



Alachua County Parks Department

The Alachua County Parks Office is responsible for the design, development, and maintenance of the County park system. Additional responsibilities include the administration of state and federal grants, maintenance agreements, management and securities agreements, construction contracts and programmed recreation contracts. The park system consists of 25 parks and the Fairgrounds with a total of approximately 1,200 acres.



Florida Co-Champion Live Oak at Cellon Oak Park

Circumference = 360 inches (30 feet)
Average crown spread = 160 feet
Height = 85 feet

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide parks and recreation programs which promote wellness, economic vitality and environmental sustainability for Alachua County's citizens.

PARKS GOALS

Use Wild Spaces and Public Places funding to complete park improvement projects including the construction of a splash pad at Veteran's Park and the restoration of the tennis courts at Rotary Park at Jonesville



SHORT TERM (0-2 YEARS) GOALS

- Implement a standardized level-of-service for county maintained parks to include frequency of mowing, painting and field chemical applications.
- Continue to improve parks and facilities as approved through the five-year capital improvement projects list including the addition of restrooms to Squirrel Ridge, Lake Alto, Santa Fe Lake and Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Parks; renovating the Poe Springs Park restroom and Owens-Illinois Park boardwalk and fishing pier.
- Establish a method of tracking park usage (i.e. vehicle counters).
- Utilize technology to document maintenance (i.e. work order system).
- Utilize technology to offer online rentals and accept payments.
- Continuously review and update the Parks and Recreation web page for relevance.
- Implement social media (i.e. Facebook and Twitter) to increase awareness of parks.
- Cultivate private / public partnerships (i.e. leagues, 501(c)3 groups and other government agencies).
- Continuously review fees to increase revenues and offset expenditures
- Evaluate the Parks Master Plan Regional Trails projects to increase multimodal opportunities in partnership with the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department.
- Implement Energy Conservation Strategies Commission (ECSC) recommendations including:
 - The development of community gardens in parks.
 - The installation of solar panels for park restrooms and other structures.

INTERMEDIATE (3-5 YEARS) GOALS

- Implement a differential level-of-service for high use parks including; Rotary Park at Jonesville, Veterans Memorial Park, Poe Springs Park and Alachua County Fairgrounds.
- Review and update the adopted Recreation Master Plan, with input from the Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee.
- Install edible fruit trees and shrubs in parks.
- Begin implementation of the Regional Trails program.

LONG RANGE (6-10 YEARS) GOALS

- Implement the Recreation Master Plan.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

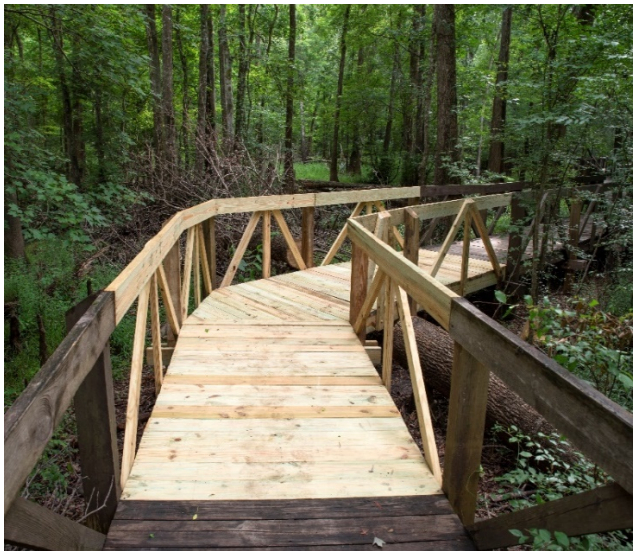
Completion of SWAG Pocket Park



Resurfacing of the basketball courts at Copeland and Montechoa Park



Restoration of parks damaged by Hurricane Irma including Earl P. Powers Park and Poe Springs Park



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Alachua County is defined by its high quality of life, progressive ideals and natural beauty. There is a strong spirit of volunteerism, community, and collectivism that strives for a better future. The role of parks and gardens in a community goes beyond the traditional view of parks as just places to play, exercise, relax, and preserve the environment.

- Parks are integral to creating socially, environmentally and economically healthy communities.
- Community gardens increase residents' sense of community ownership and stewardship, provide a focus for neighborhood activities, expose inner-city youth to nature, connect people from diverse cultures, reduce crime by cleaning up vacant lots, and build community leaders.

Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (ROSCO)

Mission: The recreation providers of Alachua County will provide services to all people in the most efficient and effective manner.

The Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (ROSCO) is a Board of County Commissioners Advisory Committee, which establishes an annual work program; engages in an annual review of the Capital Improvement Project list pertaining to recreation projects; assists and advises on future policies and directions.

The committee has five members plus one alternate, including 3 citizens plus one alternate, one City of Gainesville representative, and one Alachua County School Board Representative.

COUNTY PARKS

Each one of our parks has their own unique and amazing qualities. We challenge each and every one of you to visit all of Alachua County's parks, learn their history and have some fun.

- For more detailed information about each park, please visit us at:
<http://www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/pcl/Pages/ParksList.aspx>
- Phone: (352) 264-6868
- E-Mail parks@alachuacounty.us



ALACHUA COUNTY PARKS					Ball Field	Basketball	Pickleball	Volleyball	Tennis	Soccer
LEGEND: C = COMMUNITY SR = SPECIAL USE RESOURCE H = HISTORIC N = NATURE ND = NEIGHBORHOOD RR = REGIONAL RESOURCE										
PARK	ACRES	ADDRESS	PARCEL	TYPE						
Cellon Oak	5.69	410 NW 169 th PL Gainesville 32653	05771-001-000	N						
Copeland	5	7020 NE 27 th Ave Gainesville 32609	17729-005-000	ND	1	1		1		
Cynthia Moore Chestnut Park and Clark Butler Nature Preserve	27	2315 SE 35 th St Gainesville 32641	16124-000-000 164124-001-000	ND		2		1		
DeSoto Park	0.63	11855 NW HWY 441 Gainesville FL 32653	05886-002-000	ND						
Earl P. Powers	12.47	5910 SE Hawthorne Rd Gainesville 32641	17999-002-000	SR						
Fairgrounds	97	3100 NE 39 th Ave Gainesville 32609	08192-010-000							
Grove	4.32	6300 SE 152 nd St Hawthorne 32640	18060-023-000	ND	1	1				
High Springs Boat Ramp	0.25	End NW 210 th Ln High Springs 32643	None	SR						
Holden Pond	5	9725 Holden Park Rd Hawthorne 32640	19961-001-000	SR						
Rotary Park at Jonesville (Lighted Fields 2 BB, 2	87	14100 NW 32 nd Ave Gainesville 32606	04222-004-001	R	4		1		14	6
Kanapaha Botanical Gardens	62	4800SW 58 th Drive Gainesville 32608	06909-002-000 06872-002-000	SR						
Kanapaha Lake (Undeveloped)	453.37	None	06836-004-000	N						
Lake Alto	22.33	17800 NE 134 th Place Waldo, FL 32694	18378-001-000	SR						
Lochloosa	1.24	16204 SE 207 TH Lane Hawthorne 32640	20081-001-000 20081-003-000	SR						
McCall (Undeveloped)	78.42	25219 NW 210 th Lane High Springs 32643	00156-000-000	N						
Melrose Boat Ramp	0.25	End of Trout Street Melrose 32666	None	SR						
Marjorie K. Rawlings	12	18800 S CR 325 Cross Creek 32640	18354-059-027	SR						
Monteocha	5	803 NW 192 nd Ave Gainesville 32609	07644-002-000	ND	1	1		1		
Owens-Illinois	21.57	11309 SE 16 th Ave Windsor 32641	17821-031-000	SR						
Poe Springs	202.47	28800 NW 182 nd Ave. High Spring 32643	01456-001-000 01456-00-001	RR	1			2		
Santa Fe Lake	24.98	24500 NESR 26 Melrose 32666	18783-000-000	SR						
Scott-Phifer House	2.8	5600 SE 155St Hawthorne 32640	18060-052-001	H						
Squirrel Ridge (Dog Park)	17.24	1603 SW Williston Rd Gainesville 32608	07221-000-000	C						1
SWAG	0.26	817 SW 64th Terrace Gainesville 32607	06675-011-013	ND						
Veterans Memorial Park (2 Lighted Soccer Fields)	33.95	7400 SW 41 st Place Gainesville 32609	06846-001-000	C	1	1		2		2
Freedom Community Center		Center 7430 SW 41 st Pl Gainesville 32609		C						
Watermelon Pond	12	10700 SW 250 th St Newberry 32669	02694-001-000	SR						

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