

Archie Dickinson Park

410 Jackson Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32225

Acres: 10

Park Type: Undeveloped

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

History: Masterplan is complete, design is at 60%. Elements currently included as of 7/1/07 are as follows: Two multi-purpose fields, two basketball courts, two tennis courts, playground equipment, skateboarding area, two parking lots, rest room building, two pavilions, infrastructure and landscaping. 2006-2007 FRDAP APPLICATION for \$400,000 will construct Phase I.

Buck Park

11128 McCormick Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32225

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
|------|------------------------|
| 1 | Basketball |
| 4 | Benches |
| 42 | Car Parking |
| 5 | Playground Equipment |
| 1 | Softball Youth |
| 5 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |
| Yes | Security Lighting |

Acres: 4.7

Park Type: Neighborhood

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

History: Buck Park is located in East Arlington, near the intersection of Fort Caroline Road and McCormick Road, in an area that was home to one of the earliest European settlements (Fort Caroline) in America, dating back to 1564. The local realtor and developer Buck & Buck Inc. donated the land for the park to Duval County in 1956 for the establishment of playground facilities in the growing area. In business since 1907, the Buck family developed the nearby Holly Oaks Forest subdivision between 1941 and 1961, and donated the land for the community club and pool adjacent to the park. James O. Buck served as president of the Florida Association of Realtors in 1968 followed by his daughter, Cathy Whatley, in 1996. A new master plan for the park was created in 2004. Roadway improvements on McCormick Road and the possible relocation of a service station have the project on hold.

Ed Austin Regional Park

11751 McCormick Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32225

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
|------|------------------------|
| 2 | Baseball Adult |
| 2 | Baseball Youth |
| 4 | Basketball |
| 35 | Benches |
| 4 | Bike racks |
| 21 | Bleachers |
| 925 | Car Parking |
| 2 | Concession Stand |
| 1 | Grills |
| 3 | Picnic shelters |
| 23 | Picnic Tables |
| 5 | Playground Equipment |
| 4 | Restrooms |
| 1 | Skateboard area |
| 5 | Soccer |
| 2 | Softball Youth |
| 2 | Softball Youth Lighted |
| 1.75 | Trails Paved (Miles) |
| 73 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Community Center |
| Yes | Drinking Fountain |
| Yes | Gymnasium |
| Yes | Security Lighting |

Acres: 140.215

Park Type: Regional

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

History: The City of Jacksonville purchased this 144-acre site in 1994, and was formerly the Dunes Golf course. Among the amenities at this large, Arlington-area park is the City's top disc golf course. Also known as the "Fore Palms Disc Golf Club," this 18-hole layout includes open and tree-lined fairways through the park on a course carefully designed to challenge all levels of players. Tournaments and weekly events

are available for more advanced players, while beginners of all ages can learn the game and the techniques from advanced players and disc-golf professionals who frequent the course. The park also includes lighted baseball fields, soccer fields, walking trail, a community center operated by the Police Athletic League, playground equipment and picnic areas. Formerly known as District II Regional Park, it was renamed in May 2005 in honor of former Jacksonville Mayor Ed Austin.

Fort Caroline National Memorial

12713 Fort Caroline Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32225

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
|------|---------|
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| 1 | Boat docks |
| 1.5 | Trails Unpaved (Miles) |
| 1 | Wildlife Observation Posts |
| Yes | Visitor/Interpretive Center |

Acres: 125

Park Type: NPS

Council
Person: [Clay Yarborough](#)

History: Fort Caroline National Memorial, administered by the National Park Service, memorializes the French presence in Florida. In 1564 France established a settlement near the mouth of the St. Johns River named La Caroline ("land of Charles"), in honor of King Charles IX. This settlement, a village and fort, was intended to provide refuge for Huguenots (French Protestants). The original site of Fort de la Caroline has never been determined and is believed to have been located near the present day Memorial. The National Park Service constructed an outdoor exhibit of the original fort in 1964.

Fulton Road Landing

5000 Fulton Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32225

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
|------|---------|
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- 1 Boat Ramps
- 2 Trash Barrels
- Yes Perimeter Site Fencing

Acres: 0.55

Park Type: Boat Ramp

Council
Person: [Clay Yarborough](#)

History: This is an undeveloped boat ramp at the end of Fulton Road in the Arlington area. In early 2006 an electronic gate was installed to curtail illegal activities occurring at night.

Leonard Abess Park

12743 Leonard Abess Blvd [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32225

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
|------|------------------------|
| 1 | Basketball |
| 20 | Benches |
| 6 | Bleachers |
| 109 | Car Parking |
| 1 | Football |
| 4 | Grills |
| 1 | Picnic shelters |
| 9 | Picnic Tables |
| 13 | Playground Equipment |
| 1 | Restrooms |
| 2 | Soccer |
| 2 | Softball Youth |
| 2 | Tennis Hard |
| 0.5 | Trails Paved (Miles) |
| 25 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Drinking Fountain |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |
| Yes | Security Lighting |

Acres: 34.13

Park Type: Community

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

History: The park was named for Leonard L. Abess Sr., a prominent banker who was instrumental in providing the land to the City of Jacksonville for park development. Mayor Ed Austin and Councilman Dick Brown held a dedication/ribbon-cutting ceremony for the park on October 19, 1994. The park offers playscapes, grills, a picnic shelter, restrooms, 2 youth baseball fields, a basketball court, 2 tennis courts, a soccer field and paved trails.

Sunny Acres

2850 Wompi Dr. [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32225

Amenities offered at this park:

| Qty. | Amenity |
|------|------------------------|
| 1 | Baseball Youth |
| 1 | Basketball |
| 1 | Benches |
| 1 | Bike racks |
| 54 | Car Parking |
| 3 | Grills |
| 1 | Pedestrian Docks |
| 1 | Picnic shelters |
| 12 | Picnic Tables |
| 5 | Playground Equipment |
| 2 | Restrooms |
| 1 | Soccer |
| 1 | Special Pool |
| 7 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Community Center |
| Yes | Drinking Fountain |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |
| Yes | Security Lighting |

Acres: 9.08

Park Type: Community

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

History: Sunny Acres is situated in the Mill Cove area of east Jacksonville, west of the Fort Caroline and Merrill Roads' intersection. Created on County-owned land as a park for handicapped children, it was planned and funded by the Motion Picture Charity Club, a local organization composed of individuals that distributed and exhibited motion pictures. After the official opening in June 1964, the park was named by the children. Of special note have been summer camps for the handicapped, and the dedicated work of countless volunteers. Programs for disabled adults, which included recreational and life-skills instruction and some vocational training, were added later. As handicapped exclusive programs were phased out at the park in 1996, the City began an innovative recreation program for children who are being educated at home instead of attending a school. The popular home school program has spread from Sunny Acres to other City parks.