

Baker Point

4045 San Juan Ave [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
3	Benches
1	Trash Barrels

Acres: 0.4

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History:

Baker Point is located adjacent to the Ortega River Bridge in the Lakeside Park area of Jacksonville. Stinson Park resides across from Baker Point, on the other side of San Juan Avenue. The site offers a panoramic view of the St. Johns River and downtown Jacksonville. Neighborhood residents organized in 2001 to develop and renovate five public properties in the area, and they enlisted the City's help. After the City's purchase of the property in 2002, it was named for the prominent Baker family of Jacksonville, founders of Florida Rock Industries. Funding and the Park Design has been acquired in 2003, and a park design is being prepared. 2005 Completed renovations to the park; a beautiful overlook that is a popular photographic location for the citizens of the Neighborhood.

Bettes Park

3800 Bettes Circle [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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| 3 | Benches |
| 6 | Trash Barrels |

Acres: 1.619

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Bettes Park is located in southwest Jacksonville – part of the Ortega neighborhood that was designed in 1909 by prominent architect, Henry J. Klutho. It was one of four circular parks created along Park Avenue (now Baltic Street) and named after New World explorers. Originally known as Ponce de Leon Park, the name was changed by 1930 to honor Charles Bettes, a local pharmacist and partner with John N.C. Stockton in the Ortega Company, the subdivision’s developer. A highly respected citizen, Mr. Bettes built a grand home near the park prior to his death in 1916, at the age of 63. Elegant homes along Bettes Circle, including one built in 1924 by Charles Bettes Jr., surround the park, which provides benches for relaxing in the shade of many picturesque oak trees. The park comprises part of the unique charm of Old Ortega – designated a Historic District and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004.

Cardinal Park

4715 Cardinal Blvd. [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Benches
1	Picnic Tables
2	Playground Equipment
1	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing

Acres: 0.3

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Warren A. Jones](#)

History: Cardinal Park is located in the Lake Shore section of west Jacksonville between Cassat Avenue and Blanding Boulevard. Though development started in the 1920's, Lake Shore's real growth began in the 1940's after the U.S. Naval Air Station opened in the area during World War II. The park resides in the Leon Terrace subdivision that was platted in 1947. Before being purchased by the City in 1971, Southern States Utilities owned the property and used it for a water pumping station. Originally planned for a tot lot, the site remained undeveloped until Cardinal Park opened in May 2003. The small, oblong tract, which takes its name from adjacent Cardinal Boulevard and Cardinal Place, was a welcome addition to the neighborhood and a fulfillment of the City's intended purpose for the site.

Cedar Hills Park

6709 Watoma Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Baseball Adult
2	Baseball Youth Lighted
1	Basketball
8	Benches
1	Bike racks
9	Bleachers
148	Car Parking
1	Concession Stand
1	Picnic shelters
3	Picnic Tables
1	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
2	Softball Youth Lighted
19	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 12.379

Park Type: Community

**Council
Person:** [Mia Jones](#)

History: Active Park in the Cedar Hills neighborhood. Renovations to the playground area were completed in 2002.

Columbus Park

2850 Iroquois Avenue [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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7	Benches
2	Trash Barrels

Acres:

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Park Type:

Neighborhood

Council

Person:

[Michael Corrigan](#)

History:

Columbus Park is located in the Ortega neighborhood of southwest Jacksonville, adjacent to busy Roosevelt Boulevard. In 1909, the Ortega Company, founded by John N. C. Stockton and Charles C. Bettes, began development of Ortega, which was designed by the prominent architect Henry J. Klutho. It was one of four circular parks created along Park Avenue (now Baltic Street) and named for New World explorers, including Christopher Columbus (1451-1506), the Italian explorer who discovered America on a voyage for Spain in 1492. Seen daily by throngs of passing motorists, the grounds contain numerous oak, pine, and palm trees. Columbus Park is situated at the southwestern end of Old Ortega, which was designated a Historic District and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004. In 2006, the City and Ortega Preservation partnered together for renovations to the park. Renovations included: ADA access with concrete walkway, brick pavers, curb and gutter around the park, and a beautiful brick entry and brick signage identifying the Park.

Cortez Park

4260 Baltic Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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7	Benches
3	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 1.75

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Cortez Park resides in the Ortega neighborhood of southwest Jacksonville. In 1909, the Ortega Company, founded by John N. C. Stockton and Charles C. Bettes, began development of Ortega, designed by the prominent architect Henry J. Klutho. It was one of four circular parks created along Park Avenue (now Baltic Street) and named for New World explorers, including Hernando Cortez (1485-1547), the Spanish conqueror of Mexico. An electric trolley traveled via the Grand Avenue Bridge to Cortez Park, where it turned around for the return trip to downtown. And a charming commercial area known as the The Village (which still exists) evolved near the park. Set amidst numerous oak trees, the quiet park becomes the site of merry-making during the annual Fall Festival at Old Ortega, which was designated a Historic District and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004.

Criswell Park

5372 Park Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Baseball Adult Lighted
1	Baseball Youth Lighted
2	Basketball
16	Benches
1	Bike racks
16	Bleachers
45	Car Parking
1	Concession Stand
1	Football
1	Picnic shelters
4	Picnic Tables
8	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
2	Softball Youth Lighted
23	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing

Acres: 11

Park Type: Community

**Council
Person:** [Warren A. Jones](#)

History: Criswell Park is located adjacent to Hyde Park Elementary School in the Lake Shore area of southwest Jacksonville. After the school was built in 1950, Duval County leased six acres of the school property in 1956 for use as a public playground, which by 1966 had been expanded to eleven acres and named Criswell Playground. The park is named for former Duval County Juvenile Court Judge Walter Scott Criswell (1888-1962). For decades he worked tirelessly for the city's youth as founder and executive director of the Boys Home and later the Boy Service Council. He also served in many other capacities, such as president of the Juvenile Judges Association of Florida and on the Florida Crippled Children's Commission. The park is home to the Lakeshore Athletic Association, which runs one of the city's most successful youth athletic programs and has partnered with the city in developing and maintaining the park.

Desoto Park

3970 Baltic Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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1	Benches
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 0.44

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Desoto Park resides in the Ortega neighborhood (platted in 1909) of southwest Jacksonville. It was one of four circular parks created along Park Avenue (now Baltic Street) and named after New World explorers. The Ortega Elementary School opened across the street in 1923, and the park served as a school playground and neighborhood park. By 1931, ornamental piers flanked the entrance to the park, which provided amenities such as a horseshoe pitching lane, a tetherball court, a sandbox, and lighting for evening recreation. The park is named for Hernando de Soto (1496-1542), the Spaniard who explored southeast America after landing at Tampa Bay in 1539. In 1950, the Ortega Co. donated the western portion of the park to the School Board for use by the school, and dedicated the middle portion to the City for the extension of Baltic Street. And as today, the easterly one-third of the property remained a City park.

Ed White School Pool

1700 Old Middleburg Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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- 1 Baseball Adult Lighted
- 1 Football
- 1 Softball Adult Lighted
- 1 Swimming Pools
- Yes Drinking Fountain
- Yes Perimeter Site Fencing
- Yes Security Lighting

Acres: 7.66

Park Type: Community

Council

Person: [Daniel Davis](#)

History: This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

Gregory Drive Elementary School Park

7800 Gregory Drive [Mapit](#)

Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
2	Baseball Youth
1	Basketball
9	Car Parking
22	Picnic Tables
18	Playground Equipment
1	Volleyball
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing

Acres: 8.646

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Mia Jones](#)

History: City of Jacksonville and Duval County School Board has a joint use agreement regarding Gregory Drive Elementary School Park.

Half Moon Island Park

US Hwy 17 near Nassau River [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Acres: 24

Park Type: Undeveloped

**Council
Person:** [Ray Holt](#)

History: Half Moon Island consists of 244 acres purchased on December 1, 1999 by the City of Jacksonville for \$850,107. The City will soon seek to transfer title to the National Park Service (NPS). Purchased with Cedar Bay Mitigation funds. No grants are associated with this site.

J.E.B. Stuart School Park

4717 Wesconnett Blvd [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
2	Baseball Youth
4	Benches
7	Bleachers
34	Car Parking
1	Concession Stand
1	Picnic shelters
13	Picnic Tables
1	Restrooms
1	Softball Youth Lighted
12	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 2.5

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Daniel Davis](#)

History: This is a Duval County School Board Joint-Use Agreement site.

John Stockton Elementary School Park

4827 Carlisle Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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3	Basketball Lighted
4	Benches
1	Bike racks
2	Bleachers
79	Car Parking
1	Picnic shelters
9	Picnic Tables
11	Playground Equipment
1	Soccer
1	Softball Youth
2	Tennis Hard
0.46	Trails Paved (Miles)
7	Trash Barrels

Acres: 7.5

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: The park is located at the John Stockton Elementary School in the Ortega Forest section of Jacksonville, which comprised part of a large plantation that was named Ortega in 1804. The original Ortega subdivision was platted in 1909 by the Ortega Company headed by John N.C. Stockton (1857-1922), but it was not until 1946 that the development of Ortega Forest began during the post-War migration to the suburbs. Built in 1955, the school was named for Mr. Stockton, who is best remembered for his devoted public service. He worked tirelessly distributing relief funds during the yellow fever epidemic of 1888, chaired the Board of Public Works through the financial crisis of 1893 and after the Great Fire of 1901, and often gave of his time and means to his fellow citizens. A recent improvement project was completed at the park in 2003.

Lake Shore Middle School Pool

2519 Bayview Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Baseball Youth
2	Basketball
7	Benches
3	Bike racks
1	Bleachers
75	Car Parking
2	Grills
2	Picnic shelters
9	Picnic Tables
6	Playground Equipment
1	Softball Youth
1	Swimming Pools
7	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain

Acres: 6.7

Park Type: Community

**Council
Person:** [Warren A. Jones](#)

History: The property is owned by the Duval County School Board. The city has a joint use for the swimming pool. The 2007 the city dissolved the joint use for the field.

Lakeside Park I and II

4190 Lakeside Drive [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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| 3 | Benches |
| 1 | Trash Barrels |

Acres: 1.25

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Located in southwest Jacksonville, the parks reside in the Lakeside Park subdivision that was initially platted by the Riverside Realty Co. in 1907. The extension of the streetcar line from downtown Jacksonville in 1908 facilitated the development of Lakeside Park and nearby Ortega, both of which were annexed by the City in 1925. A concrete waiting station for the streetcar existed at the site that later became Park II. Shown as a park on the original plat, the .75-acre Park I is a triangular parcel with many oak trees of varying size. Park II, which was established in the 1950's or early 1960's, is a smaller, oblong tract with more open space and fewer but more picturesque trees. Both passive parks present a nice setting and provide benches for peaceful relaxation.

Lighthouse Marine Boat Ramp

5434 San Juan Avenue [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Boat docks
1	Boat Ramps
16	Boat Trailer Parking
11	Car Parking
1	Pedestrian Docks
1	Picnic shelters
1	Restrooms
4	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 1.26

Park Type: Boat Ramp

**Council
Person:** [Warren A. Jones](#)

History: Located in Jacksonville's growing Westside, the Lighthouse Marine Boat Ramp services many residents on the Westside. The ramp consists of 1 launch lane and 15 boat trailer parking spaces.

Lynn Park

5109 Lambing Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
5	Benches
2	Grills
2	Picnic shelters
7	Picnic Tables
1	Playground Equipment
0.14	Trails Paved (Miles)
11	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 1.1

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Daniel Davis](#)

History: Lynn Park resides in southwestern Jacksonville, and was named for George Lynn, treasurer of the Jacksonville Heights Improvement Co. that developed the area. The Company deeded the land from which the park was created to the Board of Public Instruction of Duval County in 1910, and originally a one-room schoolhouse occupied the site. Eventually a sizeable mobile home community developed in the area. As a response to increasing crime in recent years, the Lynn Park Area Residents Association was formed and worked for change. In August 2002, area residents and the City celebrated completion of the park's quarter-million dollar renovation, which included a new gazebo, a lighted asphalt walking and jogging trail around the perimeter, landscaping and more.

Mary Lena Gibbs

6974 Wilson Blvd [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Basketball Lighted
13	Benches
2	Bike racks
8	Bleachers
42	Car Parking
1	Football
1	Grills
4	Picnic Tables
2	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
24	Trash Barrels
Yes	Community Center
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Gymnasium
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing

Acres: 10.063

Park Type: Community

Council

Person: [Mia Jones](#)

History:

The Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center is located in the Sweetwater/Cedar Hills Estates area of southwest Jacksonville. Formerly the site of the Cedar Hills National Guard Armory that was built in 1957, it became a City recreational facility in October 1996, after the Guard moved out. It is named in honor of Mrs. Gibbs (1914-1973), who was a second mother to the children of Sweetwater, operating a free kindergarten, serving as PTA president, working with the local 4-H Club and more. In addition to the Center, the site is also home to the charter S.O.S. Middle/High School, the Sweetwater Athletic Association (youth football & cheerleading), and Barco Field. With money from a National Football League grant and City funds, a major improvement project was completed in December 2004 at the football/soccer field that is named for the Barco family, who are strong supporters of the community.

Melvin Park

7401 Melvin Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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1	Basketball Lighted
7	Benches
16	Car Parking
4	Playground Equipment
5	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing

Acres: 3.115

Park Type: Neighborhood

Council

Person: [Mia Jones](#)

History:

Melvin Park is located in the Melvin Park subdivision of southwest Jacksonville, just west of Interstate 295 between Wilson Boulevard and 103rd Street. The Alexandria Development Corporation, which developed the Melvin Park neighborhood in 1970, donated the land for the park to the City in 1972. The tract remained a passive, undeveloped park until 1988, when at the request of City Councilman Clarence Suggs, the Recreation Department initiated plans to develop the site. After obtaining input from the local residents, an improvement project commenced in September 1990 that provided the present-day amenities, including a bridge over the drainage creek that extends through the park.

Oak Hill Elementary Park

6900 Daughtry Blvd [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Basketball
2	Benches
1	Bleachers
75	Car Parking
1	Picnic shelters
12	Playground Equipment
1	Soccer
1	Softball Youth Lighted
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing

Acres: 4.14

Park Type: Community

**Council
Person:** [Mia Jones](#)

History: Duval County School Board and the City of Jacksonville has a joint use agreement regarding Oak Hill Elementary Park.

Seminole Park

4170 McGirts Blvd. [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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3	Benches
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4	Trash Barrels
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Yes	Drinking Fountain
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Acres: 2.32

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Seminole Park is located in the Ortega neighborhood of southwest Jacksonville, adjacent to the Ortega River (formerly McGirts Creek). In 1909, the Ortega Company, founded by John N. C. Stockton and Charles C. Bettes, began development of the subdivision, which was designed by the prominent architect Henry J. Klutho. Like many of the streets in Ortega, the park is named for an Indian tribe, the Seminoles of Florida. Often home to such activities as flag football games, karate classes, and even weddings, the park also contains a marker that tells the history of the notorious bandit Daniel McGirtt, a resident of Ortega from long ago. The picturesque grounds of Seminole Park gently slope from McGirts Boulevard to the river, adding to the charm of Old Ortega, which was designated a Historic District and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004.

Stinson Park

4050 San Juan Avenue [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
14	Benches
1	Bike racks
16	Car Parking
2	Pedestrian Docks
1	Picnic shelters
3	Picnic Tables
6	Playground Equipment
0.2	Trails Paved (Miles)
7	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 2

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Stinson Park is located adjacent to the Ortega River Bridge in the Lakeside Park neighborhood that was platted in 1907. The extension of the streetcar line in 1908 from downtown Jacksonville through Lakeside Park and over the new wooden bridge to Ortega, greatly facilitated the area's growth. The park is named for William M. Stinson, a physician and the president of Riverside Realty Co., the developer who dedicated the land for the park to Duval County in 1912. A medical officer during World War I, he was active in local civic affairs and died in 1954. In 2001, neighborhood residents organized to renovate and beautify five City properties in the area, including Stinson Park. They enlisted the City's support, and a beautiful new park design was created in 2003, with construction completed in August 2004.

Stockton Park

4021 Ortega Blvd [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
15	Benches
39	Car Parking
4	Picnic Tables
18	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Fishing Available
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing

Acres: 3.214

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Stockton Park is located along the St. Johns River, in the Ortega neighborhood (platted in 1909) of southwest Jacksonville. Originally named Ortega Park, it was expanded in 1965 when the City filled an acre of submerged land and built a bulkhead along its length. The park is named for John N. C. Stockton (1857-1922), president of the Ortega Company, the subdivision's developer. Best remembered for his devoted public service, he worked distributing relief funds during the yellow fever epidemic of 1888, chaired the Board of Public Works in 1893 and after the Great Fire of 1901, and served in the Florida Legislature. Collaboration between area residents and the City led to a major improvement project in 2004-2005. When the newly designed park reopened in July 2005, it became a welcome addition to Old Ortega, which was designated a Historic District and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004.

Sweetwater Playground

7220 Esther Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Basketball Lighted
5	Benches
18	Car Parking
1	Grills
1	Picnic shelters
2	Picnic Tables
2	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
2	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 0.983

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Mia Jones](#)

History: Sweetwater Playground is located in the Sweetwater section of southwest Jacksonville, in a region settled by freed slaves after the Civil War. According to local legend, the area got its name when a barrel of syrup fell off a wagon into the branch. Between 1949 and 1953, the Sweetwater Park subdivision was developed around the park site and populated mainly by African-Americans. A few blocks from the playground resides the former Cedar Hills Armory that was built about 1957 and is now a City community center. Duval County acquired the land for the park in 1956, but during the construction of Interstate 295, the playground equipment was removed and the site remained vacant until 1980, when the City re-established the playground. A major improvement project was completed about 1992, and the amenities at that time still exist in 2005.

Tara Woods Park

4824 Lofty Pine Circle East [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Acres: 3.16

Park Type: Undeveloped

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Tara Woods Park is located in the Tara Woods neighborhood of southwest Jacksonville, north of Timuquana Road. The property consists of undeveloped land left by the subdivision's developer for the eventual creation of a park. The site was donated to the City in 1975. Proper City maintenance of the land proved difficult. In 1981, discussions ensued between the City and neighborhood residents about forming a civic association to take care of the site. Further developments are unknown, but in 2003 the undeveloped property is still part of the City's park system

Timuquana Park

4541 Timuquana Rd [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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1	Basketball
5	Benches
1	Grills
3	Picnic Tables
3	Playground Equipment
2	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing

Acres: 0.581

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Timuquana Park is located in the Timuquana Manor neighborhood of southwest Jacksonville, just east of bustling Roosevelt Boulevard. The community was platted in 1942, mostly to provide housing for personnel at the nearby Jacksonville Naval Air Station. The plat dedicates the park property to public use. The name Timuquana derives from the native Indians, the Timuquas, who were living in the area when the first Europeans arrived in the sixteenth century. In 2003, the Timuquana Manor area has established one of the most successful Neighborhood Watch Programs (for crime) in Jacksonville. City officials highly praised Mrs. Alice Turknett, a resident who lives near the park, for her leadership in the program.

Wayne B. Stevens Boat Ramp

4555 Ortega Farms Blvd [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
2	Benches
3	Boat docks
5	Boat Ramps
49	Boat Trailer Parking
1	Canoe/Kayak Launch
27	Car Parking
1	Grills
2	Picnic Tables
1	Restrooms
7	Trash Barrels
Yes	Fishing Available
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 4.2

Park Type: Boat Ramp

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: The Wayne B. Stevens Boat Ramp is located along Fishing Creek in the Ortega Farms section of southwest Jacksonville. The creek flows into the Ortega River about two thousand feet downstream from the ramp. Initially platted as farm size lots in 1910, Ortega Farms was replatted in 1937. The City purchased the land for the boat ramp in 1972. Originally known as the Fishing Creek Boat Landing, the new facility contained three boat ramps in October 1974. While three Jacksonville police officers were ocean fishing east of Mayport in March 1975, their boat capsized and Wayne B. Stevens (1949-1975) was drowned. Soon thereafter, the ramp was renamed in his honor. An avid fisherman, he lived with his wife and two children on Timuquana Road, in the vicinity of the boat ramp. Improvements over the years have increased the number of ramps and other amenities at this popular and busy facility.

Wiley Road Playground

2150 Lane Avenue [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
16	Benches
2	Bleachers
58	Car Parking
1	Grills
1	Picnic shelters
7	Picnic Tables
2	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
1	Softball Youth Lighted
2	Tennis Hard Lighted
10	Trash Barrels
1	Water Feature
Yes	Community Center
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 13.288

Park Type: Community

**Council
Person:** [Mia Jones](#)

History: Wiley Road Playground is located at the intersection of Lane Avenue and Wiley Road in southwest Jacksonville. It resides adjacent to the Cedar Hills Estates neighborhood that was developed in the latter 1950's, and across from Hyde Grove Elementary School that that was built in 1960. The City purchased most of the playground property in 1971, and obtained the rest when for a portion of Coulee Ave. was closed two years later. The property remained undeveloped for several years, and HUD built a Senior Citizen Center at the site about 1980-81. During its early years, the playground contained an athletic field, tennis and shuffleboard courts, restrooms, and a sizeable undeveloped area. Recent improvements include a new water feature in 2001 and a major addition to the Senior Center in 2003.

Yerkes Park

3225 McGirts Blvd [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
3	Benches
1	Trash Barrels

Acres: 0.15

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Yerkes Park is located in southwest Jacksonville – part of the Ortega neighborhood that was designed by prominent architect, Henry J. Klutho, and developed in 1909 by the Ortega Company, headed by John N. C. Stockton and Charles C. Bettes. The City annexed the area in 1925, and officially acquired the property from the developer in 1938, with the stipulation that it be utilized as a park. The triangular-shaped park is named for Captain Jonathan Yerkes Jr. (1918-1943), the son of a prominent local family who lived on Grand Avenue in Ortega. He was killed in action during WWII, while serving as an infantry officer in North Africa. The Yerkes family owned the well-known Florida Hardware Co. that began business in 1886. Yerkes Park is an integral part of Old Ortega, which was designated a Historic District and added to the