



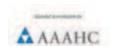
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You can get a scaled-down, less-populated version of a big city in Palatka, with its government buildings, growing business scene and, strangely enough, rush-hour traffic. If quaint, small-town charm is what you crave, head to Crescent City for some of the best Mexican food you've ever had or a day out on the water. Go to Interlachen, where it seems everyone knows everyone, which makes the festivals and parades in the area even more fun.

You can immerse yourself in the art scene in Melrose or become one with nature on hikes, kayak excursions or horseback riding trails in Welaka and Pomona Park. You don't have to look hard to find something that appeals to you.

Putnam County's greatest assets, however, are the people who call it home. Whether they were born here or found their way here later in life, Putnam residents love their home county and are fiercely protective of it. They participate in county-wide cleanups, celebrate merrily at festivals and tell anyone who will listen about the travels of 18th-century explorer William Bartram.

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<b>AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURE IN °</b>	F
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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	68°	71°	76°	81°	86°	90°	92°	91°	89°	83°	76°	70°
	44°	46°	51°	57°	64°	71°	73°	73°	70°	62°	54°	47°
Precip.	3.5"	3.6"	3.9"	2.5"	2.9"	5.6"	6.4"	7.7"	5.8"	2.9"	3.0"	2.9"



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Restaurants such as Angel's Diner, Magnolia Cafe and LongHorn Steakhouse in Palatka, Corky Bells and Musselwhite's in East Palatka, Bobby G's River Pub in Georgetown, and numerous authentic Mexican restaurants in Crescent City might get your mouth watering.

And people can't forget about the local retailers, not just in downtown Palatka but across Putnam. They represent multiple demographics and offer clothing, antiques, farming finds and gardening supplies.

Tourists can stop by the Chamber of Commerce

or local city and town halls to find out more information about each Putnam County municipality and keep up to date on community events by checking out municipalities' websites and Facebook pages. There's always something to do.

- Home to more than 74,000 residents, Putnam County is made up of 17 cities and communities. Each is unique and paints pictures of rural living or budding urban landscapes, all with a small-town feel. Five municipalities are incorporated Crescent City, Interlachen, Palatka, Pomona Park and Welaka and work together to keep the 827-square-mile county thriving.
- Putnam County caught the attention of American explorer William Bartram during the 18th century. Kiosks marking his travels are placed throughout the county, and the Bartram Frolic takes place every year to teach people about what he found during his explorations.
- Putnam County is a place to celebrate with festival fun. The county hosts the Blue Crab Festival in Palatka and the Bostwick Blueberry Festival, among other events. Festivals run in spring and fall, drawing people from all over Florida.
- Speaking of festivals, a popular place to kick up heels is at Rodeheaver Boys Ranch. The 790-



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acre property serves as a home for at-risk boys who live and learn vocational, religious and educational training at the facility. The biggest fundraiser for the ranch is the Palatka Bluegrass Festival, which takes place in February and November.

- Putnam County provides health and wellness with HCA Florida Putnam Hospital in Palatka. The 99-bed hospital offers 24-hour emergency care, physical therapy and rehab, pulmonary care, and advanced surgical care, to name a few features. Putnam also boasts many long-term care facilities, a cancer center, hospice care and substance use recovery agencies.
- Putnam County offers fun for people of all ages. Parks across Putnam feature swings, slides and picnic tables. Project P.L.A.Y. in Palatka is a popular venue for birthday parties, barbecues and general playground fun. The park includes a splash pad, musical instruments, a pirate ship and accessible amenities for every child. Seasonally, the Putnam County Parks and Recreation Department hosts youth leagues for every age.
- Putnam County is becoming known as the "Trail Hub of Northeast Florida" and offers a number of designated hiking trails for the adventure seeker. The Bartram Trail in Putnam County can be explored on foot, by kayak or canoe, or by biking.
- After undergoing some renovations, the St. Johns River Center, 102 N. First St. in Palatka, had its soft reopening in September 2023 and fully reopened a
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Rodeo Days at the Putnam County Fairgrounds, East Palatka

- month later. The center, which educates people about the eponymous river and the plants and wildlife in the area, is open from 11 a.m. 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1 p.m. 4 p.m. Sundays.
- Welaka and Etoniah Creek state forests offer more than a combined 11,000 acres to explore in Putnam County. They have several natural landscapes and plentiful wildlife to view when walking through.
- Fishing is one of Putnam County's most popular pastimes, and the county is the site of several fishing tournaments. People come nationwide for the Bassmaster Elite Series and a local favorite is the Rodeheaver Boys Ranch Bass Tournament. Many good catches are found at Rodman Reservoir or along the St. Johns River and its many lakes.



Veterans Day Parade, Palatka



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# Location

Nicknamed "The Gem City of the St. Johns River," Palatka boasts the picturesque Riverfront Park that offers captivating views of the river as well as a marina where anglers are often seen trying to snag some of the region's world-famous bass.

Palatka is said to sit "at the center of everything," an easy drive from cities such as St. Augustine, Jacksonville, Daytona Beach and Gainesville. Reid Street, the merger of State Road 100 and U.S. 17, runs through the city, which is also accessible via its Amtrak station. Unusual for a town of roughly 10,000 people, Palatka also has its own airport: the city-owned Palatka Municipal Airport, which hosts skydiving at Skydive Palatka as well as air shows.

The city is the county seat of Putnam County.

# **Festivals and events**

Palatka is probably most widely recognized for its festivals and events, which attract tourists from throughout Florida and beyond.

The Blue Crab Festival, the largest of these festivities, takes place during Memorial Day weekend. A celebration of its namesake river crustaceans, the festival saw tens of thousands of people in downtown Palatka and throughout the city.



Palatka Christmas Parade



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Reenactors portraying Union soldiers in the Occupation of Palatka.

In December, the South Historic District comes alive for Porchfest, where bands play on the porches of historic houses around the neighborhood.

Palatka also decks out in style for its various parades, which celebrate holidays including Christmas, Veterans Day and the Fourth of July. Residents crowd the streets to cheer and watch the floats go by.

# Food and entertainment

If visiting Palatka for the first time, bring your appetite! An emerging bar and restaurant scene is growing in the city alongside well-loved, established favorites.

Downtown Palatka is home to Florida's oldest diner, Angel's Dining Car, established in 1932. Other classic eateries include The Magnolia Cafe on St. Johns Avenue and Colee's and Lil Bits Country Diner, breakfast and lunch spots that sit next to each other on Crill Avenue. Meanwhile, other establishments like the surf and turf restaurant Velchoff's Corner and the Mexican restaurant Salsas Cocina have already won over many residents' hearts and appetites.

In 2023, several new restaurants have made their way into Palatka, such as Longhorn, Checkers and Scooter's Coffee.

Other dining options include Japanese food at Leo's Fine Sushi on St. Johns Avenue and Niko's Pizza on State Road 19.

Visitors and residents seeking weekend fun can visit bars like Uncork & Unwind on River Street and Steamboat Willie's on St. Johns Avenue. Azalea City Brewing Co., Palatka's first brewery, is another popular destination that regularly hosts activities like yoga, line dancing and an annual sweet potato pie contest.

For more Palatka nightlife on the weekends, check out Vick's Supper Club on Reid Street.

Still looking for things to do? Head out to Putnam Lanes for an evening of bowling, take an afternoon stroll in Ravine Gardens State Park's magnificent trails or head to the Larimer Arts Center to view some live theater.

# **History**

Finally, a tour of Palatka's many historic attractions offers a glimpse into the city's long and storied past.

Palatka's most famous site is probably the Bronson-Mulholland House, built by abolitionist judge and U.S. Rep. Isaac H. Bronson in 1854. The North Historic District house served as a base of operations for the Union when troops occupied Palatka in 1864. The Palatka Historic Society reenacts the Occupation of Palatka at the Bronson-Mulholland House every September, with history enthusiasts donning period wear to recreate a Civil War battle camp. The period-furnished house is open for tours every Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and the first Sunday of every month from 1-4 p.m.

Other historic sites include the old Palatka Water Works, a 136-year-old building that pumped water into Palatka between 1886 and 1986, as well as the grounded vessel La Reina, better known as Noah's Ark. This large ship built in 1930 hosted celebrities like baseball legend Babe Ruth, actor Gary Cooper and Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., chair of the Senate Watergate Committee. They all chartered the vessel for fishing excursions.

The Water Works Environmental Center is open to the public every Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon and the



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Steamboats were the primary form of travel along the St. Johns River.

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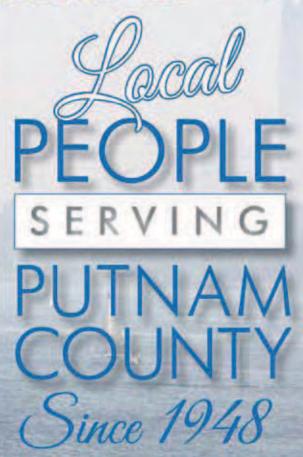
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# **Veterans Memorial Park**

Putnam County has always been an advocate of and home to veterans. A key feature of East Palatka is Veterans Memorial Park near Memorial Bridge. The park has two picnic pavilions and full access to the St. Johns River. There is a plaque near the site detailing the names of war victims and honoring the U.S. Navy's submarine efforts. The park is adjacent to doughboy statues that stand at the foot of the bridge in both directions.

There are more than 7,000 veterans in Putnam County, and there are numerous veteran organizations, including American Legion Bert Hodge Lodge Post 45 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3349, to serve East Palatka service members past and present.

# Agriculture/agriculture extension

The agriculture industry's roots run deep in Putnam County, and East Palatka is the renowned agriculture hub of Putnam County.

Both sides of State Road 207 are lined with fields growing a myriad of crops throughout the year. With the use of state-of-the-art technology, L&M Farms grows crops such as potatoes, corn, legumes, cabbage, green vegetables and herbs for several grocery stores. The University of

Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension, 111 Yelvington Road, and the Putnam County Fairgrounds and Expo Center, 118 Fairgrounds Road, are two invaluable resources that further agriculture efforts and awareness locally.

The extension office, like others set up in different counties throughout the state, is a partnership of federal, state and local agriculture officials that provides "high-quality, research-based relevant education and expertise to foster healthy people, healthy environments, and healthy communities," according to its website. The office is a vital tool for local farmers, schools and youth groups.

The 2024 Putnam County Fair will be March 22-30, and it's not just about the rides. The fair has contests where Putnam students show off the goats, sheep, rabbits, pigs, poultry and cows they've raised. Some of those animals are sold during the fair. There are also winners named for best exhibit booth, horticulture and the event's annual beauty pageant.

The fairgrounds are notable as an event venue for private and community events with its large pavilion space and renovated expo hall. More information about rentals is available at putnamfairandexpo.com/rentals.

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# U.S. 17/San Mateo-Satsuma

Just south of East Palatka on U.S. 17 are the unincorporated communities of San Mateo and Satsuma, rural communities that boast scenic, wooded drives. And both border the St. Johns River.

San Mateo Park, 164 Currie Road, has a youth softball field, tennis court, multi-purpose field and playground. San Mateo is also home to Woods Road Park, 131 Woods Road, which has a basketball court, multi-purpose field and playground.

God's Country Outfitters hunting club is located in San Mateo, where alligators, turkeys and hogs are plentiful.

Satsuma has the Log Cabin Farm and Winery, with 10 acres of muscadine grapes on land that used to support grain, orange groves and tung oil farms. Beanz n' Cream, 631 U.S. 17 in San Mateo, opened in 2022 to provide delicious coffee and treats to nearby residents and visitors.

The state expanded U.S. 17 from Horse Landing Road to the Dunns Creek Bridge from two to four lanes to ease traffic and attract more businesses, which would likely bring in their goods by large trucks.

# **Federal Point**

Off State Road 207 near the St. Johns County line, a piece of land juts out into the St. Johns River. Federal Point, settled soon after the Civil War, consists of about 2,000 acres that sit fewer

than 5 miles from Hastings. Residents there are referred to as "Federal Pointers." It was previously called DuPont's Landing, named after landowner Cornelius DuPont, and was renamed Federal Point from a surveyor's notes on the county map, according to author E. Stuart Hubbard.

• Central to Federal Point is St. Paul's Episcopal Church, founded in the 1880s by Capt. Edwin Smith after he conducted services in a barn and his store. The church bell cost \$32 and groups sold painted alligator eggs to help raise money. Smith also built the Groveland Hotel, which was devastated by a fire in 2002. The area is fantastic for boating, seeing azaleas bloom in the spring and enjoying a riverfront view.

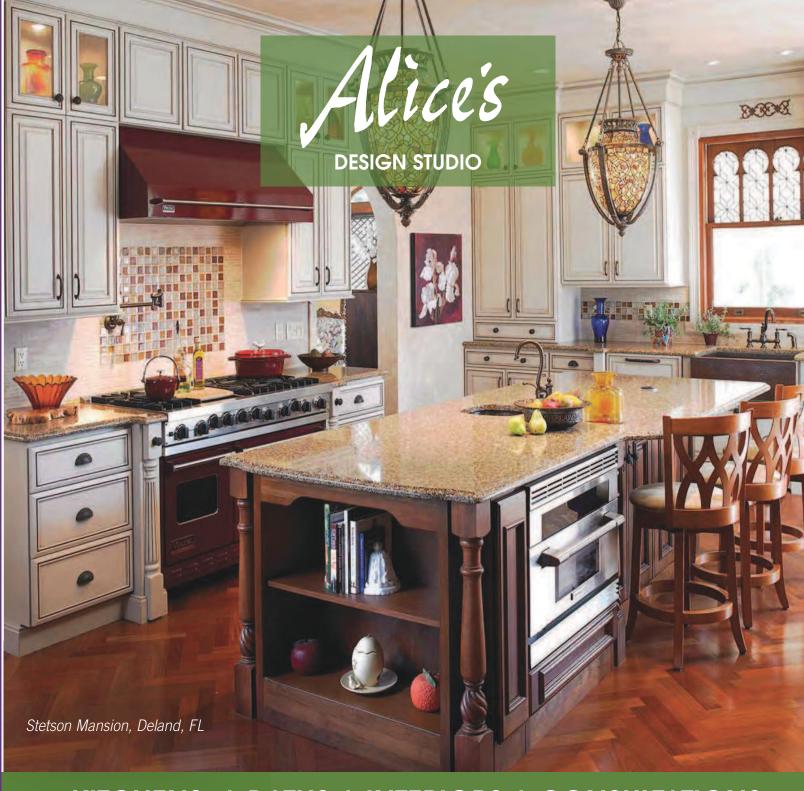
# **Food**

• Past Memorial Bridge on U.S. 17 is a wide variety of food, including some of the best seafood in Putnam County in the form of Corky Bell's and Musselwhite's. Corky Bell's, 185 S. U.S. 17, is easily recognizable by its ornamental gators out front. It is an excellent spot for fish, shellfish and rarities such as gator tail and frog legs.

You'll reach Musselwhite's Seafood and Grill, 125 U.S. 17, just after Memorial Bridge. Residents Angie and David Musselwhite opened the eatery in 1999, and since then, it has won several awards. The interior is resplendent in taxidermy animals and classic wooden walls. It continues to be a favorite in the area with its fresh seafood, steaks and accessible atmosphere.



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Ithough these communities are small, unincorporated and have populations in the hundreds, Bostwick and Bardin are some of the last places people drive through as they leave Putnam County.

Just north of Palatka, Bostwick is one of the last places to pass before heading toward Jacksonville. Locals recommend stopping at Hall's Superette on U.S. 17 before heading out. Gas, snacks and made-to-order hamburgers can all be found at the roadside favorite.

When it's time for the Bostwick Blueberry Festival – which this year will take place April 27 – the tiny area comes alive with people flocking to grab blueberries, blueberry desserts, and local arts and craft gems. The event, which started in 1977, includes a pancake breakfast and fresh blueberries by the pound to raise money for community groups and projects.

If people are looking for nature and wildlife, check out the Koi Corner Garden Center with lilies, exotic fish and diverse habitats. The community also boasts Bostwick Baptist Church, where the Rev. Billy Graham delivered his first sermon.

The community center next door to the church and Bostwick Library hosts music groups, Zumba classes and potlucks.

History, events and education bring life to the little area not well-known to many. The town gets its name from Bostwick Grant, a Jacksonville man who owned the property.

A place for education and community events can be found at the Bostwick Library. Nestled at 125 Tillman St., the small library could be easy to miss but it packs a big history. It is located in the 1920s Bostwick Schoolhouse, restored in 2007. The old schoolhouse was used for first through eighth graders and functioned until 1977.

Over in Bardin, the locals hang out at Bud's Grocery. They

help their older neighbors and come together to keep the area looking beautiful. It may not be people's first stop when they come to Putnam, but bike trails running outside Bardin and Etoniah Creek are natural draws for the area.

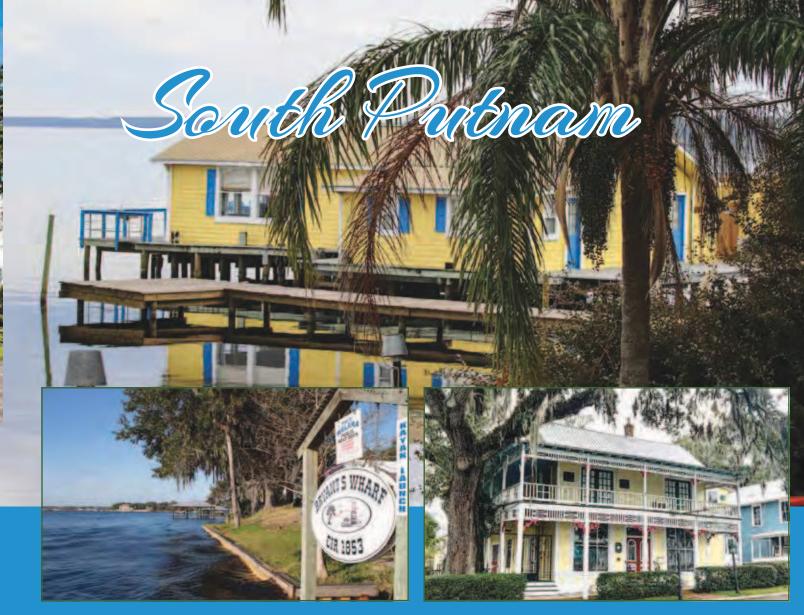
People have said, "If you blink, you might miss it," in reference to the unincorporated Bardin. The small area along County Road 309D is a place full of churches and friendly faces.

If you like tall tales, Bardin hosts a big one that dates back to the 1940s. People are still looking for the Bardin Booger, which reportedly creeps around the rural land. The mystery creature has been described as a monster with fur and taking on Sasquatch qualities. The Booger isn't the only tall tale. Residents have described a ghost pig in a cemetery and the Bardin Light in the woods.

Maybe these superstitions aren't your thing, but there's plenty of wildlife to keep someone busy. With vast open lands and nature-filled woods, Bardin makes a great place for hunting, locals say. Turkeys and deer are a regular occurrence and many hunting clubs form in Bardin.



Bardin Park



nergy is building at the south end of the county.

It's buzzing with activities.

Although there are three incorporated towns in South Putnam, there's still life bustling in the region's unincorporated areas, too.

Take a trip to Welaka, a golf-cart community, with one stop light but plenty of heart. Stop by for one of the town's Food Truck Fridays at Jefferson Smith Park or pull up a chair at one of the local bars.

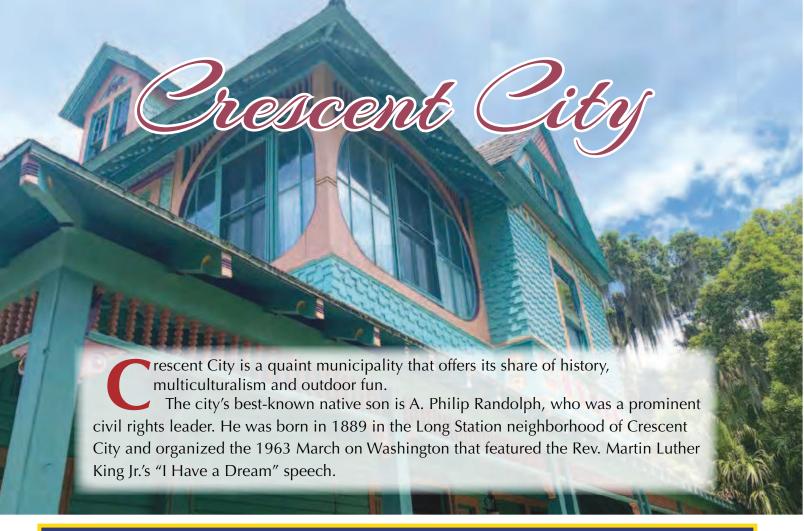
As you make your way to Crescent City, don't forget about Pomona Park. Ice cream shop Whistlestop Cafe, which opened in 2022, is a great place to also grab gyros pizza, hamburgers and sandwiches. Locals take their golf carts to the shop for a snack and it gets packed many nights.

Pomona Park is also the site of a historic home that made the Florida Trust For Historic Preservation's 11 to Save list in 2022. The Pink House, as it's called, is believed to have been built in the 1800s for a

vineyardist and Civil War veteran.

When you get to the southernmost tip of Putnam County, right before Volusia County, you've made it to Crescent City. This city is packed with history and beautiful views. Stop by one of the city's many restaurants. You can usually smell them from down the block.

If you're looking for some quiet time to cast out a line, make your way toward Georgetown, Satsuma and Lake Como, where there are plenty of fishing resorts that attract a fair number of visiting anglers. There are restaurants and getaways to check out like Idle Awhile Resort at Georgetown Landing Road, Renegades on the River and Mel's River Pub Italian Grill. Some of the locations may have Crescent City zip codes but aren't part of the incorporated towns might be just the calm escape you're seeking.





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While in town, take a drive on Asa Philip Randolph Memorial Drive, which was formerly part of Old Highway 17 until its new designation in 2022.

Afterward, take your boat to multiple ramps in the city or drive in for some authentic Mexican food. Make sure to watch Crescent City's social media for their upcoming festivals or weekend events.

Situated near the St. Johns River and containing other bodies of water, Crescent City offers its share of outdoor recreational activities.

From Dec. 15 to May 15 at Hallie Landing, you can rent paddle boats, kayaks and Stand Up Paddleboards for just \$29 a day for adults, \$19 per child. Paddleboat rentals are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child ages 2-17.

Across the street at 831 Huntingdon Road, the owner of the boat rentals, Lloyd Reeves, owns an 18-hole disc golf course. Players can play one round of golf for \$5 or enjoy the whole day for \$7.50.

Disc golf is essentially playing Frisbee while aiming at metal



Trunk or Treat, Crescent City

net targets. Each golfer uses four different Frisbees that serve four different functions throughout the 18-hole course, including one for speed, gliding, pitch and curving, according to both Reeves and Lyle. Lyle was on vacation and made a point to stop by the course and play a round or two.

For more information, visit hallieslanding.com or reach out at 386-559-8125.

Frisbee golf is scored just like a game of golf with the lowest total score winning the game.

Oaks Golf Club, an 18-hole golf course opened in 1979 with the back nine added in 2000. Manager Ritz Victarino bragged about the new lunch and dinner menu, which features an all-day breakfast, including hamburgers, sandwiches, salads, Po' boys, omelets, \$10 Philly scrambler, meatloaf, quesadillas and pork chops.

Golfers can play before noon for \$35, from noon to 3 p.m. for \$28, and from 3 p.m. until dark for \$17 along with nine holes for \$20 all day. Spending hours driving a golf cart around the course and enjoying the views would definitely make you think about playing golf a lot more.

Along the banks of the St.



Johns River is Renegades on the River restaurant on County Road-309. A bait and tackle store, a Tiki Hut bar and St. Johns Water Sports are also along the river on the same property. St. Johns Water Sports opened in April and rents jet skis to ride in the St. Johns River.

According to its website, the company is open seven days a week from 9-6 p.m. You can rent



jet skis by the hour for \$99, two hours for \$195, half a day for \$299 or a full day for \$399. The price includes fuel, insurance and a vest. Anglers can catch several types of fish along the river including bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass, striped bass and shell cracker.

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# **TOWN PROFILE**

# Crescent City City Hall

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City Commission meets the second Tuesday of each month at City Hall.

# **Annual Events:**

Christmas Festival and Parade December

Catfish Festival April

Independence Day Celebration Saturday before 4th of July

Population: 1,545 Median Age: 49.3 Total Households: 725

**Total Housing Units: 973** 

**Owner Occupied Housing Units: 56.7%** 

Source: US Census Bureau, 2020 Census



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Welaka, said to be a Native American name for the St. Johns River, is one of the oldest settlements on the river's east bank. However, there's a lot of life in the small town. Stop by Welaka for Food Truck Fridays or ride in one of the town's golf cart parades for a holiday. Visit some of the town's happening places like Lexi's of Welaka for baked goods or to pick up some lunch. Maybe grab some seafood at Shrimps R US 'n More.

Hit up Andersen's Bar & Grill for karaoke and a hearty meal. Catch live music, too, at Long's Log Cabin Bar.

If you're searching for historical stops, Mount Royal is right around the corner. The sacred site is a Native American ceremonial mound that may date back more than 3,000 years. It was well-known and described by the earliest European explorers including the Bartrams. About 3 miles south of Welaka, its environs included some of the first European footholds in Florida including the San Antonio de Enacape Spanish mission and an English plantation. Today, the mound itself is an official state archeological site, though it's now isolated inside a gated subdivision. Some of its excavated finds may be seen in state museums.

While you're in town, check out the Welaka National Fish Hatchery, which raises Floridafamiliar gamefish, including striped bass in dozens of rectangular, spring-fed ponds spread across its acreage along County Road 309. Visitor attractions include a small, free aquarium in Welaka displaying various Florida species and a viewing platform farther south that is good for eagle spotting. The hatchery also sponsors its annual Kids Fishing Rodeo for children ages 5-16 in October.

Glide along the St. Johns River by boat and take off from the town's multiple boat docks, some of which you can pull your boat up to and grab a drink or dinner.



Welaka Fish Hatchery

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# **TOWN PROFILE**

# Welaka Town Hall

400 4th Avenue welaka-fl.gov

Town Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

# **Places of Interest**

Welaka National Fish Hatchery Fort Gates Ferry

Population: 712 Median Age: 52.4 Total Households: 574 Total Housing Units: 463

**Owner Occupied Housing Units:** 193 *Source: US Census Bureau*, 2020 *Census* 



Welaka Bubble Fun Day



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riginally called simply Pomona when it was chartered in 1889, the town added the "Park" suffix in 1945 because, it was said, harried postal clerks kept misdirecting Pomona's mail to Pompano in South Florida.

The town, named for the Roman goddess of fruit trees, was an early citrus-producing center with about 85 groves. It was chartered partly to allow growers to legally fence their properties against freeroaming cattle when Florida was

an open-range state. About 784 residents call Pomona Park home today.

Several of Pomona Park's early settlers were Yankee veterans of the Civil War who had served in Florida and apparently liked what they saw. Today, evidence of their establishment includes the Pilgrim Congregational Church yes, those Pilgrims — and Union Army veterans' headstones found in the Lake Como-Pomona Park Cemetery.

While Pomona Park is



landlocked, situated about halfway between the St. Johns River and Crescent Lake, residents can take advantage of Lake Broward. The spring-fed, 427-acre lake boasts Middleton Beach, a swimming beach and picnic area accessible to all. Nearby is the town's civic center and multi-use facility, a 19th-century historic building that originally served as a schoolhouse. A paved road circles the entire lake and provides a pleasant, scenic drive.

Every first Saturday in November, both grassy roadsides of two-lane U.S. 17 from north to south inside the town limits — and several vacant lots — are crowded with buyers and sellers. It's the town's annual "Everybody's Having a Yard Sale." Originally an effort by the town's beautification committee to get a handle on scattered streetside peddling throughout the year, the event draws bargain hunters from

miles away. It's the largest such event in Putnam County.

Pomona Park's beautification committee also hosts several other festivities throughout the year. Springtime brings an Easter egg hunt, while the town's Founder's Day celebration is May 18. An ice cream social occurs during the summer. The committee also hosts a toy drive to help needy families at Christmas as part of the Angels Amongst Us giveaway. Clothes are also handed out to children in need.

The Pomona Park Community Center also hosts affordable breakfasts the first Saturday of every month from 8–10 a.m. The town's Christmas tree lighting takes place the second Saturday in December and is a crowd-pleaser, drawing many area residents with its arts and crafts, a visit with Santa and a food giveaway.

# **TOWN PROFILE**

# POMONA PARK TOWN HALL

1775 U.S. 17 South PO Box 518 Pomona Park, FL 32181 pomonapark.com

Town Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

# **Annual Events:**

Everybody's Having A Yard Sale 1st Saturday in November

Christmas Jamboree 2nd Saturday in December

# Places of Interest

Lake Broward Middleton Beach Willard Hazen Ballpark

**Estimated Population: 934** 

Median Age: 37.4

**Total Housing Units:** 473 **Owner Occupied Housing** 

**Units: 267** 



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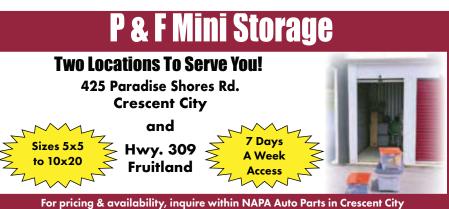
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Visit Interlachen, Melrose and Florahome if you are looking for places where you can explore for the day – or for a place to call home. These areas offer a quieter and slower pace, yet plenty of diversity.

Interlachen has a population of about 1,646 people and is 16 miles west of Palatka. Incorporated in 1888, Interlachen takes its name from the German term for "between the lakes." Another theory says the town is named after Interlaken, Switzerland.

The Florida Southern Railway came through the area in the 1870s, and settlers and commercial enterprises started showing up.

Melrose, another one of those small towns, is situated at the intersection of State Roads 21 and 26 and is halfway between Gainesville and Jacksonville. Travelers can find the unincorporated Victorian village of the quiet little town where many artists and crafters reside.

Melrose – unique because it is part of Alachua, Bradford, Clay and Putnam counties – sits on the spring-fed Lake Santa Fe, where boating and fishing are a big part of residents' outdoor recreation. It's also an ideal place to find Native American mounds and look for buried treasures like flint arrowheads and pottery.

The town also features several art galleries, which many locals say fuel the artistic backbone of the community. One such gallery is Melrose Bay Art Gallery, a co-op gallery that showcases some of North Central Florida's best craftsmen and artists. Another is Bellamy Road Fine Arts, Literature and Film Gallery.

About 11 miles from Melrose is Florahome, another small community on State Road 100.

In 1899, the Georgia Southern and Florida Railway established the town, in which streets were laid in a grid system. Streets running north to south are named for trees or shrubs while streets going east to west are named for states or provinces.

Florahome is the site of spring and fall festivals, and Palmetto Hall, one of the town's most historic buildings, reopened during the 2023 Florahome Fall Festival. The historic clubhouse gives residents and guests a place to meet, learn history and have events.

Whether nature, arts, history or a bit of all three, West Putnam is sure to offer something for people looking to unplug and unwind.



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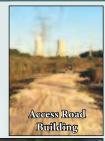
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rom fun on the water to historical sites to a day in the park, Interlachen has something for everyone who wants to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Interlachen Hall and Museum, 215 Atlantic Ave., is home to the local historical society and houses antiques and other memorabilia relevant to the small community. The museum is open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturdays. The building was constructed in 1892 and served as Town Hall for many years. The hall has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Just a few doors down, the Dickerman building, 311 Atlantic Ave., is the site of the town's government. It is open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Atlantic Avenue is the place to be during the holidays when local organizations host popular parades for Christmas and Fourth of July activities. In 2023, town leaders began hosting fall festivals and other events after establishing an events committee.

Robert H. Jenkins Jr. Memorial Park, 312 Atlantic Ave., runs through the main part of town. The park is named in honor of the Interlachen hero who

died from wounds received in action on March 5, 1969, during the Vietnam War. A memorial stone for the Medal of Honor recipient stands next to the park in front of the Fleet Reserve. Interlachen Elementary School was renamed Robert H. Jenkins Jr. Elementary School in his honor.

Open during the daylight hours, Lagonda Lake Park, 409 Prospect St., has a fishing pier, swimming area and playground. Hastings Park, 107 Tropic Ave., is for children 12 and younger



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and also offers its share of playground equipment. Lagonda Lake Park is typically the site for the town's Fourth of July firework display.

Lake Grandin is just 3.8 miles from Interlachen near Cooper L. Hills Estates at 137 Walker Road. Anglers will find a variety of fish, including carp, bream/bluegill, bullhead and gar. Whether fly fishing, baitcasting or spinning, the chances of getting a bite in Lake Grandin are good. The lake is also a good place for kayaking.

Carl Duval Moore State Forest is between Hollister and Interlachen off State Road 20 near Up and Down Lake, 400 West St. The state forest includes hiking trails with a variety of ecosystems. At 336 acres, it is considered one of the smallest state forests. Recreational opportunities include hiking, wildlife viewing and photography. The main trailhead and parking area for the forest are along West Street, about half a mile north of State Road 20. The hiking trail is 1.2 miles in length and has interpretive tree identification signs along the route.

And while not in Interlachen, the Boll Green Lake boat dock, 150 Pridgeon St., is 3.2 miles from Interlachen near Hollister.



Town of Interlachen Fall Festival



Interlachen Jr - Sr High School Homecoming Parade





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#### Interlachen Town Hall

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#### Places of Interest

Dowda Park
Grassy Lake Park
Robert Henry Jenkins Jr. Memorial
Parkway
Lake Lagonda Park
Mary Wisham Park
Hastings Park

Population: 1,441 Median Age: 39.1 Total Households: 565 Total Housing Units: 682

**Owner Occupied Housing Units: 405** 

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History buffs can check out Palmetto Hall, the town's historic clubhouse that celebrated 100 years this year. Volunteers from the Florahome Park and Heritage Association have been working for years to preserve the building. It opened this fall as a museum that celebrates the town's history. The museum, located at the corner of State Road 100 and Magnolia Avenue, is open from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Etoniah Creek State Forest entrance is on Holloway Road, across from Q.I. Roberts Junior-Senior High School. The forest has trails for hiking or horseback riding. There is also a primitive campground for adventurous people who want to get closer to nature.

Palmetto Park is divided into two sides on either side of State Road 100. It includes playground equipment, a baseball field, a basketball court, picnic tables and, on



one end, the local rescue station. The other side of the park, which has a tennis and pickleball court, includes a veterans memorial.

George's Lake Trail is a 1-mile, lightly-trafficked loop trail off Tinsley Road. The trail, which is primarily used for hiking, nature trips, bird-watching, a museum and a center for classes and recreation, brings its share of visitors to George's Lake.





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ut on the west end of Putnam County sits Melrose, a unique town that has artistic and religious offerings for everyone who visits.

The Melrose Historic District is a 250-acre area that was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990. It is bounded by Seminole Ridge Road, Grove Street, South Street, Quail Street and Melrose Bay.

Melrose Bay Art Gallery, 103 State Road 26, exhibits the work of many of the finest artists in the area. A new exhibition is featured about every six weeks.

Mossman Hall, 301 State Road 26, offers a variety of events open to the public, including pottery throwing, tai chi, yoga, Qigong, poetry workshops, do-it-yourself projects and the First Friday Art Walk series. The town gets festive for annual Christmas parades and has fun during the fall, with events like a witches' paddle, where kayakers and paddle boarders take to Santa Fe Lake dressed as witches to get into the spooky season.

Don't forget to stop by Chiappini's, 326 State Road 26, the bait shop, gas station and convenience store located at the center of the town. Chiappini's has been around for 80 years and Robin and Mark Chiappini have run it since 1984.

Swan Lake Camp, 647 State Road 26, is a Christian complex with recreational facilities, lodging, meeting rooms and the Minder Hall/Billy Graham Center. Graham, who went on to become a prominent evangelical Christian figure and an ordained Southern Baptist minister, became well-known internationally in the late 1940s. He stayed at the Melrose camp in 1937 when he was asked to deliver his first sermon at a Palatka church, thus beginning his worldwide ministry.

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission website, Lake Santa Fe, which sits on the borders of Alachua, Putnam, Bradford and Clay counties, "is a 5,850-acre lake that has a little northern area and a big southern arm connected by the pass where shad school and fishing is usually good for schooling largemouth and stocked sunshine bass. Numerous homes around the lake have docks and ski boats. Fishing is best early and late at night and on weekdays. In spite of development, the fish habitat is outstanding with many areas of cypress and healthy maidencane grass beds."

Among the species in the lake are largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, sunshine bass, striped bass and black crappie.



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- The St. Johns River is the focal point of fishing in what is the Bass Capital of the World. It's the only river in Florida to flow northerly and stretches 310 miles, with tributaries in and near Putnam County such as Salt Springs, the Ocklawaha River and Rice Creek/Simms Creek to the west and Murphy Creek/Dunns Creek to the east
- The Rodman Reservoir is located between State Roads 315 and 19, south of Interlachen. The reservoir covers 10,000 acres of prime largemouth bass habitat.
- Ravine Gardens State Park offers a beautiful view inside the 1.8-mile loop trail of nature's finest, downward views going further and further into the park, as far down in the ravines as 120 feet. The trail is open to bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists.
- Dunns Creek State Park has 6,200 acres of natural communities represented off the sharp bend of the St. Johns River. These areas include sandhills covered with longleaf pines, wiregrass and sand

- pine scrub. The regions protect several endangered and threatened species, including the gopher tortoise, fox squirrels and other native animals.
- Welaka State Forest is off the east bank of the St. Johns River. The forest has over 4 miles of riverfrontage along the east bank of Little Lake George on the St. Johns River, though most of it is swampy and inaccessible. The forest has two walking trails and includes primitive campsites on the hiking trail.
- Etoniah Creek State Park in Florahome may not be as well known as the other state parks in Putnam County, but it offers fishing, hunting and trail walking as part of the Palatka to Lake Butler Trail. Several foot races, including the Iron Horse endurance runs that occur in February, have occurred there.
- The Palatka to St. Augustine State Trail goes 17.5 miles from East Palatka to Vermont Heights, just outside of St. Augustine. It offers views of the agricultural landscape along the way to those looking for a walking trail.
- The Palatka to Lake Butler State Trail is a 47-mile hike from Palatka just west of U.S. 17 to State Road 238 in Lake Butler. It offers a calm, peaceful route through Putnam, Clay, Bradford and Union counties and shows what small-town America is all about.

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A global citizen is an active participant in community local and beyond A citizen contributes to making the world a better place and demonstrates respect, compassion, and empathy for fellow community members.



#### Engaged Collaborator

An engaged collaborator forms partnerships with other learners in order to achieve common goals, build relationships, and make shared decisions while learning from and contributing to the learning of others.



#### **Resilient Individual**

A resilient individual is self-aware and exhibits qualities of optimism including persistence adaptability, courage, and initiative. This individual has the capacity to recover from difficulties while self-advocating for their needs



#### **Confident Communicator**

A confident communicator explores and exchanges ideas with other learners while clearly expressing their own understanding. A communicator uses a variety of formats depending on the purpose, audience, and setting.







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There are other activities in which people can partake.

Nestled down an old dirt road on the border of Green Cove Springs and Bostwick is the Bostwick Creek Motocross Park, 350 Sun Garden Road.

The park, which opened in 2004 and is owned by Bernie Perone, features acres of dirt bike racing from November through May. Riders under 18 must have a parent's permission and sign a waiver, while anyone 18 and over must sign a waiver. Practice sessions usually run around \$35 per rider, but the fees could change.

Next to the track is the Bostwick Creek Shooting Academy, run by former military, SWAT and law enforcement officers. The facility has open-range days, but shooters must call Robert Buffs at 386-937-5856 or Bernie Perrone at 386-295-4343 ahead of time.

Available classes include concealed carry, National Rifle Association first steps, NRA basic pistol, advanced pistol, basic carbine, advanced carbine, long-range precision, children's safety course and ladies only.

Nestled on the border of Putnam and Flagler counties, is a massive 25,000-plus acre, privately owned hunting facility called God's Country Outfitters, 850 East State Road 100 in San Mateo.

The facility opened in 2008 and features several hunting adventures, including Osceola turkey, wild hogs, alligators and bow fishing.

Turkey hunting costs \$1,000 per hunter plus a 20% tip and consists of three days of full lodging, home-







cooked southern food and one-on-one fully-guided time and transportation during the hunt, which runs the third Saturday in March through the fourth Sunday in April. Hunters must have a hunting license to participate.

Alligator hunting runs Aug. 15 through Nov. 1 and costs \$3,950 per hunter in addition to other additional fees. The cost covers two days of daynight hunting, meals and lodging. Hog hunting is available year-round and costs \$450 for one hunt, day or night. Renting a "dog" is an additional \$250, while mounting the prize costs \$400. A twoday hunt costs \$1,125 per hunter, while a three-day hunt costs \$1,725 per hunter.

Hunters are strongly encouraged to bring a fullsized cooler to store the meat while the facility offers free skinning, quartering and ice.

Bowfishing uses compound and recurve bows with arrows that have a string and a reel attached to them. Four-hour charters cost \$250 per person for groups of three to five people with hopes of catching gar, tilapia, catfish, mullet and carp. Fishermen must have a Florida freshwater fishing license to participate in the fishing adventures.

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#### **Etoniah Creek State Forest**

Etoniah Creek State Forest, named for Etoniah Creek, has 7,145 acres of pine-palmetto flatwoods, sand hill, hardwood hammocks, and creek bottoms.

Recreational activities on the forest include hiking, fishing, hunting, nature study, wildlife viewing and photography. There is one designated trail for horseback riding and trails for bicycling will be established in the future.

Deer, squirrel and turkey hunting are good, while wild hog, migratory bird, and small game hunting is fair.

Camping is authorized only by permit from the Division of Forestry. No dogs or ATVs are permitted. Etoniah Creek State Forest is located in the northwest part of the county off S.R. 100 on Holloway Rd. For more information, contact Etoniah Creek State Forest, 390 Holloway Road, Florahome, FL 32140. (386) 329-2552













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# Caravelle Ranch Conservation Area

24,869 acres of river bottom hardwoods, pasture and pine-palmetto flatwoods with small hammocks intermingled. Camping is allowed with a permit. No dogs or ATVs are permitted. It is located on S.R. 19 South, approximately 9 miles south of Palatka.

There are a series of trails that are mixed use and traverse through a variety of ecosystems. Picnic area and wildlife viewing are available. Seasonal use is included for hiking, biking, boating and canoeing. Closed during hunting season.

Several equestrian trail areas are available. Caravelle Ranch equestrian trails are accessible at the S.R. 19 entrance. Trails are closed during hunting season.

View sparrows, turkeys, wading birds, and swallowtail kites. Closed to viewing during hunting seasons.

Hunting season is from September to March. Turkey hunting is excellent, while deer, migratory bird, small game, and wild hog hunting are fair to good. A special opportunity dove hunt is offered on four 50-acre dove fields

For more information, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Northeast Region Office, 1239 S.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL. (352) 732-1225.

















#### Georgia-Pacific Wildlife Management Area

Georgia-Pacific Wildlife Management Area has 3,661 acres of creek bottom hardwoods and pine-palmetto flatwoods. Camping is allowed with a permit. No dogs or ATVs are permitted. Small game and turkey hunting is good, while deer, wild hog, and migratory bird hunting is fair.

Georgia-Pacific Wildlife Management Area is located west of Palatka on S.R. 100. For more information, contact Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation N.E. Region Office, 1239 S.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL. (352) 732-1225.





#### **Equestrian Trails**

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#### Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway, Kenwood and Rodman Recreation Area

Crossing Central Florida from the St. Johns River to the Gulf of Mexico, the Cross Florida Greenway is a 110-mile corridor that crosses a variety of natural habitats.

Putnam County is the east trailhead for the Greenway, with several recreation areas including Kenwood and Rodman Recreation areas located on Rodman Reservoir and Buckman Lock and the St. Johns Loop trails.

At the trailhead south of Palatka there is a series of trails that include a 4.5-mile hiking trail that meanders through natural woodlands of cypress wetlands and hydric hammocks.

The Putnam County segment of the 1,300-mile footpath for the Florida National Scenic Trail is accessible at the Cross Florida Greenway. The trail runs north to Rice Creek Sanctuary, connects with the Palatka to Lake Butler Trail and Etoniah State Forest. For more information, contact: Florida Trail Association. 1-(877) HIKE-FLA.

The St. Johns Loop trail has a 2-mile equestrian trail that travels along the south side of the Cross Florida Barge Canal.

Cross Florida Greenway Kenwood & Rodman Recreation areas provide observation spots for viewing all types of birds, including limpkin, coot, common gallinule, wood ducks, swallowtail kite, osprey, southern bald eagle, woodpecker, jays, hawks, flycatcher, wrens, heron, white ibis, and a variety of egrets.

Recommended launch area for the Ocklawaha River for boating, kayaking and canoeing is located at Rodman Recreation Dam and pull out, found at the State Road 19 Bridge.

Camping is available by reservation at Rodman Recreation area. Sites include Recreational vehicle hook-ups, bathrooms and primitive campsites for tents. To reserve a site, call 386-328-2846.

To get to Rodman Dam, travel south on S.R. 19 to Rodman Recreation Area. Turn right on Rodman Dam Road and follow to the Dam launch. The Cross Florida Greenway is located approximately 9 miles south of Palatka on U.S. 19.















#### Welaka **Welaka State Forest Trails**

A series of foot trails offers the public an opportunity to walk and observe wildlife. While walking the trails of Welaka State Forest, look for woodpeckers, eagles, hawks, wrens, warblers, Osceola turkey, herons, egrets, and

The Sandhill Horse Trail is available for equestrian use, as well as hiking. Welaka State Forest also manages a 72-horse stable, training arenas and show horse arena, which are all available for rental.

Welaka State Forest has 2,288 acres of various ecosystems along the east bank of the St. Johns River. The Division of Forestry maintains the integrity of the natural systems while allowing outdoor recreation use and environmental education, including complete equestrian facilities. Welaka State Forest is located approximately 17 miles south of Palatka on State Road 309, one mile south of the town of Welaka. For more information, contact the Welaka State Forest at (386) 467-2388.

#### Welaka Fish Hatchery

A 3/4 mile footpath that travels through natural pine forest. Picnic area, wildlife observation deck and interpretive information are available. Located at the Welaka National Fish Hatchery.

The Hatchery's ponds attract fish-eating wading birds, eagles, ospreys, hawks, waders, white ibis, sandhill cranes, kingfishers, and mergansers.









#### Murphy Creek & Island

Murphy Creek is approximately 4 miles long and runs along the east bank of Murphy Island, located at the confluence of Dunns Creek and the St. Johns River. Paddlers can put in at Palatka - Brown's Landing Road south of Palatka and paddle across the St. Johns River at Marker 16 to the mouth of Dunns Creek.

Murphy Creek Conservation Area has 1,707 acres that are predominantly hardwood swamp. Murphy Island contains one of the few upland areas along the St. Johns River that can be reached by boat. Primitive camping is permitted at designated sites only in Murphy Creek Conservation Area. The entrance to the conservation area is located off of U.S. 17, west on C.R. 309-B. A parking area is approximately one-half mile on the north side of the road.

Access to Murphy Island is by boat only. For more information, contact the St. Johns River Water Management District Division of Land Management at (386) 329-4404.













#### Lake George Conservation Area

More than 10 miles of horse trails traverse through this conservation area. There are several access points to Lake George Conservation area. Trail use is limited during hunting season.

Located in Putnam and Volusia counties, Lake George Conservation Area has 35,380 acres of planted pine plantations, oak hammocks, bayheads, and dense creek swamps. Camping is allowed with a permit. No ATVs allowed. Lake George Conservation Area is located 3 miles west of Crescent City on Georgetown-Denver Rd. For more information, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Northeast Region Office, 1239 S.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL. (352) 732-1225.















**Ocala National Forest** 

Located in Marion, Putnam and Lake Counties, the Ocala National Forest has 382,408 acres that range from dense sand pine-scrub oak communities to wet and dry prairies to longleaf pine-palmetto flatwoods. Camping, dogs and ATVs are allowed.

Small game hunting is good, and deer and turkey hunting is fair to good. Hunters could encounter bears while hunting.

To access, travel south on S.R. 19 from Palatka approximately 15 miles. For more information, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Northeast Region Office, 1239 S.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL. (352) 732-1225.















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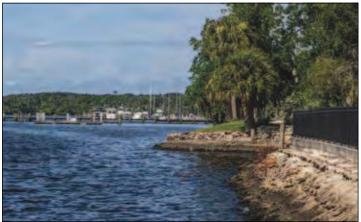
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Then talking about the outdoors and many natural resources in Putnam County, the St. Johns River is the heart of those discussions. Spanning 310 miles, it is Florida's longest river and stretches across almost half the state. Its headwaters begin at Blue Cypress Lake in Indian River County. The river empties into the Atlantic Ocean east of Jacksonville.

The St. Johns River flows north, touching 12 counties. According to the St. Johns Riverkeeper, the St. Johns River Watershed Basin covers an area of nearly 9,000 square miles and is home to 5





million people. There are nearly 3,500 lakes found in the watershed.

The river is the heart of downtown Palatka, with the Veterans Memorial Bridge stretching across the river dividing Palatka from East Palatka and South Putnam. It is a popular destination for county residents and visitors to enjoy the outdoors – especially fishing. Recreational fishing is a popular pastime on the river, which is populated with bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass, striped bass and shellcracker. The river is also crowded with boats during shrimping season.

In addition to recreational fishing, the river and its lakes attract professional anglers, too.

Prior to roads, the river functioned similarly to a highway as an important method of transportation. Palatka was a booming center for commercial activity on the river in the 1800s. Palatka had six steamboat lines in 1845 when Florida became a state. In the 1850s, Palatka became a port of entry into the interior of the state. During the Civil War, the Confederacy regularly tried to get past Union blockades using the river.



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ocated southwest of Palatka and near the Ocala National Forest, the Rodman Reservoir has evolved into a rich ecosystem and popular fishing location for local residents and visitors. The site is a sought-after spot for bass tournaments, offering trophy bass for pros and amateurs alike.

Try to catch a glimpse of the otters that frolic in the reservoir or watch the cormorants hunt for their breakfast as a new day dawns over Putnam County.

The Rodman Reservoir, also known as the Kirkpatrick Dam, is located on the Ocklawaha River. It was created in the 1960s when the U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers constructed the dam as part of the now-defunct Cross Florida Barge Canal. In 2003, the dam was renamed to honor the late Sen. George Kirkpatrick, a longtime ally of Rodman.

On Feb. 27, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson set off the explosion marking the



beginning of the Cross Florida Bridge Canal. In 1968, the dam was completed and the Rodman was flooded. President Richard Nixon halted the project in 1971 and it was officially decommissioned in 1990.

Every three to four years, a drawdown occurs for aquatic plant control, and fish and wildlife habitat enhancement. During drawdowns, the reservoir is up to 7 feet below normal water level for over three months.

The Rodman attracts more than anglers, with hikers, families and school groups using the facilities. The Rodman recreation area is free and open to the public. There is a boat ramp to the Ocklawaha River, fishing piers, picnic areas and restrooms. Rodman Campground is located near the reservoir and can be reached by calling 386-326-2846.



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ocation is said to be the key to success in real estate and it is certainly one of the main reasons these past few years that anglers the world over have descended upon Putnam County, aptly dubbed the Bass Capital of the World.

It is why the prestigious Bassmaster Elite Series makes frequent stops in Palatka, bringing anglers who, in turn, bring out fans by the thousands to the St. Johns riverfront for regular weigh-ins.

The 2023 Bassmaster Elite Series did not stop in Putnam County, opting to go south during the opening week of the season. However, that all changes this year when the series returns to the St. Johns River from April 18-21 when the weather is warmer. It is the fifth stop on the regular tour and the second straight Florida stop after the tournament at Harris Chain of Lakes in Leesburg.

Seeing the tournament made stops in Palatka more than 20 times – and since Bassmaster officials, anglers and spectators speak highly of the Putnam stop – it's likely the tournament may remain in Palatka for the next few years.

"They'll kind of switch it up and change it around a little bit, you know, to share the love throughout the state, which is a good thing," said Cliff Prince, a Palatka angler who is a staple in the tournament. "It kind of gives the (St. Johns River) a time to rest."

Putnam County waterways continue to be the site

of many other tournaments each year, including the FLW bass tournament and the Wolfson Children's Hospital Bass Tournament, which is said to be the largest one-day tournament east of the Mississippi River and held every May.

The area produces not only big bass, but bigname bass anglers.

Greg Walker, veteran outdoor writer and Palatka Daily News correspondent, notes that not only is the immediate area enticing to those in search of the elusive 10-pound lunker, but it is easy to access the waters by boat. Near Jacksonville, Trout Creek is some 55 nautical miles north of Memorial Bridge. About 26 miles to the south is Lake George,

which is nearly 10 miles long and is the second-largest lake in the state.

That's only the beginning.

"They can take a detour east to Dunns Creek, a 5-mile tributary that connects to Crescent Lake, a large body of water in itself. Even further south on the west side



of the river is the area of Welaka," Walker said. "The Ocklawaha River empties into the St. Johns via Rodman Reservoir. To fish the reservoir, it can be reached by boat at the Rodman Campground near Kirkpatrick Dam, Kenwood Landing off (County Road) 315 or Orange Springs landing off (County Road) 310. The spillway at Kirkpatrick Dam is a favorite for bank fishermen."

There is also Rodman Campground located near the reservoir. Contact the campground at 386-326-2846.



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William Bartram's Alligator, Alligator mississipiensis

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illiam Bartram is widely recognized as a pioneer of natural science, America's first native-born naturalist and one of the earliest and most careful observers of the natural scene of the southeastern United States. From the foothills of Appalachia to here in Putnam County, Bartram documented the native flora and fauna across eight states and provided one of the most important records of Native American culture in the Southeast.

He first explored East Florida along the St. Johns River in 1765. The Pennsylvania Quaker visited the uncharted wilderness with his father, John Bartram, whom King George III awarded a stipend as a royal botanist to explore Britain's newest acquisition.

William Bartram returned to Putnam County in 1774, which was included in his first American literary masterpiece, "Travels." His description of the wildlife and plants he saw helped to make Travels one of the most important scientific books of its time.

Native Americans welcomed William Bartram to the area and referred to him as "Puc Puggy," or Flower Hunter. Spalding's Lower Store was the younger Bartram's base for his explorations. The site, near the river banks of Palatka, was popular for bartering and mingling between Europeans and Native Americans

Those wanting to explore William Bartram's route can do so by paddling, hiking and biking. A virtual tour is also available at bartram.putnam-fl.com.

His travels through Putnam County are highlighted with markers at more than 30 sites, ranging from Palmetto Bluff north of Palatka to Salt Springs Run in the south end of the county. For more about the trail, visit bartram.putnam-fl.com.

The Bartram Trail in Putnam County received federal designation from the National Park Service in 2016. Sam Carr, the president of the Bartram Trail Society of Florida, said the group wants to replicate Putnam's success and secure federal



William Bartram historical performer talks to a student during the Bartram Frolic.

designations for Bartram Trails in Alachua, Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns and Volusia counties.

Park Service officials visited Palatka in November to learn about the success of the Bartram Trail in Putnam County and why people want federal designation in the other counties.

Locally, the Bartram Trail Society hosts the annual Bartram Frolic in Palatka, which will take place April 24-26, 2024. Students throughout the Putnam County School District attend the frolic to learn about the Bartrams through actors portraying William Bartram, the Long Warrior and Trader Job Wiggins.

William Bartram said it best: "This world, as a glorious apartment of the boundless palace of the sovereign Creator, is furnished with an infinite variety of animated scenes, inexpressibly beautiful and pleasing, equally free to the inspection and enjoyment of all his creatures."



Sam Carr, the president of the Bartram Trail Society of Florida, stands in front of a Bartram kiosk.







beautiful state parks. Wild Dunns Creek State Park and the manicured Ravine Gardens State Park offer an escape from the hustle and bustle and a glimpse of Putnam County's natural beauty.

#### **Dunns Creek State Park**

Dunns Creek State Park, located south of a sharp bend in the St. Johns River, comprises more than 6,200 acres of natural communities. Those natural communities include sandhills covered with longleaf pines, wiregrass and sand pine scrub.

The main park entrance, 320 Sisco Road, leads to the park's day-use area where visitors can access more than 8 miles of trails on which to hike, bike or ride their horses. There is also a fishing platform and a kayak launch consistent with Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines. For details, call 329-3721 or visit floridastateparks.org/DunnsCreek.

The park is open from 8 a.m. to sunset daily. Fees are \$4 per single-occupant vehicle and \$5 per multiple-occupant vehicle, exact change only. Pets are allowed in the park but must be kept on a leash.

Dunns Creek is home to a large shell mound left behind by the Native Americans who once



used the land. The property was also once the site of a railroad station, post office, general store and lodging facility.



Dunns Creek State Park additionally offers a scenic picnic area along the shores of Dunns Creek. Located in the park's day-use section near the Sisco Road entrance, this area includes a vault restroom, a fishing pier and stabilized parking. There are no shelters at this site.

#### **Ravine Gardens State Park**

Located at 1600 Twigg St. in Palatka, Ravine Gardens State Park has been a source of recreation and outdoor activities for decades. It's a great location for sightseeing, exercising and family gatherings. The park also offers a wide variety of plants and wildlife to explore.

A 1.8-mile paved loop winds around the ravine, offering motorists, bicyclists, hikers and joggers a view of the gardens. It is open to vehicles from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily. The park is open from 8 a.m. until sunset for pedestrians and bicyclists. Pets are allowed and must be kept on a 6-foot leash. Admission is \$2 for pedestrians and bicyclists, \$4 for single-occupant vehicles and \$5 per multiple-occupant vehicles, exact change only.

Ravine Gardens is one of nine New Deal-era state parks in Florida. It was commissioned in 1933 and opened in 1934, with nearly 100,000 azalea bushes. The park has two ravines up to 120 feet deep. The gardens' peak flowering period is azalea season, January to March.

The Court of States at the park entrance features a 60-foot obelisk, which was dedicated to Franklin D. Roosevelt. On holiday weekends, the park displays the flags of the 48 states that were in the United States when the park was established.

The Roy E. Campbell Civic Center in the park is a popular place for weddings and other events.

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Welaka State Forest sits 17 miles south of Palatka and 1 mile south of the town of Welaka, according to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The agency said the forest features more than 4 miles of river views along the east bank of Little Lake George on the St. Johns River, cypress and pine trees that hold eagle nests, and natural communities of river swamps, pine flatwoods, Sandhills, and flat wood lakes.

"With the Ocala National Forest on one side and Welaka State Forest on the other, this is one of the best-preserved natural sections of the St. Johns River," according to the department.

Welaka State Forest is home to two hiking trails. If you take Mud Spring Trail, which is located directly across from the forest headquarters office, a 2-mile hike leads you to Mud Spring. The spring empties 13,750 gallons of spring water per hour into the St. Johns River. Slip into the crisp, blue water for a swim by three stairs that take you down into the spring. Or stay by the spring and enjoy a picnic overlooking the Florida scenery. Listen to the birds chirp in the trees and gather creative inspiration from the natural lands.

Looking for a longer hike? Try the John's Landing Trail, which ventures into 3- or 4.5-mile trails.

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driving along Indian Pond Road to see Welaka State Forest from the comfort of a vehicle.

For more details or to reserve a primitive campsite, visit fdacs.gov/Forest-Wildfire/Our-Forests/State-Forests/Welaka-State-Forest.

On the opposite end of Putnam County, Etoniah Creek State Forest sits near Florahome. The forest headquarters, state officials report, is located on Fieldhouse Road. Travel 2 miles east from Florahome to reach Holloway Road, and from there, travel 2.6 miles north until reaching FieldHouse Road.

The forest holds 8,902 acres of a variety of natural communities and is named after Etoniah Creek, a stream that travels through the eastern part of the forest.

Numerous wildlife species, such as black bears, white-tailed deer, eastern diamondback rattlesnakes and bobcats, to name a few, call the forest home. The state forest is also the only place where Etoniah rosemary can be found on Florida Forest Service lands, according to the state.

Take a hike along one of Etoniah Creek's three trails: the Georges Lake Hiking Trail, Lake Blossom Trail or Longleaf Pine Trail. Every September during high school cross country season, a race is held in the forest in honor of former Interlachen High School coach Ed Mingle.

These trails are great for photography and bird-watching. Hunting is permitted only during designated hunting seasons.



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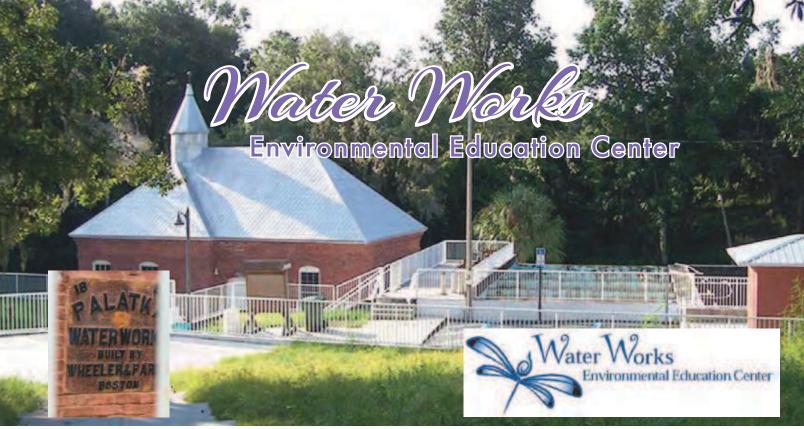
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ake a step back in time with a trip to the Water Works Environmental Education Center.

The historic Palatka Water Works pump house and brick channel were constructed in 1886 and operated for close to 100 years. The city decided to build the Water Works facility after a great fire engulfed parts of downtown Palatka in 1884.

Water Works, 1101 Whitewater Drive, is open from 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays or by appointment. Call 386-325-9598 or visit the Water Works Environmental Education Center Facebook page.

The old pump house at the facility now serves as a museum and education center. The museum teaches visitors about Palatka's past and about the importance of saving water. The pump house has a fiber optic interactive wall and a video kiosk about explorer William Bartram.

Don't miss the other paths where you learn about Bartram's travels through what is now the Water Works property. A group of people explored the trails in 2023 by walking the pathway called Puc-Puggy, Batram's Seminole name meaning "Flower Hunter."

There are spaces for reflection and stops to learn more about local wildlife. Visit the Gopher tortoises at Water Works. Volunteers have been working to preserve their habitat, and the animals' presence is a reflection of Bartram's travels as he was the first naturalist to describe the "great land tortoise" in 1774, according to a kiosk at Water Works. The property is home to a resident gopher tortoise enclosure and sandhill habitat.

Take the trail through the property to learn more about the famed explorer and his contributions to the area.

Volunteers run the grounds and trails, give tours, host field trips and staff the center. Water Works is adjacent to Ravine Gardens State Park. The 9-plus acres at Water Works is a great place for nature-based learning focusing on Putnam County's rich local history and the importance of water, native plants and animals.







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utnam County students never stop being busy, and they definitely don't stop learning.

Although schools have consolidated to where elementary schools teach kindergarten through sixth grade and older students attend junior-senior high schools, the district is preparing for a new look.

In 2022, voters approved a general bond referendum that will go toward building six new elementary schools in Putnam County. The Putnam County School District had its groundbreaking for the first of the new schools that will be built in Palatka.

This school is the first one to use taxpayer dollars to fund the reconstruction. Construction on all the elementary schools is set to last until 2030 and will be paid back to the state over 30 years.

While the bond referendum covers only elementary schools, the district will use special facilities funding from the Florida Department of Education to build new junior-senior high schools.

"PCSD's bold 10-year Revitalization Plan includes the building and remodeling of every school and classroom in Putnam County," Superintendent Rick Surrency said.

Students are continuing their academic journeys during the construction era.

Programs and classes geared toward science, technology engineering and math start in prekindergarten and continue through students' senior years. Surrency said the younger students participate in STEM activities weekly, while sixth-graders do STEM learning daily. Once the students head to junior-senior high school, they have the opportunity to take STEM and computer science electives.

"In addition to imparting knowledge in computer science and robotics, Putnam's commitment to STEM education extends to a spectrum of inspiring career pathways," Surrency said.

Students can learn about artificial intelligence, operating drones, app development, data science, cybersecurity and the engineering design process.

"Many diverse STEM opportunities not only nurture their technological insight but also empower them to explore, innovate and shape the future of these fields," Surrency said. "Putnam County School District is committed to providing every child with a safe and modern learning environment using the state of the art technology in all areas of learning."

Some families may not choose the public school route for their children. Many students attend Peniel Academy, an accredited Christian school. The school, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2023, serves students in prekindergarten through 12th grade. In February, the school had about 230 students.

Students seeking a higher education need not go any farther than Palatka. St. Johns River State College, which has campuses in Palatka, Orange Park and St. Augustine, as well as online, offers learning in a variety of fields.

The Palatka campus is home to the

Florida School of the Arts, where students can explore production design, performing arts and visual arts and pursue their passions. Student-athletes also thrive on the Palatka campus with sports like volleyball, baseball and softball.















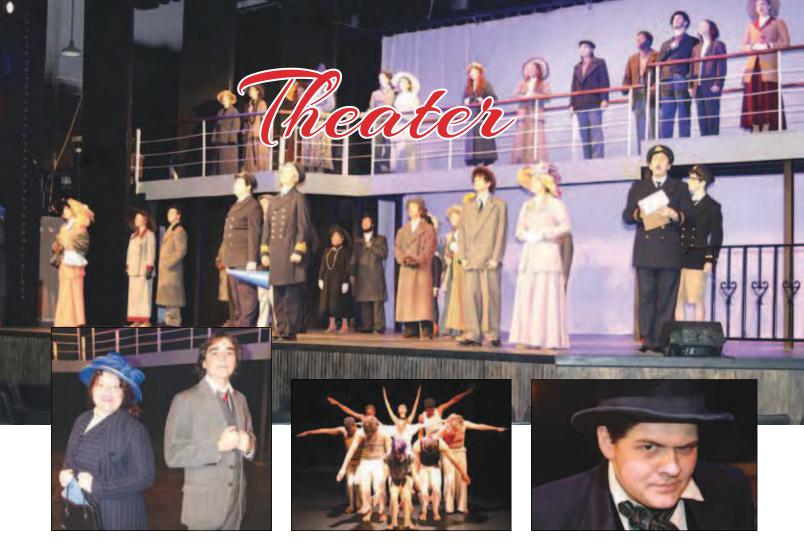
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ou don't have to go to New York or London to get a taste of the theater. We have performances right here in Putnam County.

Local groups like the River City Players in Palatka or the Purple Plum Players of Crescent City keep the community laughing with performances.

In the spring of 2023, the Crescent City crew performed "Murder At The Pie Auction," a murder-mystery farce play written by Michael Druce, who attended the show. The theater group's motto is to give back to the community. In December of that year, the group did a skit with caroling at South Putnam nursing homes and at Five Oaks Rest Home in Welaka.

In Palatka, the River City Players performed a holiday play in November 2023 called "Every Christmas Story Ever Told."

"Last night was opening night and was everything it promised to be," the River City Players said in a Facebook post on Nov. 3, 2023. "Mad-cap mayhem and laughter, audience participation, surprise visits from cute dogs and even voiceovers from the familiar voices of WPLK and WIYD radio stations. This is what community theater is all about."

If you're looking for musicals, students at Florida School of the Arts in Palatka perform numerous productions each year.

From Sept. 29 through Oct. 1 last year, the school, which is part of St. Johns River State College, performed "Wait Until Dark," a show written by Frederick Knott and adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher. Students also performed a FloArts Christmas special "Home for the Holidays" in December.

In 2024, the school is set to perform "Legally Blonde The Musical" in February and "An Evening of Dance" in April. Show-goers will also be treated to "Pride and Prejudice" by Kate Hamill in June. While FloArts offers a variety of theater shows, area residents can also find plenty of exhibits and musicals, too.

At the high school level, students in the Palatka High School Musical Theater Department gave audiences a taste of "A Christmas Carol" in December 2023.

The high schoolers also performed "Titanic" in May 2023 and took on "Elf The Musical" and "Matilda" in previous years.

Keep an eye on each of these theater groups' social media pages for upcoming shows.

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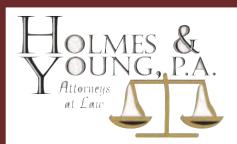


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hen it comes to health in Putnam County, there are numerous resources to help with major concerns, yearly checkups, mental health concerns and providing dental services to people in need.

Established in 1974, HCA Florida Putnam Hospital, 611 Zeagler Drive in Palatka, continues to be a place for people to visit for emergencies or to have procedures performed.

The 99-bed facility boasts 173 physicians, 476 colleagues and 37 volunteers, according to a statement from the hospital. In 2023 34,383 patients were treated and 4,872 were admitted.

HCA Putnam offers 24/7 emergency services, has 10 beds in its intensive care unit, and offers treatments and services for a variety of areas.

Hospital workers not only treat injuries and illnesses. They also participate in community events, including Drug Takeback Day, where people hand over their expired medicines, the Putnam County School District's College and Career Fair and the Festival of Trees, among other programs.

"As the needs of our community change, so do we. HCA Florida Putnam Hospital's evolution comes from listening to our patients," hospital CEO Brian Nunn said. "We're adding new rooms, acquiring the latest medical technology, expanding service lines, and hiring talent who not only want to work here, but want to call Putnam County their home."

Aside from hospital visits, Putnam County is home to numerous specialty doctors, such as Dr. Anand Kuruvilla, who practices at the Cancer Center of Putnam.

Dental hygiene has also been a focus in Putnam County. A mobile dental clinic often sets up shop at local churches in smaller areas of the county to help low-income residents get the dental work they need.

In August 2023, the Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved the state Department of Health in Putnam County using \$45,000 to purchase a Ford F-250 from Beck Auto Group to pull the mobile dental trailer.

The Department of Health used its own money to buy the truck, but commissioners had to sign off on the purchase because the board provides partial funding to the Putnam branch. Funding sources aside, commissioners said the investment was vital to ensuring people without other dental options could be helped.

"It's a small investment in Putnam County," Commissioner Larry Harvey said when voting to approve the project. "I believe this is going to move us light years ahead, even in the health care arena for dental."

Putnam County is also home to many organizations that help people with substance use recovery. Shining Light Peer Services, Recovery Point and Celebrate Recovery advocates in Palatka are always ready to help people make positive changes in their lives.

People can also seek resources from SMA Healthcare, which in December 2023 partnered with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office and the nonprofit Patients Not Prisoners to host a bowling event to offer a fun venue to provide people with mental health resources.

"This initiative ... showcased the power of unity and support for those navigating mental health challenges," said Lisa Taliaferro, the founder and president of Patients Not Prisoners.





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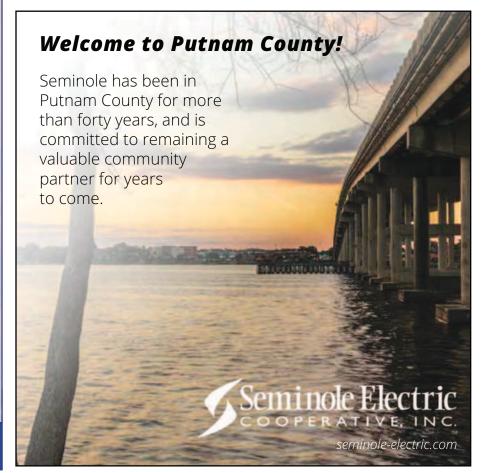






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n addition to making arrests, Putnam County and municipal law enforcement agencies remain hard at work to strengthen community ties and address the causes of crime.

Law enforcement agencies hosted numerous outreach events, including the Palatka Police Department's widely attended Trunk or Treat on Halloween. The Putnam County Sheriff's Office worked with the city of Crescent City to have its own Trunk or Treat, and the county agency also hosted Cops, Kids and Kayaks in Crescent City in the summer of 2023 and plans to do so again in 2024.

Palatka police also engaged young people and gave them something to do during summer vacation at Camp Higher Ground, which the agency's Police Athletic League hosts every year. The police department's PAL also took children to Washington, D.C., and New York in the summer of 2023.

The sheriff's office, for its part, continued mentorship efforts like Exploring Law Enforcement, a program for young people interested in law enforcement careers. Previous program participants have found jobs at the sheriff's office and other local agencies, while other members have gone into the military.

The agency also hosted the Faith in Blue dinner, where sheriff's office officials fellowshipped with local faith leaders to make the community a better place. The agency is also continuing its work with the Ten-24 Foundation, which provides financial assistance to law

enforcement officials and their families when employees are injured and need help with expenses.

The groups Shining Light and Recovery Point are working with Putnam County Jail inmates in the Insight Recovery Pod, which takes an alternative approach to combating crime, pushing inmates to confront and overcome the sources of drug dependency.

The sheriff's office works with SMA Healthcare and the nonprofit Patients Not Prisoners to provide mental health resources to people who need them.

"As crime continues to decrease, a large part of our focus is continuing to form partnerships with community, state, regional and national organizations," Sheriff Gator DeLoach said. "By forming these partnerships, we are focusing on crimes against children, we are working on helping those who fall between the cracks of the system in mental health and we are continually looking at ways to help those who want to make a change in their lives be able to do so, which also decreases recidivism in the jail."

Outside of the jail, the sheriff's office has partnered with regional, state and national officials to form the Northeast Florida INTERCEPT Task Force, a privatepublic partnership to combat human trafficking and sexual exploitation of



Interlachen Police Chief, Larry Wilburn



Palatka Police Chief, Jason Shaw

children. Local detectives have been assigned to the task force and have helped make numerous arrests.

Elsewhere in Putnam County, the Welaka Police Department and Interlachen Police Department have emphasized a hands-on, community-centered approach to law enforcement. Having hired a third officer in 2023, the Welaka agency hopes to eventually have enough officers to provide 24/7 coverage, instead of having the sheriff's office patrol the area when Welaka officers are off-duty.

"Welaka is a community that has lots

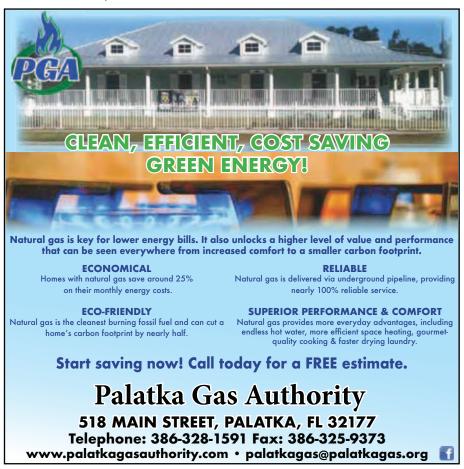
of potential for more growth in the future, and I am blessed to be a part of that growth," Officer Tommy Owens said after getting sworn in during a Welaka Town Council meeting in August 2023. "I love interacting with people, and I do hope my training and experience is a good addition to the already-existing, experienced members of the Welaka Police Department."



Putnam County Sheriff, Gator DeLoach



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utnam County supports a combination of small businesses while also encouraging growing industries. The Putnam County Business Park is home to Verano, a 42,000-square-foot facility used to grow medicinal cannabis. The company is adjacent to the eggplant packaging company Comarco Products Inc., which made a home in Palatka after relocating from New Jersey.

Residents and burger lovers were delighted this year when Checkers opened in Palatka in May. Putnam residents were thrilled in October to witness the opening day of the long-anticipated LongHorn Steakhouse in Palatka.

The steakhouse opened after 1 Putnam, a group of local business leaders, surveyed local residents to see what they wanted in downtown Palatka. Many people chose a steakhouse, and although LongHorn opened on State Road 19 instead of downtown, people were elated to see their wish come true.



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Let's not forget about the longtime, dedicated businesses that still call Putnam home. Among those is Georgia-Pacific, which has been a staple in Palatka since Nov. 5, 1957.

Paper mill employees produce popular products like Brawny paper towels and Angel Soft Toilet Paper. It is still the largest private employer in Putnam County, according to a press release from GP, with almost 900 people employed at the Palatka mill.

Meanwhile, Seminole Electric Cooperative in Palatka had a ribbon-cutting ceremony in September for its \$700 million, 1,050-megawatt Combined Cycle Facility, which uses natural gas to provide electricity to the company's customers.

Construction of the facility, the plans for which began in 2015, were held up by the COVID-19 pandemic and supply shortages. Despite the obstacles, Seminole officials and local business and government leaders were thrilled to view the addition up close when it was finished.

In July, it was announced CertainTeed Interior Products, which opened as LaFarge in 2001, would undergo a \$235

million expansion at its location next to Seminole. Once expanded, CertainTeed is slated to add more than 115 jobs while providing additional tax revenue to the county.

"It's obviously a great project for Putnam County," said Mark Litten, the vice president of economic development for the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce. "The investment numbers are quite large. There will be a lot of involvement by other entities in the county."



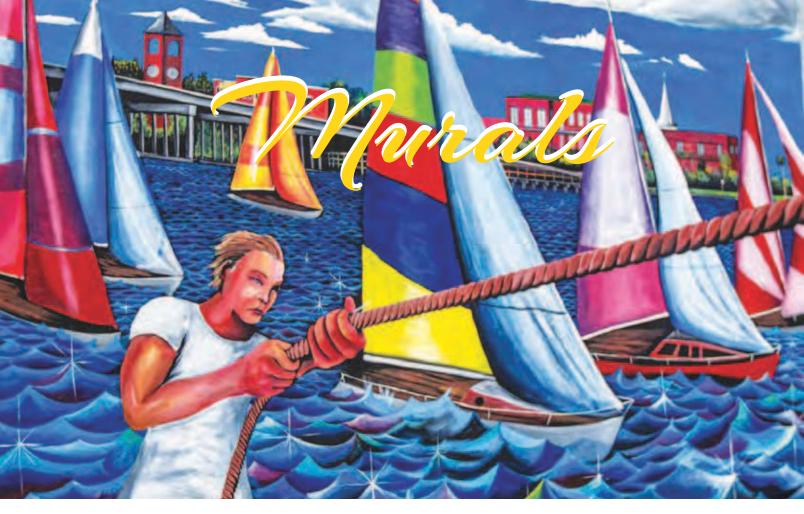
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he Conlee-Snyder Mural Committee, founded by Clint and Elizabeth Snyder, began operating in 1998. Its mission: to accurately depict the history, culture and environment of Putnam County through painted murals. Currently, the committee maintains 25 murals.

Murals currently available to tour and their locations:

- 1-6. Down Memory Lane: This grouping of smaller murals depicts the Putnam County Jail, as it looked in 1880; the Putnam County Courthouse, circa 1909; Bronson-Mulholland House, circa 1854; Palatka City Hall, circa 1905; JT&K Railway Station, circa 1886; and Palatka Waterworks, circa 1886-87. Located at Palatka City Hall on Reid and North Second streets.
- 7. Heartbeat of Palatka, circa 1890-1916 This mural combines Old City Hall with the fire station, the old Post Office (current City Hall) and North Second Street. This mural is located at 205 N. Second St.
- **8. The Putnam House, circa 1890** The Putnam House mural, which depicts the hotel that

encompassed an entire city block at the height of Palatka's tourism boom in the 19th century, is located at the site of the original hotel at North Second Street and St. Johns Avenue. The hotel's image there was reinterpreted in 2022 by local artist Luke Taft, after the original artwork created in 2000 was lost to environmental elements.

**9. Battle at Horse Landing, May 23, 1864** – Commemorating the Civil War battle between a Union gunboat and Confederate cavalry on the banks of the St. Johns River. Located at South Third Street and St. Johns Avenue.



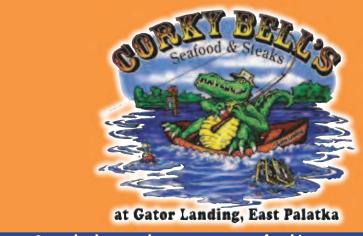
#### 10. Putnam County Wildflowers -

A collaboration between the mural committee and the Palatka Art League showcasing wildflowers in Putnam County. Located at South Third Street at St. Johns Avenue.

#### 11. Night Passage, circa 1884

 Popular for tourism, steamboats traversed the Ocklawaha River between Palatka and Silver Springs. This mural is located at North Fourth Street and St. Johns Avenue.





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- **12. To God Be the Glory, 1937-1938**. Evangelist Billy Graham started preaching at a small Baptist church in Putnam County. The mural portrays Graham during his baptism in Silver Lake and his first pulpit at Peniel Baptist Church. Located at South Fourth Street and St. Johns Avenue.
- **13. Bygone Days, circa 1880** This mural was painted prior to the formation of the committee but is maintained and listed by the committee. Located on South Fifth Street at St. Johns Avenue.
- **14. Putnam Treasures** This mural depicts birds and animals native to Putnam County. Located at South Seventh Street and St. Johns Avenue.
- **15. High Time in Palatka, circa 1872**. This mural depicts amusements popular during the time period in Putnam County. Located at South Seventh Street at St. Johns Avenue, across from the Putnam Treasures mural.
- 16. Cattle Drive to Paynes Prairie, circa 1930 Cattlemen drove their cattle from Palatka to Paynes Prairie in the winter to fatten them for market. Located at North 10th Street and St. Johns Avenue.

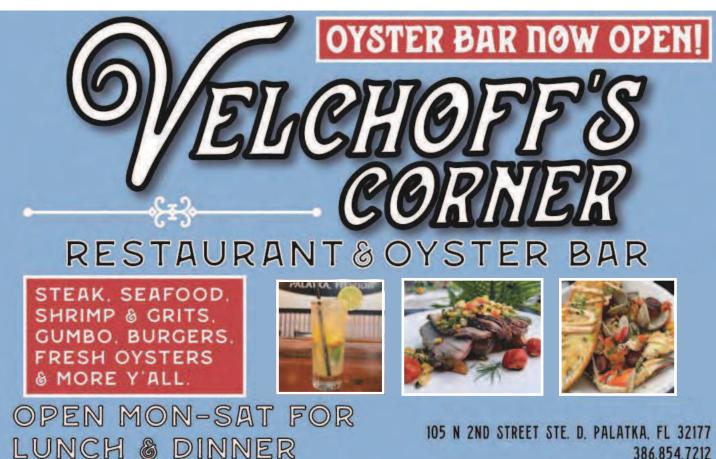
- 17. Sen. B.C. Pearce agricultural mural Representing Putnam County, Pearce was instrumental in passing legislation to help farmers. The mural shows the area's popular crops, cabbage and potatoes. Located at St. Johns Avenue between North 11th and North 10th streets.
- 18. Seats of Learning, circa 1923 This mural depicts the two high schools before desegregation, Putnam High School and Central Academy. Central Academy would become the first fully accredited Black high school in Florida in 1923. Located at the Price-Martin Community Center at Reid and North 11th streets.
- 19. Mary Lawson Hospital Opened in 1918, African-American woman Mary Jane Lawson owned this hospital where doctors of both races cared for both Black and White patients in the segregated South. Located at 822 St. Johns Ave.
- 20. The Georgia Southern and Florida RailroadRailroads, along with steam ships on the St.
- Johns River, brought thousands of winter visitors to Palatka in the 1870s through early 1900s. Located at Ninth and St. Johns Avenue.
- **21.** The Wild West Comes to Palatka Sharpshooting legend Annie Oakley and husband Frank Butler, after retiring from Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show in 1901, brought their own

show to Palatka in 1908. The visit is memorialized at Eleventh Street and St. Johns Avenue.

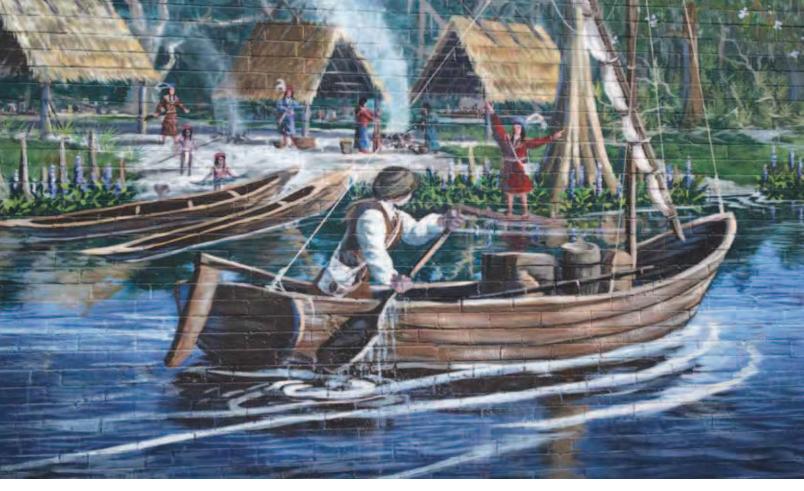
**22.** Harlem Nights – "The Belton's Society Syncopators" was a jazz band created in the 1920s by Cortland S. Belton and his brother Wilbert Belton, young Black musicians from Palatka. Originally, they started out with a 4-piece band but progressed into a large band and were often compared to Duke Ellington and his orchestra. Located on the corner of St. Johns Avenue and North Eighth Street.







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**23. Readers Become Leaders** – This mural depicts William D. Moseley, who was the first elected governor of Florida from 1845 to 1849. After serving his term in office, he settled in Palatka and opened a citrus grove. The book in his hand in the mural encourages young readers to become leaders. Located at 1110 Husson Ave. in Palatka, on the east wall of William D. Moseley Elementary School.

**24.** The Veterans Memorial Mural – Completed in 2020, the artwork is composed of seven panels

depicting seven modern conflicts: World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan. Between the panels, scrolls memorialize the names of locals killed in action, prisoners of war and those missing in action. Located on the west wall at 514 St. Johns Ave.

**25. The William Bartram Mural** – Depicting a scene from Bartram's travels and discoveries in 1774 when Palatka was inhabited mostly by Native Americans. Located on the west wall at 220 St. Johns Ave.

Many of the murals have a QR code, which enables you to listen to the history of the mural via an app. For details: visit conleamurals.org





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#### PUTNAM COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE

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## A Message from the Chairman

Dear Friend,

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce proudly promotes our local businesses and community to our residents, visitors and members. This publication produced by the Palatka Daily News contains the official 2024 Chamber Member Business Directory. *Destination Putnam* provides community information and recognizes the goods and services provided by Chamber members.

We trust that this publication will serve as reminder for residents to demonstrate their commitment to the continued growth and development of the community by purchasing products and services from local businesses.

We are an active Chamber that looks to advance our county's prosperity and provide increased value for our membership. We take great pride in our citizens, who work together and assume responsibility for the economic, educational, and cultural well-being of Putnam County.

Our community is a great place to do business and an excellent community in which to live. As the Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board, I want to encourage you to become active in the community and in our Chamber of Commerce. With the support of our members, governmental partners, and volunteers, we will continue to work toward balanced growth to create community wealth.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to those sponsors whose messages appear herein. Their participation reflects their commitment to this community and its continued prosperity. Many businesses purchased ads to support this publication, and we invite you to remember them when you need to make a purchase.

Sincerely,

Jini McCool Robbins

2024 Chairman of the Board







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For more details and reservations contact: Dana Jones or Julie Linton at the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce <a href="mailto:danajones@chamberpc.com">danajones@chamberpc.com</a>, <a href="mailto:julie@chamberpc.com">julie@chamberpc.com</a>. 386-328-1503

There will be several Q & A sessions at the Chamber of Commerce for all interested travelers.



Listed below is the 2024 Putnam County Chamber of Commerce Member Business Directory. All listings are that promotes a better quality of life, excellence in current as of December 2023 and list provided by the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce.

In the pages to follow, you will find a list of members in more than 100 categories that provide local goods and services to the Putnam County community.

The Chamber's mission is to be a creative force leadership, coordination and responsible development of business enterprise.

To learn more about the Chamber and local events visit www.putnamcountychamber.com or download the Visit Putnam FL app.

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Blue Sky Roofing of North Florida, LLC ROOFING CONTRACTOR

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**Bohannon Battery Dist, Inc.** AUTOMOTIVE - PARTS & SUPPLIES

Bradley's Steaks & Seafood RESTAURANTS

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Champion Self Storage STORAGE FACILITIES

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City of Crescent City GOVERNMENT OFFICES - CITY & **TOWNSHIP** 

City of Palatka **GOVERNMENT OFFICES - CITY & TOWNSHIP** 

City Shippers SHIPPING SERVICES

Clay Electric Cooperative, **ELECTRIC COMPANIES** 

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Coldwell Banker Commercial/Ben Bates REAL ESTATE- COMMERCIAL

Colee's Restaurant **RESTAURANTS** 



Comarco Products, Inc. MANUFACTURING

Comcast Business TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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HOSPICE CARE

Community State Bank BANKS / CREDIT UNION

Conlee-Snyder Murals ASSOCIATIONS/ ORGANIZATIONS

Corky Bell's Seafood of Palatka, Inc.
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Crescent City Woman's Club
ASSOCIATIONS/ORGANIZATIONS

ASSOCIATIONS/ ORGANIZATIONS

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ARCHITECT

Cruise Planners - Cynthia Gonzalez TRAVEL AGENCY

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Crystal Tractor - Palatka LAWN EQUIPMENT SALES & SERVICE

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Early Learning Coalition of North Florida ASSOCIATIONS/ ORGANIZATIONS

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Factory Direct Bedding, LLC MATTRESSES/ BEDDING

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PHYSICIANS - CARDIOVASCULAR

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LUMBER

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REAL ESTATE - GENERAL

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GROCERY STORES

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OFFICE FURNITURE SALES

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Hawkins Farm 438 East End Rd San Mateo, FL 32187 (386) 328-3736

Wetland Preserve, LLC 299 St. Rd. 100 Palatka, FL 32177 (904) 303-4471

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Artic Air Conditioning & Homes Services LLC 1501 St. Johns Ave Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 325-5095

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Southern Air 3849 Reid St Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 328-3212

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## APARTMENT/ HOUSING RENTALS

Barrington Apartments 607 S. Moody Rd Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 325-0512

Barry Manor Apartments 1000 Husson Ave Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 328-5137

Holly Ridge Apartments 6401 St. Johns Ave Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 329-1973

Palatka Housing Authority 400 N. 15th St Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 329-0132

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Peninsular Auto Parts 533 S. Summit St Crescent City, FL 32112 (386) 698-2002

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St. Johns Super Service Center 608 Reid St. Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 328-9231 Toby's Alignment, Inc. 2604 Peters St Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 328-5490

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Ameris Bank 601 Reid Street Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 201-9003

Barwick Bankinh Company 1200 Plantation Island Dr St. Augustine, FL 32080 (904) 484-7678

Capital City Bank 4120 Crill Ave Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 329-1155

Capital City Bank 148 Hwy 17 South East Palatka, FL 32131 (386) 329-1150

Community State Bank 1120 State Road 20 Interlachen, FL 32148 (386) 684-6154

Farm Credit of Florida, ACA 309 N. 2nd St Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 385-7208

First Coast Community Credit Union 306 S. Palm Ave Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 328-5555

SouthState Bank 500 N. Summit St Crescent City, FL 32112 (386) 698-1982

SouthState Bank 350 Hwy 19 North Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 328-5600 TD Bank 101 Hwy 19 North Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 328-7729

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Blue Sky Manor 103 Beacon St Interlachen, FL 32148 (781) 910-1333

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Hagan Ace Hardware #11619 141 Hwy 17 South East Palatka, FL 32131 (386) 328-2698

Hill's Hardware & Recycling 1770 Hwy 17 Pomona Park, FL 32181 (386) 649-5479

Home Depot, Store #8531 417 Hwy 19 North Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 325-5857

Lowe's 500 Hwy 19 North Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 326-5340

Producers Ace Hardware Co. 404 Central Ave Crescent City, FL 32112 (386) 698-1260



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Simplexity Payment Systems 1063 Eagle Bend Ct Jacksonville, FL 32226 (904) 801-1771

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Outback Cabinets, Inc. 124 Peavine Ct. Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 530-0127

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#### **CAR WASH & DETAILING**

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#### **CATERING SERVICES**

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## CLEANING SERVICES - RESIDENTIAL/ COMMERCIAL

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#### **COMPUTER SERVICES**

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#### **CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

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Alliance Pavers North Florida 103 Culpepper Road San Mateo, FL 32187 (386) 385-3673

Arco Design/Build 820 North Hwy A1A Suite W18 Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082 (904) 338-3528

Carlton Construction Inc. 4615 US Hwy 17 Suite 1 Fleming Island, FL 32003 (904) 284-8321

Herrington Industries, Inc. 7300 Crill Ave, Box #65 Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 328-9898

North Florida Home Builders, Inc. 611 N. Summit St Crescent City, FL 32112 (386) 559-7972

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St Johns Housing Partnership, Inc. 525 West King Street St. Augustine, Florida 32084 (904) 824-0902

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Legacy 3: Child Development Care Center, LLC 110 Sevilla Street East Palatka, FL 32131 (386) 385-3057

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Putnam County School District 200 Reid St Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 329-0510

St Johns River State College 5001 St Johns Ave Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 312-4200

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#### **ELECTRIC COMPANIES**

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Johnson-Overturf Funeral Homes 307 S. Palm Ave Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 325-4521



Masters Funeral Home, LLC 1207 Hwy 20 Interlachen, FL 32148 (386) 684-4177

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Hitchcock's Markets -Interlachen 1114 Hwy 20 Interlachen, FL 32148 (386) 684-6514

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Crystal Tractor - Palatka 625 FL-19 Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 385-5658

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Martin Huyskens LLC 177 Sisco Rd Pomona Park, FL 32181 (386) 361-6690

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#### LOUNGE/PACKAGE GOODS

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Ridgway Roof Truss 235 SW 11th Place Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 219-1183



Saint-Gobain 886 Hwy 17 North Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 325-5766

True House, Inc. 105 Denver Rd. Crescent City, FL 32112 (386) 325-9085

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Sunrise Marine 228 Hwy 17 South East Palatka, FL 32131 (386) 328-0767

#### MARKETING & PROMOTIONS OFFICE FURNITURE SALES

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#### METAL FABRICATORS

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First Coast Metal Roofing Supply 186 Hwy 207 East Palatka, FL 32131 (386) 325-0242

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Radiant Nursing and Rehab at Palatka 501 S. Palm Ave Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 328-1472

The Pavilion at Crescent Lake 100 N. Lake St Crescent City, FL 32112 (386) 698-2222

ldeskz LLC 917 N Summit St Crescent City, FL 32112 (904) 600-5740

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#### **PARTY RENTALS**

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#### **PEST CONTROL SERVICES**

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Sentry Termite & Pest Control. Inc. 431 Atlantic Ave Interlachen, FL 32148 (386) 684-2847

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FYZICAL Therapy Interlachen 885 State Road 20 Interlachen, FL 32148 (386) 684-9110

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