

History and Nature:

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park's pristine beaches have played a proud role in Florida's rich history as an inviting destination for relaxation and recreation.

In the 1880's, Jacksonville residents and tourists traveled the JM&P Railroad along what is now Wonderwood Expressway to Burnside Beach. In the 1900's, African-Americans working on the East Coast Railway established Manhattan Beach, the state's first African-American beach. Both Manhattan and Burnside beaches were popular sites with cottages, pavilions and restaurants, and both were located within the current boundaries of Hanna Park.

In the late 1960's the Bancroft family donated five acres of land to the City of Jacksonville in honor of Dr. Kathryn Abbey Hanna, a prominent author, educator and historian. In 1972, after the City of Jacksonville acquired additional acreage adjacent to the Bancroft family donation, Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park was opened.

Today, the 450-acre park includes two-and-a-half miles of shoreline, an extensive dune system and an abundance of maritime hammocks filled with majestic live oaks draped in spanish moss.

Boardwalks cross over the dune system to the beach to provide access without disturbing the park's animal and plant life.

Shorebirds, wading birds, alligators and foxes all call Hanna Park home. From May through October, sea turtles also nest on the beach.



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Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

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General Park Rules

- Fee required for re-entry.
- Alcoholic beverages, glass containers and fireworks are not permitted in the park. Open fires and grills are not permitted on the beach
- Use bike trails at your own risk. Cyclists ages 15 and under must wear helmets. Helmets are recommended for all riders.
- Use boardwalks to access the beach. These protect the park's habitats.
- All motorized vehicles must remain on park roads and be licensed for street use in the State of Florida.
- Unlicensed golf carts, ATVs, motorbikes, scooters, go-karts, skateboards, chainsaws and generators are not permitted in the park.

Flora and Fauna

- Please do not feed the wildlife.
- Please do not leave food unattended at your site or in picnic areas.
- Use caution when walking near lakes and woods.
- Swimming, powerboats, castnets and night fishing are prohibited in the lake.
- Plants and animals are protected.
- Alligators and snakes are year-round wildlife and should be respected and left alone.
- Please do not cut, saw or chop trees in the park.

Pets

- Please keep pets under control, quiet, on a leash and cleaned up after.
- All pets must be properly licensed.
- Pets are not permitted in buildings.
- Please do not leave a pet unattended, in vehicles, in cages or tied to trees.

ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS LOCATED NEAR DOLPHIN PLAZA, PARKING LOT #8 AND NEAR KIDS SPLASH PARK

ACCESSIBLE BEACH ACCESS POINTS AT PARKING LOTS #8, #9, #11

