

Argyle Forest Park

8533 Acanthus Drive [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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1	Baseball Youth Lighted
3	Benches
15	Bleachers
28	Car Parking
1	Concession Stand
1	Grills
11	Picnic Tables
2	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
2	Softball Youth
2	Softball Youth Lighted
4	Tennis Hard Lighted
23	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing

Acres: 9.59

Park Type: Community

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

History: Argyle Forest Park is located in the Argyle East Village subdivision of southwest Jacksonville, just north of the Orange Park area. The developer created a park for the community that included numerous amenities, and then donated the site to the Argyle Athletic Association in 1988. While retaining the swimming pool complex, the Association donated the remainder of the park to the City in 1994. This donation comprises the north two-thirds of the present park, and the south one-third was purchased by the City in 1986, and later added to the park. Following the donation in 1994, the City renovated the north portion, and then added ball fields, a concession building, and other amenities to the south parcel. The Association provides T-ball/softball/baseball programs for boys and girls 4 to 18 years of age, and together with the City, operates and maintains the park, which also hosts non-athletic events such as a program of live concerts in 2004.

Bishopswood Park

6990 Argyle Forest Boulevard [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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| 6 | Benches |
| 1 | Playground Equipment |
| 2 | Trash Barrels |

Acres: 7.848

Park Type: Neighborhood

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

History:

Bishopswood Park is located in the Argyle East Village neighborhood of southwest Jacksonville, just north of the Orange Park area. The park property was an undeveloped tract on the 1977 plat, and reserved by the developer for community recreational use. Probably because of its many attractive oak trees, the residents named it Oak Grove Park. Delinquent taxes accrued, and in 1997 an individual purchased the property at a tax deed sale. After the owner experienced legal difficulties, government officials persuaded him to donate the tract to the City in 2001, with the City paying the taxes then owed on the property. Parks Dept. staff and City Council member Alberta Hipps met with the residents in 2002 to determine what facilities they wanted in the park, which takes its name from nearby Bishopswood Drive. The consensus called for leaving the site as a passive, neighborhood park, and installing the additional amenities that it still contains in 2005.

Enterprise Park

9401 Argyle Forest Blvd. [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Acres: 14.1

Park Type: Community

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

History: The property is located off of Argyle Forest and Old Middle burg Road, school site is in the middle of the two park sites. City Aquired the Land in 2004. Master Plan Design completed for both North and South Parcels by 2006. Planned park amenities include: Playscape, two Championship Soccer Fields, Walking Trail, Restrooms, Tennis Court and a Mulit-purpose Field.

Forrest High School Pool
5530 Firestone Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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| 44 | Car Parking |
| 1 | Swimming Pools |
| 1 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Drinking Fountain |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |
| Yes | Security Lighting |

Acres: 0.301

Park Type: Community

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

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

Jacksonville Heights Elementary School Park

7701 Wheat Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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1	Baseball Adult Lighted
6	Benches
1	Bike racks
4	Bleachers
15	Car Parking
1	Concession Stand
1	Grills
1	Picnic shelters
2	Picnic Tables
5	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
2	Softball Youth
13	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 5.625

Park Type: Neighborhood

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

History: Jacksonville Heights Elementary School Park is located on the north side of Wheat Road, in the Oak Hill section of southwest Jacksonville. The area was originally a part of Jacksonville Heights platted in 1909. Following construction of the school in 1964, Duval County leased the playground to provide its citizens more recreational space after school hours. The West Duval Youth Association (WDYA) began using the ball fields in the 1970's for its programs, which include Pre-T-ball, T-ball, softball, and baseball for children 4-12 years of age. The Association also uses the four fields across the street at Wheat Road Park, but maintains its headquarters building at the school park. In 2005, there is a joint-use agreement for the park between the City and the School Board. Recent improvements include renovated play equipment, fencing and ADA access to the fields.

Jammes Road Park

6382 118th Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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Yes Perimeter Site Fencing

Yes Security Lighting

Acres: 17

Park Type: Undeveloped

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

History: This 17 acre passive, undeveloped park is enjoyed by the neighborhood for picnics on the 1.5 acre cleared area with large shade trees.

McGirts Creek Park

8435 118th Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
4	Baseball Youth Lighted
2	Basketball Lighted
9	Benches
4	Bike racks
6	Bleachers
404	Car Parking
1	Concession Stand
13	Grills
1	Picnic shelters
12	Picnic Tables
13	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
4	Soccer
0.6	Trails Paved (Miles)
29	Trash Barrels
Yes	Community Center
Yes	Drinking Fountain

Acres: 87.8

Park Type: Regional

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

History: The groundbreaking for this 90 acre park was held on February 21, 2003. A large portion of this park will help preserve the environmentally sensitive area around McGirts Creek. At the completion of construction in March 2007, the park includes a community center, basketball courts, playground, picnic areas, trails, three youth baseball fields and two soccer fields. A highlight of the park is the "Field of Dreams" Miracle League field, where special needs children are able to experience playing in their own baseball league. Concieved by the West Jacksonville Rotary and funded by private donations, Lew Brantley Field was dedicated in May 2007.

McGirts Creek Park Expansion

8400 118th Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Acres: 170

Park Type: Preservation

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

History: McGirts Creek Park Expansion consists of 166 acres (Dunnam parcel), purchased on October 31, 2002 for \$954,866, 20 acres (Reaves Parcel), purchased on August 29, 2003 for \$366,225 and 76 acres (Point South Ventures Parcel), purchased on September 24, 2003 for \$837,029. All properties have been purchased by the City of Jacksonville. On September 14, 2004, Tree Hill donated two parcels totaling approximately 164.09 acres to the City of Jacksonville.

Ortega Hills Park

4791 Ortega Hills Drive [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Acres: 0.298

Park Type: Neighborhood

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

History: Ortega Hills Park is located in the Ortega Hills section of southwest Jacksonville. Much larger neighbors surround the park: the Westside Regional Park to the north, Ringhaver Park to the west (across the Ortega River), and the U.S. Naval Station to the east. During World War I quartermaster troops were trained at the naval site, known then as Camp Joseph E. Johnston. The U. S. Naval Station was commissioned in 1940, and became one of the largest military air installations in the country during World War II. The park was shown on the 1954 plat of Ortega Hills Unit One (Plat Book 25 pg. 33) and dedicated to Duval County. The passive park exhibits a triangular, grassed area containing several pine trees, with no other amenities.

Ortega Hills Playground
5000 Greenway Drive [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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- 0.5 Basketball
- 6 Benches
- 1 Bike racks
- 2 Grills
- 1 Picnic shelters
- 3 Picnic Tables
- 2 Playground Equipment
- 4 Trash Barrels
- Yes Drinking Fountain
- Yes Perimeter Site Fencing
- Yes Security Lighting

Acres: 0.818
Park Type: Neighborhood

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

History: The Ortega Hills Playground is located in the Ortega Hills area across from the Jacksonville Naval Air Station. The name Ortega derives from Joseph de Ortega, a judge during the second Spanish occupation of Florida from 1783-1821. In 1804, when John McIntosh bought the plantation that is present-day Ortega, he named it for the judge who facilitated his purchase of the property. Development of Ortega Hills began in 1954, and Devco Inc. donated the land for the park to Duval County in 1959. In recent years the local Community Association, led by its tireless founder Charles Zilla, lobbied for a new park that resulted in a major renovation in 2001. Park usage then increased dramatically, as people rushed to use the new facilities, which included landscaping and a walking/jogging trail around the perimeter.

Ringhaver Park

5198 118th Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
42	Benches
18	Bleachers
1	Canoe/Kayak Launch
157	Car Parking
2	Concession Stand
1	Pedestrian Docks
3	Picnic shelters
18	Picnic Tables
22	Playground Equipment
6	Restrooms
6	Soccer
4	Softball Adult Lighted
2	Tennis Hard
1	Trails Paved (Miles)
86	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 575.988

Park Type: Regional

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

History: Ringhaver Park is located in southwest Jacksonville, extending south from 118th Street, along the western border of the Ortega River. The City acquired the land comprising the park in 1971, 1972, 1996, and 2000. The park is named for Lambert C. Ringhaver (1910-1976), whose family made a memorial donation for the initial park development, which has grown from 36 acres in 1977 to 576 acres in 2003. Mr. Ringhaver was the founder of Ring Power Corp., and served as president of the Florida Forestry Association, as a trustee of Jacksonville University, and as president of the Greater Jacksonville Open for two terms. The multi-use park is home to the Westside Soccer Club and the Ortega Stream Valley nature area, which contains an 826-foot boardwalk along the Ortega River and a pier that may be used for launching kayaks and canoes.

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park
7000 Roosevelt Blvd [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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20	Benches
2	Bike racks
90	Car Parking
6	Grills
1	Picnic shelters
36	Picnic Tables
3	Playground Equipment
2	Restrooms
0.25	Trails Paved (Miles)
2.75	Trails Unpaved (Miles)
14	Trash Barrels
1	Volleyball
1	Wildlife Observation Posts
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Security Lighting
Yes	Visitor/Interpretive Center

Acres: 507

Park Type: Regional

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

History: The land was first leased from the Navy in 1979, and not until a decade later, then Councilwoman Tillie Fowler (later U.S. Representative) began to push hard to develop the land. Remnants of an 16-foot wide old brick road linked Ortega to Jacksonville pre-dates 1917 but was heavily used when Camp Johnston was built as part of the preparations to train American troops during World War I. The road can be found at several locations in the park. In September 1996 the dedication of the observation tower, nature center and outdoor classroom was dedicated. In 2005 the park was renamed for Tillie K. Fowler; a “steel magnolia”. A woman of impeccable grace & civility who was tenacious and fearless in her pursuit of tireless advocacy on behalf of issues important to the City of Jacksonville and on behalf of the needs of the United States’ armed forces, particularly the U.S. Navy, to pursue causes of importance to Jacksonville and the nation.

Timucuan Elementary

5429 110th St [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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1	Soccer
1	Softball Youth

Acres: 0

Park Type: Neighborhood

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

History: City and DCBS have a joint-use agreement for Playscape equipment since 2002.

Venetia Elementary School Park
4300 Timuquana Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Baseball Youth
1	Basketball Lighted
1	Benches
1	Bleachers
47	Car Parking
4	Handball
4	Pedestrian Docks
6	Picnic Tables
7	Playground Equipment
2	Soccer
2	Tennis Hard
1	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 7.6

Park Type: Neighborhood

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

History: This southwest-Jacksonville park is located in the Venetia neighborhood, named for the Venetia region in northeast Italy. A company headed by Dr. Raymond Turck, who was chief surgeon at St. Luke's Hospital from 1910-16, began developing northern Venetia in 1925. And the school was built in 1942, on property acquired by the School Board from the Ortega Company. The development of Venetia Manor, in southern Venetia, began in 1951. Most of the neighborhood streets have Italian names such as Garibaldi Avenue, after the Italian nationalist. Timuquana Road, adjacent to the park, derives its name from the Timuquan Indians that lived in the area when the first Europeans arrived in the sixteenth century. The City and the School Board have a joint-use agreement for the park.

Wesconnett Elementary School Park

5869 105th Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Basketball Lighted
15	Benches
9	Bleachers
48	Car Parking
1	Concession Stand
2	Football
1	Picnic shelters
2	Picnic Tables
6	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
1	Softball Youth Lighted
17	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing

Acres: 8.371

Park Type: Community

Council Person: [Daniel Davis](#)

History: Wesconnett Elementary School Park is located in the Wesconnett section of southwest Jacksonville, west of the 105th Street and Wesconnett Boulevard intersection. The School Board built the nearby Wesconnett Elementary School in 1927, and acquired the land for the park in 1948. Duval County later leased the property from the School Board for use as a playground. After consolidation in 1968, the city took over operation of the park, and now has a joint-use agreement for the facility with the School Board. The Westside Athletic Association and the Westside Football League formed in 1986 to provide youth softball and football/cheerleading programs at the park. Though the Association discontinued its softball program in 2002, the League is still active as part of the Jacksonville Pop Warner Football Conference; and two new football fields were developed at the park as part of a major renovation completed in 2007.

Wesconnett Park

6045 105th Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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1	Basketball
1	Car Parking
1	Multiuse Field
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing

Acres: 2

Park Type: Neighborhood

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

History: Wesconnett Park is located in the Wesconnett section of southwest Jacksonville, east of the 105th Street and Wesconnett Boulevard intersection. It is generally acknowledged that the name Wesconnett derives from the West, Silcox, and Turknett families, who were early settlers in the area. But some people claim that the “con” in Wesconnett stands for the Cone family. The Wesconnett Elementary School opened a few blocks west of the park in 1927. For the purpose of establishing a playground, three different civic groups donated land to Duval County in 1955. The county began developing the park that year, and the city took over the facility after consolidation in 1968. The Wesconnett Health Clinic has resided adjacent to the park for many years, and in 2006-2007, the city added an ADA accessible walkway from the parking lot to the park and replaced the basketball court with a new half-court.

Westwood Park

5900 West Tampico Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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| 1 | Basketball |
| 2 | Benches |
| 1 | Picnic shelters |
| 1 | Picnic Tables |
| 2 | Playground Equipment |
| 2 | Trash Barrels |

Acres: 0.56

Park Type: Neighborhood

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

History: Westwood Park is located in southwest Jacksonville, south of 103rd Street in the Oak Hill/Westwood section. The area was formerly part of the Jacksonville Heights Townsite platted in 1909. From 1955 until the consolidation of Jacksonville in 1968, there was a tremendous growth in County-owned recreational facilities. As part of this growth, the developers of the Oak Hill neighborhood sold Duval County the property for use as a park in 1962. The new park contained a basketball court and playground equipment in 1965, and became a City facility following consolidation. In 2005, Westwood Park serves as a small neighborhood playground and park for the area's residents.

Wheat Road Park

7706 Wheat Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
3	Baseball Youth Lighted
1	Benches
19	Bleachers
22	Car Parking
1	Concession Stand
2	Grills
12	Picnic Tables
1	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
1	Softball Youth Lighted
27	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 8

Park Type: Neighborhood

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

History: Wheat Road Park is located on the south side of Wheat Road, in the Tree Top Estates neighborhood of southwest Jacksonville. Jacksonville Heights Elementary School was built across from the park site in 1964, and between 1974 and 1989 the developer platted Tree Top Estates. In 1980, the City purchased the land for the park, which opened soon thereafter. Established in the 1970's, the West Duval Youth Association (WDYA) began using the ball fields at both the school and the park for its programs, which in 2005 include Pre-T-ball, T-ball, softball, and baseball for children 4-12 years of age. Its headquarters are situated on the north side of Wheat Road. The City expanded the park in 1994 by purchasing a 1.7-acre strip adjacent to its eastern side. With funding and improvements by the City and many volunteer hours of work and stewardship by the WDYA, the park is a good example of a successful public/private partnership.