Jacksonville.

In my project that took place Sunday, March 28th the Volunteers participated in trail maintenance, shoreline clean up, along with a clean up around the trail afterward. As seen in the picture above volunteers completely removed all the dead plants and other weeds from the trail that way from the view-point citizens would be able to get a great view of the marsh.

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park



Invasive plants are extremely harmful to the native wildlife here in Florida.

The mother of the millions of plants brought over to Florida from Africa has had harmful effects on the native wildlife.

On March 19, 2021, thirteen volunteers came to Hanna park to help remove these invasive plants. After three hours of hard work, we collected over 10 bags filled with invasive plants that have been harming the environment here in Jacksonville.

### The Timucuan Parks Foundation

The Timucuan Parks Foundation is extremely important to the city of Jacksonville. The foundation consists of 23 different parks around the city of Jacksonville. Not only do they consist of state parks they include national parks as well. The Timucuan Parks Foundation is focused on telling the historical and cultural stories that are present here in North Florida. The foundation understands the importance of maintaining the beauty and keeping history alive within these beautiful and important parks.

### Project Summary:

The main goal of these projects is to have students engage, educate, and appreciate the parks here in the city of Jacksonville.

Many students here at the University of North Florida are not Jacksonville natives. These projects it allows students here at the university to go out and learn about the historical and cultural stories of what the parks here in North Florida have to offer.



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