

Arlington Road Boat Ramp

5130 Arlington Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32211

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
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| 1 | Boat docks |
| 2 | Boat Ramps |
| 13 | Boat Trailer Parking |
| 14 | Car Parking |
| 2 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Security Lighting |

Acres: 1

Park Type: Boat Ramp

Council

Person: [Dr. Johnny Gaffney](#)

History: The Arlington Road Boat Ramp is located in the Arlington area of east Jacksonville, adjacent to the St. Johns River at the western terminus of Arlington Road. After the Alderman Realty Company platted the area in 1913, it established a ferry service from the present-day ramp site to Beaver Street in downtown Jacksonville. Two ferryboats, which held eight automobiles each, operated on a fifteen-minute schedule. By 1940 ferry service had been terminated, and Duval County opened the boat ramp sometime between 1956 and 1965, during a period when the County's recreational facilities increased dramatically. The completion of a major improvement project in 1995 included the installation of a floating dock, bulkhead renovations, new fencing and signs, and more. The boat ramp provides excellent water access to the downtown area.

Arlingwood Park

1503 Mill Creek Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32211

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
|------|------------------------|
| 3 | Benches |
| 1 | Bike racks |
| 1 | Grills |
| 1 | Multiuse Field |
| 1 | Picnic shelters |
| 4 | Picnic Tables |
| 6 | Playground Equipment |
| 2 | Tennis Hard Lighted |
| 6 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Drinking Fountain |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |
| Yes | Security Lighting |

Acres: 3

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Clay Yarborough](#)

History: Arlingwood Park is located in the Arlington section of east Jacksonville, at the corner of Mill Creek and Lone Star Roads. After Humphreys Gold Corporation mined much of the area, Duval County purchased the park property in 1953. During the next sixteen years, the Arlingwood neighborhood was developed west of the park, which opened sometime between 1956 and 1965 and contained a softball field. The Arlingwood Civic Association built a community center adjacent to the site, and the City added two tennis courts to the park around 1971. First Coast Auto Racers, Inc. established a facility for model, radio- controlled car racing at the park in 1989, on both clay and concrete tracks, and continued operations until 2003. Following input from the area's residents and preparation of a master plan, the City rebuilt the portion of the park east of the tennis courts. This one-year improvement project was completed in June 2005.

Bruce Park

6549 Arlington Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32211



Walkway

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
|------|------------------------|
| 1 | Baseball Youth |
| 1 | Basketball |
| 2 | Basketball Lighted |
| 5 | Benches |
| 2 | Bike racks |
| 2 | Bleachers |
| 11 | Car Parking |
| 1 | Concession Stand |
| 2 | Picnic shelters |
| 5 | Picnic Tables |
| 2 | Playground Equipment |
| 1 | Restrooms |
| 1 | Softball Adult Lighted |
| 3 | Tennis Hard Lighted |
| 9 | Trash Barrels |
| 2 | Volleyball |
| 1 | Water Feature |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |
| Yes | Security Lighting |

Acres: 5.84

Park Type: Community

Council
Person: [Dr. Johnny Gaffney](#)

History: Bruce Park is located in Arlington, at the corner of Arlington and Rogero Roads. The park takes its name from Frederick W. Bruce (1845-1932), who with H. L.

Sprinkle and others founded the Alderman Realty Co. in 1911. The company developed 1100 acres in Arlington, and established a ferry service across the St. Johns River from downtown's Beaver Street to Arlington. Mr. Bruce was a civil engineer who worked on such projects as the construction of Henry Flagler's hotels in St. Augustine and the jetty construction at Mayport. The opening of the Mathews Bridge in 1953 spurred twenty years of unprecedented growth in Arlington and the need for more recreational space. As trustees of land set aside for park purposes by Sprinkle and Bruce in 1924, the Arlington Community Club donated the property to Duval County in 1954. The park then opened in 1955 and was taken over by the City after consolidation in 1968.

Cesery Park

2601 Cesery Blvd. [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32211



Park Sign



Covered Pavilion

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
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| 1 | Picnic shelters |
| 4 | Picnic Tables |
| 3 | Playground Equipment |
| 3 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |
| Yes | Security Lighting |

Acres: 0.4

Park Type: Neighborhood

Council

Person: [Dr. Johnny Gaffney](#)

History: Cesery Park is located in Arlington's Lake Lucina neighborhood, at the corner of Cesery Boulevard and Columbine Street. The park and boulevard are named for William R. Cesery (1912-1996), a pioneer developer of Arlington who started the trend of building larger apartment complexes in Jacksonville. About 1950, he purchased forty acres for his first subdivision, which took its name from a large water hole that he called Lake Lucina. General Trading Company, whose principals, D.W. and F.W. Tredinick, founded the Jax Liquor Store chain, donated the land for the park to Duval County in 1961. The County created a tot lot for children, and the City took over its operation following consolidation in 1968. A wooden pavilion and picnic tables were added to the park in 1996.

Exchange Club Island

5020 Arlington Expressway [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32211

Acres: 33.4

Park Type: Undeveloped

**Council
Person:** [William Bishop](#)

History: The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida dedicated Exchange Club Island, formerly known as Mud Island, to the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County on October 8, 1956 for use and development as a public park. Exchange Island, located within the St. Johns River, close to downtown Jacksonville, occupies approximately 34 acres of land. The island, which averages approximately 350 feet in width and 2,400 feet in length, is oriented with its long axis in a north-south direction, parallel to the reach of the St. Johns River, in which it is located. The island is currently undeveloped.

Gamewell Tot Lot

6608 Terry Parker Drive South [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32211

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
|------|------------------------|
| 0.5 | Basketball Lighted |
| 1 | Benches |
| 2 | Playground Equipment |
| 1 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |

Acres: 0.07

Park Type: Neighborhood

Council Person: [Dr. Johnny Gaffney](#)

History: The Gamewell Tot Lot is located in the Arlington Hills neighborhood of east Jacksonville, at the intersection of Terry Parker Drive and Gamewell Road. While the park takes its name from Gamewell Road, the other adjacent street is named for local philanthropist H. Terry Parker. After moving to Florida from the Savannah area in 1911, Mr. Parker later donated the land for Terry Parker Junior-Senior High School in Arlington. Following the opening of the Matthews Bridge in 1953, the development of Arlington increased dramatically. The park was created after developer Homer Philips dedicated the site to Duval County on a 1953 plat of Arlington Hills. He filed thirty plats of the subdivision by 1965. Known as Gamewell Park in 1965, the Duval County facility contained playground apparatus and a small basketball court. After consolidation in 1968, the City took over the park.

Norman Studios

6337 Arlington Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32211

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
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| 4 | Yes Perimeter Site Fencing |
| | Yes Security Lighting |

Acres: 0.83

Park Type: Special

Council

Person:

[Dr. Johnny Gaffney](#)

History:

The City purchased this historic black film studio on December 19, 2002. It is located in the heart of Old Arlington. The site was the location of Eagle Studios, predecessor of Norman Studios, and was built in 1916. The property consists of a production building, generator building, a small cottage for visiting actors, and a prop shed. The Flying Ace (1926) is the only Norman film to have survived over the years and was shot at the Jacksonville Studios. One print rests at the Black Film Center and another resides at the Library of Congress. Norman Studios is currently undergoing extensive renovation and will not open to the public until renovations are complete.



Parkwood Heights Elementary Park

1709 Lansdowne Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32211

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
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| 2 | Benches |
| 2 | Bleachers |
| 1 | Picnic shelters |
| 4 | Picnic Tables |
| 2 | Playground Equipment |
| 1 | Softball Youth Lighted |
| 3 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |

Acres: 4.1

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Clay Yarborough](#)

History: The property is owned by the Duval County School Board. The City has a joint use for the playground and 1 softball field.

Saratoga Lake Park

141 University Blvd. [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32211

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
|------|------------------------|
| 1 | Benches |
| 2 | Picnic Tables |
| 1 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |

Acres: 5.11

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [William Bishop](#)

History: Saratoga Lake Park is located in the Saratoga Point neighborhood off University Boulevard, just north of its intersection with Atlantic Boulevard. University Boulevard was earlier known as Chaseville Road, for the small fishing village of Chaseville established after the Civil War along the St. Johns River in northern Arlington. The park consists of a lake with an island in the middle, and also an adjacent lot. The backyards of homeowners ring the lake on three sides. The developers of the subdivision dedicated the park to Duval County on the 1951 plat and donated an additional lot to the City in 1985. From the public area adjacent to University Boulevard, which contains a picnic table and bench, park visitors may enjoy a nice view of Saratoga Lake.

Terry Parker Pool and Park

7301 Parker School Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32211

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
|------|------------------------|
| 1 | Baseball Youth |
| 2 | Benches |
| 50 | Car Parking |
| 1 | Football |
| 1 | Restrooms |
| 1 | Soccer |
| 1 | Softball Adult |
| 1 | Swimming Pools |
| 2 | Tennis Hard Lighted |
| 2 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |
| Yes | Security Lighting |

Acres: 7.653

Park Type: Community

Council
Person: [Clay Yarborough](#)

History: The property is owned by Duval County School Board. The City has a joint use agreement for the pool and baseball field. The pool has a mobile ADA lift for pool access.

Tidewater Acres Park

7140 Berry Avenue [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32211

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
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| 2 | Grills |
| 1 | Picnic shelters |
| 4 | Picnic Tables |
| 2 | Playground Equipment |
| 2 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |

Acres: 0.33

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [William Bishop](#)

History: Tidewater Acres Park is located in east Jacksonville, two blocks north of Atlantic Blvd. adjacent to the Tidewater Acres subdivision. The name Tidewater likely derives from the tributaries of the Arlington River that flow through the area, such as Pottsburg and Silversmith Creeks. The park is part of the large Oakwood Villas neighborhood platted in 1910 by Walter C. Warrington (1879-1965), whose family retained title to the park property until 1989. Following a Mayor's Neighborhood Summit, residents contacted City Council member Lynette Self about a park, resulting in the City's purchase of the land in 2002 and the park's construction in Jan.-Apr. 2004. Situated next to the Whiteway Club, a homemaker's organization begun in 1927, the park has been popular with the area residents since opening.

Tree Hill Nature Center

7152 Lone Star Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32211

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
|------|-----------------------------|
| 14 | Benches |
| 2 | Bike racks |
| 68 | Car Parking |
| 21 | Picnic Tables |
| 2 | Restrooms |
| 1 | Trails Unpaved (Miles) |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |
| Yes | Security Lighting |
| Yes | Visitor/Interpretive Center |

Acres: 45.26

Park Type: Special

Council
Person: [Clay Yarborough](#)

History: Tree Hill Nature Center is an urban wilderness preserve comprising 50 acres of hilltop and wetland areas, consisting of southern mixed hardwood forest, mixed hardwood swamp and freshwater stream. The Tree Hill Nature Center property was acquired for the purpose of preserving environmentally sensitive flora and fauna, expanding environmental education programs, facilitating greater environmental awareness and protecting the property from encroaching development. This park offers an indoor nature center, interactive exhibits, learning laboratory, wildflower gardens, meeting room, gift shop, nature trails and wildlife viewing areas. The original 40 acre site was expanded by 10 acres by an FCT grant in 1998, and has been developed to include nature trails, outdoor classrooms, an amphitheatre and additional parking.