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As Chair of the Clay County Board of Commissioners, let me be the first to extend a warm welcome to you. Clay County, Florida, a place with small towns and big passions is located in Northeast Florida, lies southwest of Jacksonville with the entire eastern border nestled along the banks of the scenic St. Johns River. Within the county's 640 square miles, you will discover natural beauty, rich history and a vast array of natural and agricultural resources minutes away from vibrant business environments.

Founded in 1858, our county has developed into a diverse mixture of suburban and rural areas resulting in a vivid panorama of productive, modern living; superior, grade "A" schools; a well-trained, skilled workforce; bustling retail centers and economic vitality. Clay County is a haven for those who love nature and the outdoors, while being home to some of the region's best golf courses, public parks and hiking & bicycling trails. Add the enjoyment of boating, fishing, canoeing or kayaking on our waterways and you can see why people love Clay County.

While you are in Clay County, we invite you to explore the many experiences we have in our small towns. Be sure to enjoy:

- Our rich military history. Whether a historical marker siting the 1716 Fort San Fransisco de Pupo, or our Civil War actions including sinking of the Maple Leaf; the multiple locations used in World War II, like Lee Field, Reynolds Industrial Park and Camp Blanding. We stand by our military's strength, honor and history. Be sure to visit one of our area military museums that will engage you in our military story.
- Exploring our more than 93,000 acres of parks, 35 miles of trails, and 39 square miles of navigable waterways. You are sure to find some great picture spots.
- Shopping and dining at many of our area small businesses. Delicious coffee from local roasters, unique entrees and familiar favorites are served at our locally owned eateries. Looking for that perfect gift or souvenir to remember your visit? Our local retailers feature locally made products, repurposed vintage ware, antiques and specialty gifts.
- Make memories at one-of-a-kind events. Whether you enjoy the Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Games, Clay County Agricultural Fair, Amazing Grace Family Farms Sunflower or Crop Maze Festival, RiverFest, Orange Park Fall Festival, holiday events or sporting events like MotoSurf, you will experience Clay County's charm.

If you run out of time, this trip, please come back to enjoy the uniqueness of the place I call home. I hope you enjoy your time here and look forward to seeing you exploring the small towns and big passions Clay County has to offer throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Jim Renninger, Chair Clay County Board of Commissioners

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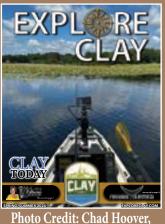


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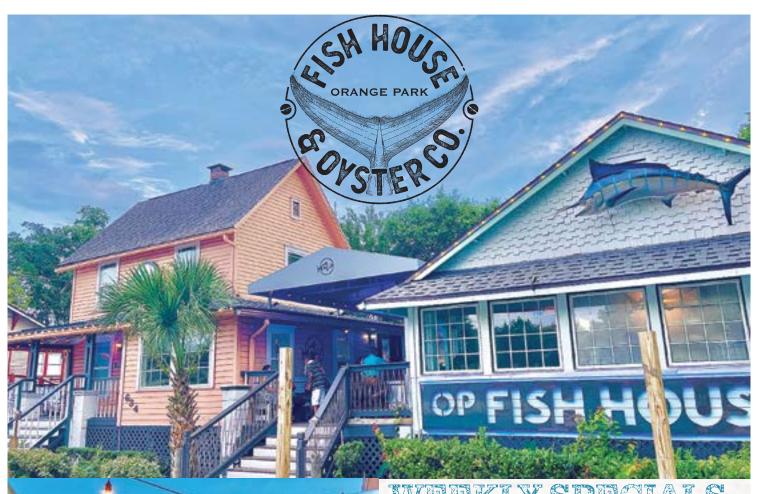
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2024 Spring/Summer Events

February 02 - Lorrie Morgan – Thrasher-Horne Center - Lorrie Morgan is a Nashville native who is the daughter of Country Music Hall of Fame member George Morgan. She made her debut on the Grand Ole Opry stage at age 13, singing "Paper Roses." Lorrie Morgan began making her own records and was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry at just 24 years old. Lorrie Morgan maintained her recording pace in the new millennium, releasing collections in 2002, 2004, 2009 and 2010. In 2012 and 2013.

February 02 – 11 – Catch Me If You Can – The Island Theater - Based on the hit film and the incredible true story, Catch Me If You Can is the high-flying musical comedy about chasing your dreams and not getting caught.

February 03 - 04 - American Cornhole League Florida State Regionals – Clay County Fairgrounds - The ACL promotes and develops cornhole as a sport for any age and any skill level. The organization establishes the rules and regulations to govern the sport around the world. Anyone Can Play and Anyone Can Win. The ACL consists of 15 conferences across the country with players in each looking to finish top 16 in their conference. The Top 16 will qualify for the Conference Crew Championship. There is a series of events each year that will be held across the Southeast Conference.

February 4 and 18, March 3 and 17, April 7, May 5 and 19, June 2 – Town of Orange Park Farmers Market – Town Hall Park - Join us at the "Best Voted Farmer's Market in Northeast Florida!" With over 100 vendors selling fresh, local produce and homemade crafts, live music and great food, it's sure to be fun for the entire family! Our season runs September – June.

February 09 - Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder – Thrasher-Horne Center - Fifteen-time GRAMMY® Award-winner Ricky Skaggs' career is easily among the most significant in recent country music history. If Skaggs' trophy case full of awards wasn't already enough evidence of that fact, consider that legendary guitarist Chet Atkins once credited Skaggs with "single-handedly saving country music." His life's path has taken him to various musical genres, from where it all began in bluegrass music, to striking out on new musical journeys, while still leaving his musical roots intact.

February 10 - Grand Funk Railroad — Thrasher-Horne Center - Grand Funk Railroad is an American rock band form in 1969. The band achieved popularity in the 70s with hit songs like "We're an American Band", "I'm Your Captain (Closer to Home)", "Some Kind of Wonderful", "Walk Like a Man", "The Loco-Motion", and more. With six platinum and seven gold-certified albums it is a show not to be missed.

February 11 - 6th Annual Clay Bridal Expo – Thrasher-Horne Center - CALLING ALL BRIDES! Come and be a part of the 6th Annual Clay Bridal Spectacular Expo! This Boutique Bridal show will feature an amazing selection of wedding professionals ready to help you find the perfect gown, wedding décor, photographer, music, menu, and much more. This is your chance to meet with a variety of local wedding vendors in an intimate setting.

February 14 - March 2 - Breaking Up Is Hard To Do — Spotlight Center - Set at a Catskills resort in 1960, this is the sweetly comic story of Lois and Marge, two friends from Brooklyn in search of good times and romance over one wild Labor Day weekend Featuring mu-sic by Neil Sedaka, this musical is a great story of love! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner served from 5:30 p.m. — 6:45 p.m. Shows start promptly at 7 p.m. Tickets will not be sold at the door; reservations are required in advance. Our tables seat parties of 4 or 6. If you are a party of 2 you may be sharing a table. Matinee shows: doors open at 11:00 a.m., lunch served from 11 — 11: 45 p.m. Shows start promptly at 12 p.m. For Accessible Seating Call (904) 375-9547 to reserve. Large group rates available, call ahead to reserve. Senior and Military Discounts.

February 16 – Rumours: A Fleetwood Mac Tribute – Thrasher-Horne Center – Formed in 2014, <u>Rumours</u> (also known as Rumours ATL) has taken the U.S. by storm with their stage scorching renditions of Fleetwood Mac songs. Fans from across the nation claim that Rumours is the band to see if you are looking for an authentic recreation of live Fleetwood Mac shows. In just under 7 years, Rumours has landed themselves the reputation of being the best Fleetwood Mac Tribute band and additionally has made fans internationally.

February 16 – March 3 - A Gentleman's Guide - Orange Park Community Theatre – Performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. More details coming soon.

February 16-18 – Florida Peacemakers Cowboy Mounted Shooting Competition – Clay County Fairgrounds – The Cowboy Mounted competition combines elements of a Wild West Show exhibition and the skills of barrel racing, pole bending and reigning. The goal is to hit ten balloon targets while riding your mount through a variety of challenging courses. Admission is free.

February 17, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15 - 3rd Saturday Market in the Park – Green Cove Springs City Hall - Third Saturday Market in the Park is held 10 am to 2 pm every third Saturday of the month from September to June on Walnut Street in front of Spring Park. Organized by Green Cove Springs Business League, each month features a variety of local vendors selling fresh pro-



Grand Funk Railroad



Rumours Fleetwood Mac Tribute



Orange Park Farmers Market







Cowboy Mounted Shooting

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duce and other freshly made goods. Live entertainment or music is also featured every month.

February 22 - Dancing With The Stars Live 2024 Tour — Thrasher-Horne Center - Following last year's fan-frenzy that led to a spectacular run of sold-out shows, Dancing with the Stars is back on tour this to heat up this winter with a dazzling, sexy, high energy, brand-new live production! This year's all-new stage show will feature your favorite professional dancers from the hit television series performing glittering new numbers as well as some of the unbelievable showstoppers featured in season 32. Audiences at Dancing with the Stars: Live! will have the opportunity to experience the breathless excitement, the athleticism, and the artistry they see in the TV show's famed ballroom live, up-close, and personal.

February 24 - Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Games and Festival – Clay County Fairgrounds - Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival are bringing a "Wee Bit O' Scotland" to the Northeast Florida area. Each year residents of Northeast Florida and surrounding areas gather and enjoy the athletics, music, food and fun of games. The games continue to grow and reftect the deep connections and effects the Scots and their descendants have had on the United States as well as Northeast Florida in particular. As always, our event will be held the last Saturday of February.

February 26 – 28 – 2024 Clay County Open – Eagle Harbor Golf Club - More than 70 golfers will compete for the prize for this Minor League Golf Tour tournament at Eagle Harbor Golf Club.

March 1 - 2 - Breaking Up Is Hard To Do — Spotlight Center - Set at a Catskills resort in 1960, this is the sweetly comic story of Lois and Marge, two friends from Brooklyn in search of good times and romance over one wild Labor Day weekend Featuring mu-sic by Neil Sedaka, this musical is a great story of love! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner served from 5:30 p.m. — 6:45 p.m. Shows start promptly at 7 p.m. Tickets will not be sold at the door; reservations are required in advance. Our tables seat parties of 4 or 6. If you are a party of 2 you may be sharing a table. Matinee shows: doors open at 11:00 a.m., lunch served from 11 — 11: 45 p.m. Shows start promptly at 12 p.m. For Accessible Seating Call (904) 375-9547 to reserve. Large group rates available, call ahead to reserve. Senior and Military Discounts.

March 02 - 03 - 8th Annual Strawberry Fest - Clay County Fairgrounds - Family fun and festivities, delicious food, Plant City Strawberries, free bounce houses, arts & crafts, live entertainment, pony rides, strawberry shortcake, classic cars, free petting farm, Berry Cute Baby Contest, chocolate covered strawberries, free sack races, strawberry fudge, free inside toddler play area, fun games, pie eating contest, free hula hoop contest, photo op, face painting, strawberry lemonade, free rock painting, yummy treats, free strawberry relay, free cornhole, strawberry jams, jellies, salsa and much more!

March 9 – 17 – Pride and Prejudice – The Island Theater - In this play, the independent-minded Elizabeth meets the handsome but enigmatic Mr. Darcy, all feelings of attraction are muted by his pride and her prejudice. As their worlds keep colliding, their attraction increases. But they first must overcome their own weaknesses and many other obstacles before the most famous courtship in history can begin.

March 9 - Starship Featuring Mickey Thomas - Thrasher-Horne Center - Mickey Thomas is the owner of the soaring voice that propelled STARSHIP through the decade of the 80's. With his soulful and compelling vocals, Mickey has established himself as one of Rock Music's most recognizable stars. The group was renamed STARSHIP in 1985 and went on to record three #1 hit songs including "We Built This City", "Sara", and "Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now", from the film, Mannequin, which also was an Academy Award nominee. One can expect to hear hits from STARSHIP and Jefferson Starship at STARSHIP's live performances, as well as a few selections from Jefferson Airplane as a nod to both band's beginnings.

March 11 -16 - Spotlight Kids: Seussical The Musical TYA (Children's Show) — Spotlight Center - Join Horton on a magical journey of imagination protecting the Who's and finding love and friend-ship in the oddest places. A fantastical re-telling of some of the most popular Dr. Seuss stories! Matinee shows: doors open at 11:00 a.m., lunch served from 11 - 11: 45 p.m. Shows start promptly at 12 p.m. Tickets will not be sold at the door; reservations are required in advance. Our tables seat parties of 4 or 6. If you are a party of 2 you may be sharing a table. For Accessible Seating Call (904) 375-9547 to reserve. Large group rates available, call ahead to reserve. Senior and Military Discounts.

March 15 - Almost ABBA – #1 Tribute to ABBA - Thrasher-Horne Center - Almost ABBA – #1 Tribute to ABBA recreates the magic and nostalgia of ABBA in a costumed, choreographed, audience interactive experience. This dynamic show has performed for The US Military, NBC, Universal and the release of MAMMA MIA! Almost ABBA have performed for audiences as large as 50,000 and were

2024 Spring/Summer Events

recently asked to open for Cher on her "Here We Go Again" Tour of Australia. With their look alike, sound alike performance, intricate harmonies and top-notch musicianship, they truly live up to their name, Almost ABBA!

March 16 – The Rat Pack – Thrasher-Horne Center - RING–A-DING-DING! THE BEST RAT PACK SHOW RE-TURNS! Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr. return to stages all across America as the famous and infamous Rat Pack is resurrected by our three critically acclaimed entertainers. Sinatra, Martin and Davis were the kings of Las Vegas Swing and they formed The Rat Pack as their own nightly on-stage party. Relive those amazing nights with our international star performers. Featuring a live orchestra. You'll feel like you're back at the Sands Hotel with a smooth martini in one hand and a top-notch show in front of you- Love ya, baby!

March 23 - The Town of Penney Farms Presents "Old Fashioned Farm Day" – Town of Penney Farms - Please join us from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. for a trip back to the bygone days in Historic Penney Farms where you can enjoy exhibits of antique farm equipment, tools, early crafts, antique and classic cars, food trucks, and carnival games with prizes, in the shade of our beautiful Live Oak trees, Magnolias, and Crepe Myrtles!

March 29 - World Ballet Series: Swan Lake 2024 – Thrasher-Horne Center - Experience the legendary Swan Lake, the ballet of all ballets, will be performed one night only as a part of the World Ballet Series. See the iconic Dance of the Little Swans, count the 32 fouettés performed by Odile, and immerse yourself in magical Tchaikovsky's music. The production will feature richly detailed, hand-painted sets as well as over 150 radiant costumes that bring fresh representation to this timeless classic. World Ballet Series is a unique project that attracts many international artists and is composed of renowned professional dancers representing over ten countries who are united by a passion for entertaining audiences and enriching classical ballet traditions through brilliant, critically-acclaimed new productions of timeless ballet classics.

April 4 - Dinosaur World LIVE – Thrasher-Horne Center - Dare to experience the dangers and delights of Dinosaur World Live in this roarsome interactive show for all of the family. Grab your compass and join our intrepid explorer across uncharted territories to discover a pre-historic world of astonishing (and remarkably life-like) dinosaurs. Meet a host of impressive creatures, including every child's favorite flesh-eating giant, the Tyrannosaurus Rex, a Triceratops, Giraffatitan, Microrapotor and Segnosaurus! A special meet and greet after the show offers all our brave explorers the chance to make a new dinosaur friend.

April 4 - 20 - Clue On Stage — Spotlight Center - Who Done It?! If you enjoyed the hilarious movie made famous by Tim Curry, Madeline Kahn and Christopher Lloyd, you are sure to love the stage version where the audience gets to decide the out-come!! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner served from 5:30 p.m. — 6:45 p.m. Shows start promptly at 7 p.m. Tickets will not be sold at the door; reservations are required in advance. Our tables seat parties of 4 or 6. If you are a party of 2 you may be sharing a table. Matinee shows: doors open at 11:00 a.m., lunch served from 11 — 11: 45 p.m. Shows start promptly at 12 p.m. For Accessible Seating Call (904) 375-9547 to reserve. Large group rates available, call ahead to reserve. Senior and Military Discounts.

April 04 - 14 - Clay County Agricultural Fair - Clay County Fairgrounds - Since 1987 the Clay County Agricultural Fair has provided Clay County and Northeast Florida with an event that's both fun and educational in a family atmosphere. In fact, the Fair vision says it's all "A Family A*Fair." The Fair strives to be the showcase for Clay County's agricultural, educational, civic and commercial interest. It provides an opportunity for citizens to work and have fun together. Volunteers are the lifeblood to the fair. Their dedicated support of sharing time and talents is vital to the fair's success.

April 7 - Operation Outdoor Freedom Pioneer Trail – Jennings State Forest Pioneer Trail - Experience the beauty and majesty of the Dunns Farm Loop and the gorgeous waterfalls and bluffs overlooking these waterfalls. We are offering 2 distances for this event a 12k and 6k which will be a looped course.

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April 10 - Trace Adkins – Somewhere In America Tour - Thrasher-Horne Center - In his 25-year career in Country music, Trace Adkins has sold over 11 MILLION albums, charted over 20 singles, earned numerous awards and GRAMMY nominations, and garnered over TWO BILLION streams. A Grand Ole Opry member for nearly two decades, the Louisiana native is known for dynamic







Dinosaur World Live

Trace-Adkins



Clay County Agricultural Fair

baritone and fiery, always-memorable live performances, and has expanded his Country career to include film and TV acting.

April 12 – 21 – Spamalot – The Island Theater - Spamalot tells the legendary tale of King Arthur's quest to find the Holy Grail. Inspired by the classic comedy film, Monty Python and the Holy Grail, the musical also diverts a bit from more traditional versions of the legend. Instead, Spamalot features shenanigans including a line of beautiful dancing girls, flatulent Frenchmen, and killer rabbits.

April 13 - Seamark Ranch 11th Annual Mudrun – Seamark Ranch - Our 5k Seamark Mudrun challenges participants with 26 obstacles along a course that takes advantage of the natural terrain on the 468-acre campus of Seamark Ranch in Green Cove Springs, FL.

April 19 – May 5 - God of Carnage - Orange Park Community Theatre – Performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. More details coming soon.

April 22 - 27 - CalaVida 2024 - More details coming soon.

April 26 - 28 - MotoSurf Games- Keystone Heights Keystone Beach - More information coming soon.

April 26 - 27 - Hope Ignited Mom Comm 2024 – The Springs Church Orange Park - A 2-day national event for EVERY mom. Unforgettable speakers, memorable worship, a mom expo, clever & critical breakouts, cute merch, and even a fun "prom" party will leave you refreshed, with loads of memories, and closer friendships.

April 30 - RAIN- A Tribute to the Beatles – Thrasher-Horne Center - RAIN: A Tribute to the Beatles is an electrifying concert experience celebrating the timeless music of the legendary fab four. With note-for-note precision, this mind-blowing performance transports you back to the iconic eras of Sgt. Pepper and Magical Mystery Tour, along with all your favorite hits. From energetic classics to reflective favorites, the band delivers an unforgettable performance that appeals to fans old and new. With vibrant costumes and psychedelic visuals, RAIN creates a stunning concert full of nostalgia and good vibes. RAIN – A Tribute to the Beatles promises an extraordinary journey through the eras that captivates hearts and inspires all generations.

April 25 – May 12 – Gilligan's Island The Musical – Spotlight Theater – Gilligan's Island: The Musical is a family-friendly stage musical version of the ever popular and iconic 60's TV comedy show "Gilligan's Island". Ship-wrecked on a remote Pacific island, the seven castaways build huts and begin to explore their surroundings.

May 2024 – Amazing Grace Family Farms Sunflower Festival – Green Cove Springs – Be looking for the You-Pick Sunflower Festival

Dates in May 2024! The beautiful sunflower patch is the perfect Spring time escape! Annually in May, the Sunflower Field Festival offers you-pick sunflowers, attractions, photo ops & more! Get ready to capture memories and enjoy some quality time on the farm with family & friends!

May 3 – 5 – Vintage Market Days Jacksonville – Clay County Fairgrounds - Vintage Market Days is an upscale vintage-inspired market featuring original art, antiques, clothing, jewelry, handmade treasures, home décor, outdoor furnishings consumable yummies, seasonal plantings and a little more.

May 3 – 12 – An Experiment with an Air Pump – The Island Theater – More details coming soon!

May 28 – RiverFest – Spring Park - There are an average of 100 food and craft vendors, a kid's zone that includes pony rides, bounce slides, face painting, live entertainment throughout the day, and fireworks at night. The highlight is the memorial and veterans recognition ceremony to kickoff the day, which includes a flyover by Dreamland Squadron, and displays of military vehicles and memorabilia by MVPA. How awesome it is to see men and women, both young and old come forward to share their time in service! This is a City of Green Cove Springs event.

May 31 - June 23 - Cinderella - Orange Park Community Theatre — Performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. More details coming soon.

May 31 – June 9 – Beauty and the Beast – The Island Theater - Based on the smash hit 1991 Disney animated feature and dating back to a late 18th-century classic French fairy tale, Beauty and the Beast tells the story of Belle, a beautiful and intelligent young woman who feels out of place in her provincial French village.

June 14 – 23 – Be More Chill – The Island Theater - Set to a hot pop-rock score by Joe Iconis, Be More Chill is a hilarious sci-fi tale of high school and one boy's quest to fit in.

June 28 – July 7 – Seussical the Musical – The Island Theater - A musical perfect for the whole family, Seussical takes us into the world of Dr. Seuss, where we revisit beloved characters including The Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie, and JoJo.

July 04 - Moosehaven American Pride 4th of July – Moosehaven Loyal Order of the Moose - More information coming soon!

July 12 – 21 – Peter Pan – The Island Theater - The play, Peter Pan, is the classic fairy tale about the boy who refuses to grow up as a theatrical spectacle. The spirit of the story and the beloved characters are very much present: the playful Peter Pan, the imaginative Wendy, the ego-driven Captain Hook, and hapless hanger-on Smee.

July 26 – 28 - Lightning Thief - The Percy Jackson Musical – The Island Theater - The musical, Lightning Thief, is based on the Percy Jackson book series. When he is expelled from school for the sixth time, his mother decides that it is time for Percy to know the truth. The Greek gods are real and, what's more, Percy is a demigod, the son of Poseidon. This pop rock musical tells the story.

August 9 – 18 - The Wedding Singer – The Island Theater - Let's head back to the 1980s! Rock star wannabe Robbie Heart is New Jersey's most in-demand wedding singer as "love is what I do". Based on the movie, this musical is a great way to end the summer.









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Clay County is excited to announce the opening of the new Clay County Outdoor Adventure Park. Located just south of Middleburg, this expansive new complex is near Camp Blanding with discussions for future expansion already in the works.

At 158-acres, the park is home to a 200-yard, 30-target-lane gun range and welcomed its first visitors in October 2023. The range accommodates two people in each of the 30 bays. Shooters can use any firearm up to .50 caliber, semi-automatic, and fully automatic. Please note that range staff reserves the right to deny any firearm they deem unsafe.

Clay County Outdoor Adventure Park Rates and Membership Fees

Various daily rates and membership options are available, including Clay County and non-Clay County residents, retired law enforcement, and active and retired military personnel. The memberships include no range usage fees, lane waitlist priority, guest passes, a discount fee for a second person sharing the lane (one per day), discounts on pro shop merchandise and one free range shirt. For up to date information on pricing, please visit the Outdoor Adventure Center fees page.

Age Ranges and Safety Precautions

You must be a minimum of 12 years old to use the range, and children ages 12-17 years old need to be under the

direct supervision of a parent or guardian to shoot. Shooters between 18-20 must be accompanied by someone over 21 to shoot a handgun.

Safety is a major aspect of the facility with built-in features including a ballistic sand downrange, a range tower and a control tower. All participating shooters must complete a safety training video and sign a waiver. Range officials will be onsite at all times while the range is open. The well-lit range is also equipped with security cameras. Range staff will provide safety glasses and hearing protection with additional safety gear for sale at the range. Hunting is not allowed.

How Do I Make a Reservation?

Residents can make reservations through range staff or by calling (904) 917-2405. The ability to book reservations online will be available soon. Groups can make a reservation by calling (904) 917-2405.

What are the Hours of Operation?

The range will open to the public from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thursays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

The Clay County Adventure Park is located at 3829 Sergeant Bradley Crose Road in Middleburg on County Road 215, just south of Oak Grove Baptist Church. For the latest news, go to www.claycountygov.com/community/clay-county-outdoor-adventure-park.





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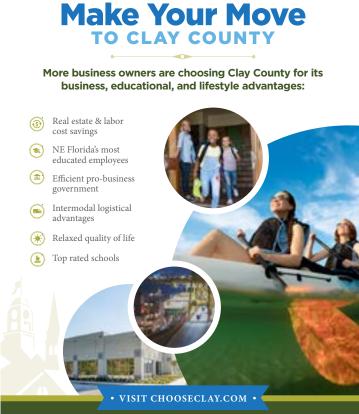
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Club Continental

By Carrie McLaren

Club Continental – A Luxurious Playground

Located in Orange Park near River Road, Club Continental was once known as the Palmolive Estate (yes, like the soap). In the 1880's, B.J. Johnson, owner of the Palmolive Soap Company, was looking to escape the harsh winters of Wisconsin and moved his family to Orange Park for the winter months. Settling in along the St. Johns River was a peaceful escape for this esteemed family.

Their first home, known today as The Winterbourne, now hosts weddings and private events on an adjacent property. The family then built a home next door and named it Mira Rio, now known as today's Club Continental.

The home was host to many, riverfront parties throughout the 1920's ranging from social events, equestrian meets, yacht parties and more. In 1966, Mira Rio became a private, member club and renamed to Club Continental. During this time, the club hosted social events and parties for members.

Today, Club Continental is home to a fine dining restaurant, twenty-two guest rooms, seven tennis courts and three swimming pools. The pristine lawns, along with 300-year-old Live Oaks, Magnolia trees and formal gardens are carefully maintained as part of Club Continental's deep history.

The club boasts over 700 members taking advantage of members-only programming, dining and events throughout the year.

Spend the Night at Club Continental

Seven of the twenty-two rooms on the property are located within the main mansion. All rooms feature a private bath, cable TV and free Wi-Fi, along with a complimentary continental breakfast each morning. Guests also have access to the property's tennis courts and three swimming pools.

Each of the main mansion's rooms feature views of the St. Johns River with some rooms offering balconies. The property's Continental Suite is luxuriously appointed with a mahogany antique king size bed, hardwood floors and French doors that lead to an oversized private deck overlooking the gardens, pool and river.

The property's impressive one- and two- bed River Suites all feature a private balcony overlooking the St.
Johns River. These sought-after

accommodations also include flat screen TV's, large private baths and kitchenettes with microwave, sink and small fridge, some also include ranges for cooking. If you're looking for a romantic getaway with quiet accommodations – this is it!

Many of the rooms boast pictures of original advertisements of the Palmolive and Johnson Soap Company as well as Palmolive dish soaps.

Dine at Club Continental

While the Club Continental is a member-based private dining club, guests with overnight accommodations are welcome to dine in the property's main dining room.

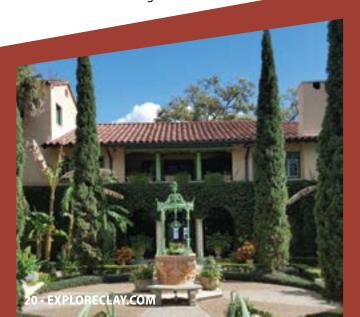
The dining room serves lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday along with Sunday brunch on the weekends. Hotel guests also enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast each morning from 7am to 9am. Reservations are requested for all meals and the dining room's dress code is country club casual meaning no jeans or t-shirts.

The dining room features a variety of seafood and steak entrees with daily specials and specialty menus highlighted often for a unique dining experience.

The property's poolside cabana is open seasonally offering sandwich, salads and burgers allowing guests to dine poolside for lunch. The River House Pub overlooking the St. Johns River frequently welcomes live musicians as patrons enjoy the 'Old Florida' views with a spirits and beverages making for a relaxing, casual atmosphere.

Plan Your Visit to Club Continental

Interested in planning your own visit to Clay County's esteemed Club Continental? Visit www.clubcontinental.com. Also, be sure to follow along with the Club Continental Instagram page for information and admire beautiful images of the property.





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Outdoors in Clay County

By Carrie McLaren

Spend time outdoors in Clay County exploring the 35 miles of trails throughout our local and state parks, conservation areas and Florida trailways. As home to three sites along the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail, there's no shortage of wildlife sightings right here in Clay County.

Here's a look at where you can sleep under the stars and explore the trails of Clay County –

Black Creek Park and Trail

As home to one of Clay County's most popular trails, Black Creek Park and Trail covers just over 71 acres with a variety of ecosystems including pine flatwoods and wetlands. The eightmile paved pedestrian and bicycle trail can be accessed from the parking lot and runs south along U.S. Highway 17.

The park's Black Creek Mountain Bike Trail system features three different trails of differing degrees each with their own elevation changes, tree roots and turns. Each trail begins and ends at the parking lot and are completely shaded, perfect for even the novice bikers. The Creek View trail is 2.5 miles long and has breathtaking views of Black Creek. The 9 Lives trail is one mile long, and the Palmetto's Revenge Trail is also one mile long. Each of the trails were designed and maintained by the Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association in Jacksonville.

Camp Chowenwaw

Dating back to 1933, Green Cove Springs' Camp Chowenwaw County Park was once Florida's first Girl Scout Camp. Today, the public park offers 150 acres, a swimming pool and numerous trails for exploring and pristine conditions for overnight camping too. From one of the many

a night in one of the nine treehouses that sleep four people, families can sleep under the stars at this historic campground. Go for a hike on the Jungle Trail, make your way to the observation deck on Black Creek and explore the new Pawpaw Nature Center to learn about the animals and habitats that make up Clay County. At the nearby pollinator garden, visitors can learn how to attract and support butterflies and other pollinators at home. Open on the third Saturday of each month, the Camp Chowenwaw Park History Museum tells the stories and history of the Girl Scouts that once used this same property.

Mike Roess Gold Head State Park

Known as one of Florida's First State Parks, Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park in Keystone Heights is home to 2,000 acres with 5.44 miles of trails along the Florida National Scenic Trail. The Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST) passes through 5.4 miles of the park and connects to other public lands.

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Lake Johnson and if you'd like to explore the area by water, canoe rentals are available too. As a full-facility campground with 73 camp sites, overnight accommodations are available for RVs, tents and cabin rentals.

Jennings State Forest

At nearly 24,000 acres, Jennings State Forest located just outside of Oakleaf is home to 15 different biological communities including sandhill, slope forest, flatwoods, seepage slope, dome swamp, blackwater stream and seepage stream.

The forest is open daily during daylight hours for visitors interested in hiking, bicycling, canoeing and horseback riding throughout the land. There are three hiking trails ranging from 1.7 miles to 5-mile loops taking visitors along area waterways and primitive areas in the forest. Overnight camping and primitive campsites are available at the Hammock Campground.

seven miles of river frontage along the St. Johns River. A variety of wildlife calls the area home including gopher tortoise, bald eagle, little blue heron, deer and turkey.

Hikers can enjoy 15 miles of trails through inside the John P. Hall Nature Preserve located within the conservation area. Climb the observation tower for wildlife viewing and views of the nearby St. Johns River. Two campsites within the preserve are available for overnight stays. Along with exploring the hiking trails, choose from equestrian trails, bank fishing, bird watching and primitive launch sites for canoes and kayaking.

Get ready to create your own camping and hiking adventures when you visit Clay County. Explore the natural wonders that call the area home and take advantage of the outdoor opportunities during your stay. From RV camping to sleeping under the stars, learn more about planning your next camping adventures in Clay County at www.ExploreClay.com.

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Food & Fun in Clay County

By Carrie McLaren

Ready for a bit of entertainment along with dining during your time in Clay County? Whether its a family night out or a unique date night – get ready for a night out with great food and plenty of fun. From golfing under the lights to retro arcade games and even an ice cream challenge, there's plenty to keep you entertained!

Here's a look at some of the top spots for combining food and fun in Clay County –

Around the Corner Diner and The Corner Pocket

There's more than just billiard tables at the Around the Corner Diner and adjacent Corner Pocket – there's great homemade, comfort food too. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, weekly food specials include fried chicken on Tuesdays, daily soup specials and daily homestyle family recipe specials like meatloaf, country fried steak and chicken and dumplings. The adjacent Corner Pocket is home to 10 seven-foot pool tables, darts, and full sports bar. Nighttime activities include Bingo night, karaoke night and live music on the weekends.

Leaderboard Arcade Bar & Pizzeria

Classic arcade games, pinball machines, craft beer and a menu of great food is waiting for you at the Leaderboard Arcade Bar & Pizzeria in Orange Park. This family-friendly venue takes you back in time with old-school gaming consoles and arcade favorites with an ever-changing leaderboard. Try out an old SEGA game or popular arcade favorites like Donkey Kong and Asteroid Deluxe and order one of their signa-

ture pizzas and a local craft beer and you'll quickly see why this is a popular hot spot for food and fun.

Maggie D's Ice Cream

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Nakama Anime Bar and Karaoke Lounge

Warm up your singing voice as the Nakama Anime Bar and



Karaoke Lounge, an anime-themed karaoke lounge in Orange Park welcomes you and your group to enjoy a night out with premium Sake and unique Asian snacks. The anime bar has a stage for karaoke singing along with shows like Cowboy Bebop and Dragon Ball playing on the surrounding televisions. The bar's drink menu includes Japanese beer, saké bombs and anime themed cocktails made with saké.

Skate Station FunWorks of Orange Park

With the largest wood floor roller skating rink in Northeast Florida, make a few laps at Skate Station FunWorks of Orange Park. Choose from four-wheels or rollerblades and skate to the latest songs, then enjoy a bite to eat from the snack bar. Enjoy hand-dipped ice creams, pretzels, nachos, burgers and hot dogs and baked to order pizza to rest up for more fun. Little ones can experience the indoor kids adventure playground and the popular arcade. And if you're in need of some sunshine, challenge your friends to the rock-climbing wall or play a round of swamp themed, mini golf.

covered hitting bays equipped with Toptracer Technology. Each bay has its own seating area, paired with a nearby bar and televisions making this venue perfect for interactive fun. Golfers can choose from different games including closest to the pin, longest drive competitions, points games and more. Top of the Tee is also home to a full-dining menu offering lite bites and a variety of entrees and desserts. An on-site bar offers great views of the driving range and the adjacent golfing bays. The lighted driving range lets players squeeze in some practice after the sun goes down.

Whatever you choose for your version of food and fun, make the most of your time in Clay County, Florida. There's plenty of great eats and great fun – all ready for you! Plan your visit to Clay County, go to www.ExploreClay.com.





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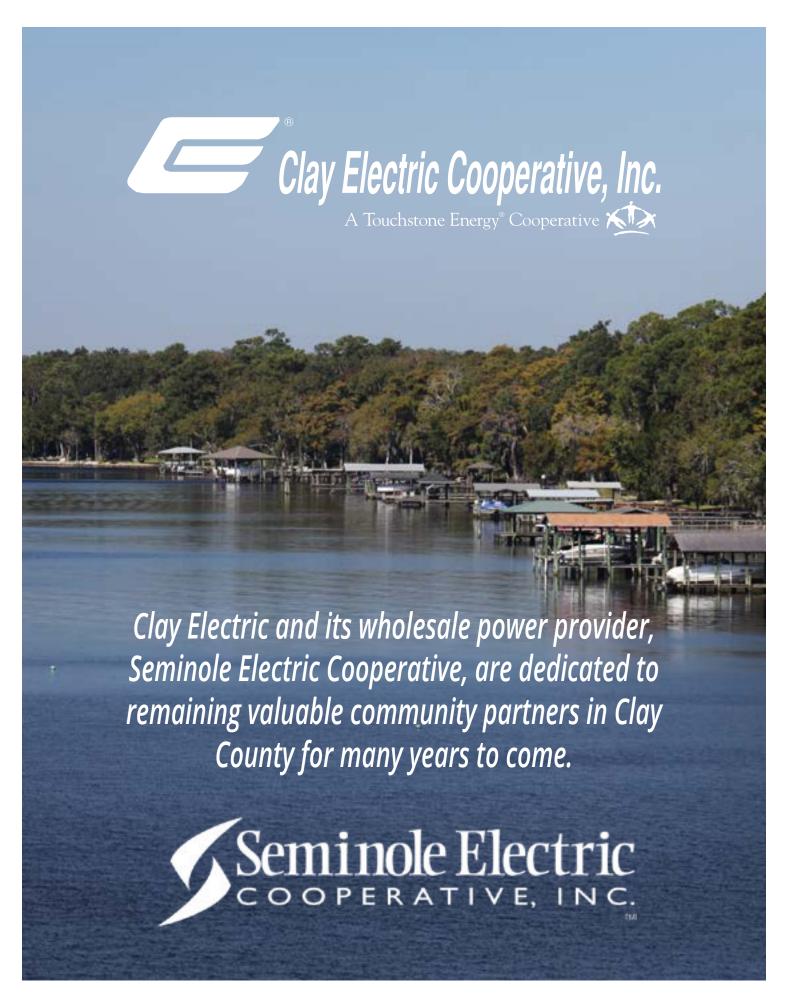
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Family Reunions

By Carrie McLaren

Family reunions are a time to reconnect with loved ones, meet new family members, go on adventures together and catch up over great food. In Clay County, family reunion planners can relax knowing our area offers affordable accommodations, unique gathering spots and delicious, dining experiences for loved ones.

Clay County wants to help you plan a reunion with your extended family. Check out these helpful tips for planning your next family reunion gathering:

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Plan A Special Occasion

Plan a picnic day at Spring Park in Green Cove Springs along the St. Johns River. With covered picnic areas, grills, playgrounds and even a community swimming pool. Settle in for a meal with loved ones, let the little ones play and make new memories with your family.

Rent the 'Big Cabin' at Camp Chowenwaw where your group will have access to a kitchen, a meeting room, tables and chairs and views of Black Creek. A nearby pool, kayak launch, nature center, amphitheater and campsite facilities are within walking distance of the Big Cabin. With a maximum capacity of 150 people, this gathering space was once part of

the campgrounds for the Girl Scouts of the Gateway Council.

For the ladies, plan a special afternoon of tea at the Tea Room in Keystone Heights with sandwiches, desserts and choose from over 40 specialty teas. Afterwards, use their adjacent special events space for a gathering with loved ones to reminisce and share stories of the old days.

The ExploreClay venues listing can help you find the perfect size space within your budget for planning your family's reunion.

Accommodations for All Budgets

Let Clay County be your group's 'home away from home' with a variety of accommodations and amenities for every budget.

For a full-service stay, the Courtyard by Marriott Jacksonville Orange Park, Hilton Garden Inn Orange Park and the Holiday Inn & Suites Orange Park - Wells Rd. offer guests a convenient stay near restaurants, shopping and more.



The Days Inn by Wyndham Orange Park/Jacksonville, the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Jacksonville Orange Park, Hampton Inn & Suites Jacksonville/Orange Park and the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Fleming Island offer easy access to Interstate 295 and connecting roadways. If the First Coast Expressway is the easiest route for your guests, then the Hampton Inn & Suites Middleburg is the place to stay.

For those interested in camping or traveling via RV, explore the possibilities at Camp Blanding Recreation – James E. Johnson Memorial RV Park, Camp Chowenwaw, Gold Head Branch State Park and Whitey's Fish Camp.

Don't forget that local vacation rentals are available if you'd like to gather together in a larger retreat home or reserve bunk houses in Camp Chowenwaw's Squirrel Run.

Be Authentic

Free up the entire family and let someone else oversee the occasion! Chose a private caterer or plan a special, on-site meal at one of the area's restaurants or meeting venues, Clay County offers a variety of affordable and unique dining options.

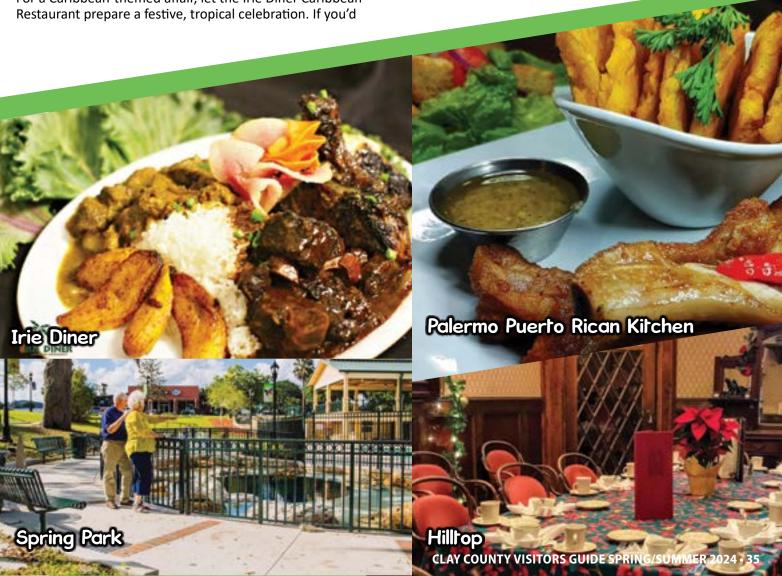
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And don't forget to contact Clay County's Department of Tourism to help you plan, find area venues and activities or for copies of the latest Explore Clay guidebook. Your guests and family members will enjoy getting to know the area better and have a little something to take home with them too. Check out the Explore Clay venues listing for more ideas on creating your own family reunion.

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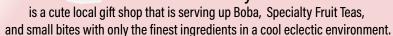






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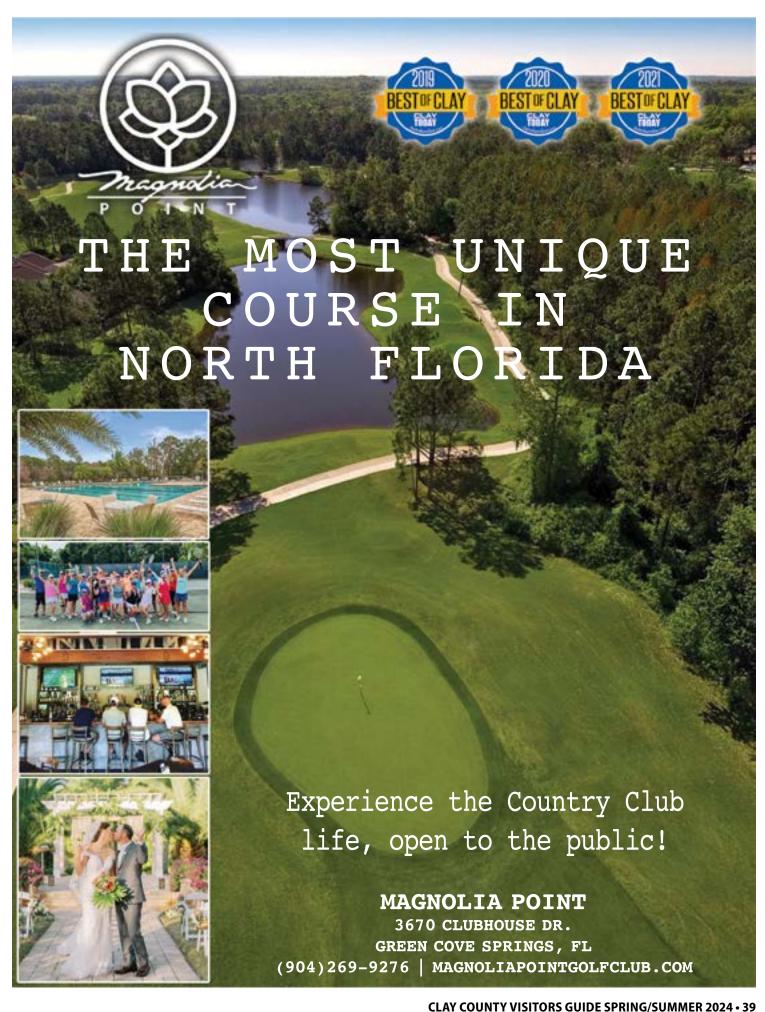
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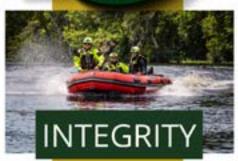
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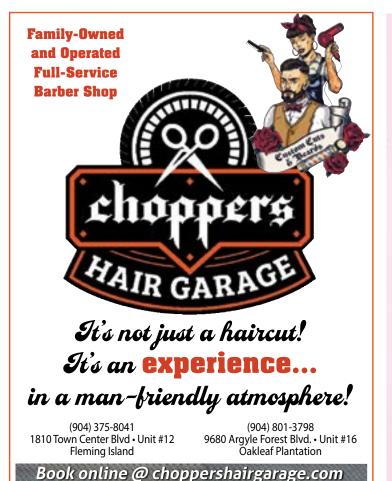
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Kyodai Sushi Rock Japan Steakhouse 904-215-8228	210 Orange Park Northway Orange Park, FL 32073	Japanese		\ <u>\</u>	\ \)	\ \ \ \)			
La Nopalera 904-276-2776	2024 Kingsley Ave. Orange Park, FL 32073	Mexican		/	~		~		~	~	
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Leaderboard 904-276-2776	1760 Wells Rd. Orange Park, FL 32073	American		/	~		~				
Little Caesars Pizza 904-276-2075	661 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park, FL 32073	Italian		/	~					~	
Little Saigon Café 904-375-0061	1975 Wells Rd Orange Park, FL 32073	Vietnamese		/	~					~	
Locals Pub 904-278-8227	1580 Wells Rd., Ste 1 Orange Park, FL 32073	Sports Bar			~	~	~			~	
Lola's Filipino Café 904-375-0208	1241 Blanding Blvd. #21 Orange Park, FL 32065	Filipino			~	~					
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The Lunch Box Deli 904-579-4918	1890 Kingsley Ave. Orange Park, FL 32065	Varied		/						~	
Mackey's Munchies 904-458-4246	868 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park, FL 32065	Cajun		/	~				~	~	
Metro Diner 904-375-8548	2034 Kingsley Ave. Orange Park, FL 32073	Varied	~	/	~	~			~	~	
Midori Sushi & Grill 904-272-8813	2151 Lock Range Blvd. #5 Orange Park, FL 32073	Japanese cuisine		/	~	~			~	~	
Miller's Orange Park Ale House 904-278-4600	1756 Wells Rd. Orange Park, FL 32073	Varied		/	~	~	~		~	~	
Nakama Anime Bar 904-644-8967	1540 Wells Rd., Ste 12 Orange Park, FL 32073	Bar/Lounge		/	~	~	~	~			
Nicole's on the River 904-251-9977	1101 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park, FL 32073	American	~	/						~	
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One Night Taco Stand 904-644-8254	1861 Wells Rd. Orange Park, FL 32073	Mexican		/	~	~	~			~	
OP Fish House & Oyster Bar 904-579-3931	636 Kingsley Ave. Orange Park, FL 32073	Seafood		/	~	~		~	~	~	~
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Palermo Puerto Rican Restaurant (904) 269-6935	556 Kingsley Ave. Orange Park, FL 32073	Puerto Rican		/	~	~		~	~	~	
Red Owl Coffee Company 904-579-4742	208 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park, FL 32073	Coffee	~	/	~					~	
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Shrimp Shack 904-276-7425	646 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park, FL 32073	Seafood		~	~				~	~	

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Chili's Grill & Bar 904-264-8412	2005 East-West Pkwy Fleming Island, FL 32003	Varied		~	~		~	~	~		
Cold Stone Creamery 904-284-1379	1810 Town Center Blvd. #10 Fleming Island FL, 32003	Dessert		~	~					~	
Corky Bells Seafood & Steaks 904-284-1379	1049 Floyd St. Fleming Island FL, 32003	Varied		~	~					~	
Dick's Wings & Grill 904-375-2559	1803 East-West Pkwy Fleming Island, FL 32003	Varied		~	~		~	~		~	
Firehouse Subs Eagle Harbor 904-592-4896	1581 County Rd 220 #115 Fleming Island, FL 32003	Sandwiches		~	~				~	~	
Five Guys 904-592-4896	1571 County Rd. 220 #130 Fleming Island, FL 32003	Burgers		~	~					~	
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Hot Wok 904-278-4088	1615 County Rd 220 #155 Fleming Island, FL 32003	Chinese		~	~				~	~	
Hurricane Grill & Wings 904-644-7315	1810-1 Town Center Blvd. Fleming Island, FL 32003	Varied		~	~		~	~		~	
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Lanna Thai 904-375-1868	1605 C.R. 220 #180 Fleming Island, FL 32003	Thai		~	~	~				~	
Longhorn Steakhouse 904-278-6320	1605 C.R. 220 Fleming Island, FL 32003	Varied		~	~						
The Loop 904-375-9293	1960 East-West Pkwy, Ste. 110 Fleming Island, FL 32003	Pizza/Varied		~	~	~				~	
Maple Street Biscuit Company 904-375-2219	1960 East West Parkway, Ste. 103 Fleming Island, FL 32003	American	~	~						~	
Mellow Mushroom Pizza 904-541-1999	1800 Town Center Blvd Fleming Island, FL 32003	Italian		~	~	~				~	
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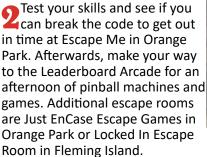
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Top 10 Things to Do in Clay County

Camp in a Camp Chowenwaw Treehouse. Located at the intersection of Black Creek and the St. Johns River, this 150-acre county-owned park was home to a regional Girl Scout camp for over 70 years. Enjoy trails, a kayak launch, paddleboard rentals, a nature center and a history exhibit, a swimming pool and venue rentals too.





Cool off in one of the country's oldest spring-fed swimming pool in Spring Park in Green Cove Springs; it's been around since 1871 and is known to be a constant temperature of 77 degrees. The pool is open various days May through October.



Enjoy the cool breeze and cold drinks along with a magnificent sunset at the Sunset Tiki Bar at Doctors Lake Marina. For more fun, get out on the 39 square miles of water by using one of the 11 public boat ramps.



Shop and mingle with the locals at the Orange Park Art & Farmers Market on the first and third Sunday of the month. Featuring over 100 vendors, enjoy live music and shop homegrown items and locally grown produce and goods. Located at Orange Park's Town Hall, the market takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Dive into the unique history of Clay County with a visit to the Town of Penney Farms Historic Museum. With a focus on the pre-1920s through the 1940s, the museum begins with the stories of a small group of African Ameri-



can sharecroppers that settled in what is now the New Hope community in 1920. Enjoy the drive down a beautiful canopy road of oaks on the J.C. Penney Memorial Scenic Highway.

Immerse yourself in the arts at the Thrasher-Horne Center with live concerts, performances and their adjacent art gallery featuring local artists. Local theatre favorites include The Island Theatre and the Spotlight Center in Fleming Island and the Orange Park Community Theatre.



Take a hike. Known as one of Florida's First State Parks, Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park in Keystone Heights is home to 2,000 acres with 5.44 miles of trails along the Florida National Scenic Trail. The Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST) passes through 5.4 miles of the



park and connects to other public lands. If elevation changes and waterfalls are more your style, discover Jennings State Forest's Pioneer Trail. a linear 10-mile trail.

Dine local and experience unique cuisines throughout Clay County. Try bold spices at Tumeric Kitchen in Green Cove Springs, experience Puerto Rican flavors at the locally-owned Palermo Puerto Rican Kitchen_and take a trip down to New Orleans with the Cajun cuisine of Mackey's Munchies or to the Caribbean at Irie Diner, all in Orange Park. Fleming Island's V's Pizza is



a great gathering place, along with Grumpy's in Middleburg. Keystone Heights' Johnny's BBQ is a local favorite.

For those ready to shop, 'go local' at Miss Priss Gifts, Sweet Hydrangea, YUM – A Southern Market, Chocolate Shoe, Bold Soul Boutique, Rustic Rose, Rustic Gypsy, 5th and Paisley, and One Swanky Chic Boutique. Local vintage and antique shops in the area include Junque in the Trunk and Now & Then Antique Mall.







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Lesser Known Destinations

By Carrie McLaren

From local dining favorites to historic spots and outdoor adventures, Clay County, Florida invites visitors to venture off the beaten path to explore the communities that make up Northeast Florida.

Here's a look at some of the unique places just waiting to be discovered in Clay County -

Keystone Heights: Thrilling Adventures and Authentic Outdoor Exploring

Home to Clay County's only airport, Keystone Heights Airport serves as a take-off and landing site for private aircraft and corporate jets.

Take in the area's rich military history with a stop in at Camp Blanding Museum both home to memorabilia and first-hand stories from veterans and volunteers that are a part of our destination's pride.

After strolling through history, test your skills on the Rally Race Car Course – FIRM, also located at the Keystone Heights Airport. From defensive driving classes to training how to drive rally cars or bring your own car for open course day, it is all about racing for your bragging rights.

Spend time with nature at the Belmore State Forest, just north of Keystone Heights and home to gopher tortoises, Sherman's fox squirrel, Florida black bears, American alligators and more. At Gold Head Branch State Park, hike down ravines and stay overnight at the park's primitive camp sites or bring your own RV. With hiking and cycling

trails and canoe and kayaking launch sites, this makes the park a enjoyable place to enjoy the outdoors.

Bring along your four-legged family members for adventures at the Keystone Heights Recreation Park, an official dog park in the Clay County. For family fun, Keystone Beach offers an expansive playground encompassed by canopy oak trees and a large picnic area.

For a bite to eat, stop in for local, southern eats at Orange Blossoms open for breakfast and lunch. Enjoy a slice or two of authentic New York-style pizza and Italian favorites at Brooklyn Boys Pizza. Catch up on the day's sports scores and socialize with the locals at Stone's Irish Pub.

Keystone Heights, with its unique experiences and natural beauty matched with friendly faces, will having you wanting to return again and again.



Green Cove Springs: Authentic Stories and Experiences

As the quaint, small city that serves as the county seat, Green Cove Springs has always been a gathering place. From the 1870s around the spring pool or today enjoying a festival in Spring Park, here are just a few reasons why people still enjoy relaxing and exploring in this friendly community.

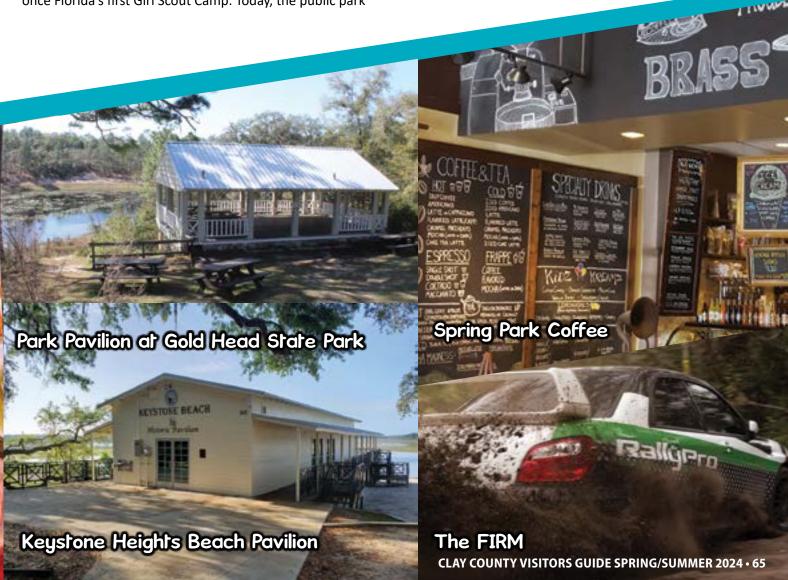
Take a step by in time when you visit Spring Park, home to the Green Cove Springs spring pool, one of the oldest in the country dating back to 1871 when Dr. Joseph Applegate made it accessible to the public for medicinal purposes. Today, the spring is part of the newly renovated park providing residents and visitors with waterfront access to the St. Johns River, pavilions, gazebos and numerous playgrounds. The spring pool stays at a consistent 72 degree temperature throughout the year.

Camp Chowenwaw invites you to explore the outdoors with birding, fishing, hiking trails and camping beneath the stars. Dating back to 1933, Camp Chowenwaw County Park was once Florida's first Girl Scout Camp. Today, the public park

offers 150 acres for exploring along popular Black Creek. The camp's new Pawpaw Nature Center is a full-time facility home to interactive, educational exhibits and activities focusing on the animals and habitats found in Clay County. At the Bayard Conservation Area, discover the outdoors within this resource-based park encompassing 10,371 acres.

For a taste of local cuisine, stop in for a cup of locally-brewed Brass Tacks Roasters coffee at Spring Park Coffee. For a funloving atmosphere or to catch up on sports scores, Roger_ That Wings & Things is just steps from Spring Park. You'll find Italian favorites at D'Fontana and tangy Pan Asian Cuisine Sushi Bar. For a sweet treat, stop in for a delicious treat from Sweet Sensations.

There's plenty more places to discover during your time in the area. So, now that you've learned about some lesserknown spots, get out and experience Clay County! Go to www.ExploreClay.com to plan your visit.



Staying in Clay County

Let Clay County be your 'home away from home' with a variety of accommodations and amenities for every budget.

Treat yourself to a stay at one of Clay County's **vacation rentals** with water views or just a convenient location. For a resort-like atmosphere, try the **River Suites at Club Continental**, it was once the Palmolive Estate. **Azaleana Manor**, a brand new luxurious boutique hotel is a 10,000 square foot mansion featuring 6 rooms, lots of amenities, four acres of land to explore and stunning St. Johns River views.

For a full-service stay, the **Courtyard by Marriott Jacksonville Orange Park, Hilton Garden Inn Orange Park and the Holiday Inn & Suites Orange Park - Wells Rd.** offer guests an affordable stay near restaurants, shopping and more.

If you want to know what the Hampton Inn of the future looks like, stay at the **Hampton Inn Middleburg.**

The Days Inn by Wyndham Orange Park/Jacksonville, the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Jacksonville Orange Park, Hampton Inn & Suites Jacksonville/Orange Park and the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Fleming Island offer easy access to Interstate 295 and connecting roadways.

For an extended stay in our area, the Stay Suites of America - Orange Park, InTown Suites of Orange Park, and Zen Living Suites offer weekly and monthly rates along with amenities for a longer stay in Clay County.

Traveling by RV or interesting camping? Explore the possibilities at Camp Blanding Recreation – James E. Johnson Memorial RV Park, Camp Chowenwaw, Goldhead State Park, Clay County Fairgrounds and Whitey's Fish Camp.

More information about these properties and vacation rentals in the area can be found at www.ExploreClay.com.

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1517 Ball Rd, Green Cove Springs 904-529-8058

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Caffeinated in Clay County

By Carrie McLaren

The best way to get to the heart of a community? Spend time with the locals at a neighborhood coffee shop. Meet the residents and enjoy a cup of locally, brewed coffee or try a house made pastry while listening to live music – whatever your needs, support local businesses during your time in Clay County and let us help you find the perfect cup of joe.

Here's a look at some of Clay County's top coffee shops –

7 Brew Coffee www.7brew.com

Coming soon to Clay is the Arkansas-based, 7 Brew Coffee. With its double-drive through service, get ready to choose from coffee, infused energy drinks, Italian sodas, smoothies and tea. Their unique coffee is a blend of beans sourced from Ethiopia, Colombia and Brazil. As the company rapidly expands with new stores throughout Florida, this Clay County location will be one of the first locations in Northeast Florida. Stay tuned for news and opening dates details!

Basketique Custom Theme Baskets & Gifts & Over the Second Cup Tea Room

727 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park (904) 264-8844

www.basketique-gifts.com

With the elegance of Europe and the charm of an English cottage, enjoy tea time at Basketique Custom Theme Baskets & Gifts Over the Second Cup Tea Room in Orange Park.

Make new friends or reminisce over a pot of tea, try a variety of tea sandwiches and condiments and treat yourself to chocolate and desserts. The folks at Over the Second Cup Tea Room believe tea time is a ceremonial occasion with servings taking place with crystal servings, linens and fine China.

Perfect for small groups or individuals, owner Patricia Sessions is a certified tea som-

melier and is available to help you find the perfect tea for your needs and preferences. Enjoy a step back in time with a fresh pot of tea while you are in Clay County.

Black Rifle Coffee Company 1619 County Road 220, Fleming Island www.blackriflecoffee.com

Coming soon to Clay County, the Black Rifle Coffee Company plans to open its first coffee shop in the Northeast Florida area with the addition of a Fleming Island location. This Veteran-founded coffee company gives back to veterans,





law enforcement and first responders with every purchase made. Founded in 2014, the company's mission is to serve coffee and culture to people who love America. With their weap-on-themed coffee brews, coffee fans can choose from favorites like the Freedom Roast, the light roast Gunship, the Silencer Smooth light roast and more. Be on the lookout for the store opening in 2023.

Ellianos Coffee

301 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park (904) 541-4983

www.ellianos.com

"Italian quality at America's Pace" is the motto of Ellianos, and that's exactly what you can expect. With drive through windows on both sides of the building, you can experience high quality espresso beverages, latte freezers, smoothies, coffee and breakfast sandwiches in a flash!

Pick some up today or grab a bag of whole, ground and toddy grind beans to make at home.

FirePower Coffee Roasters

322 SE State Road 100, suite D, Keystone Heights (352) 478-8174

www.firepower.coffee

Experience freshly roasted whole beans and ground specialty coffees with the knowledgeable team at Fire-Power Coffee Roasters in Keystone Heights. Truly a family business, the Beck family welcomes you to enjoy a selection of brewed coffees from the daily, rotating menu featuring coffees from around the world.

Interested in taking coffee home as a souvenir? Choose from their selection of whole or roasted beans packaged

in both convenience packs and larger sizes.

While you're enjoying time in the shop, you may be able to see some of the roasting process, ask questions and learn about the process and enjoy the bold flavors of aroma making their way through the shop. As you make your way through the retail shop, check out the education slides and information scrolling through the monitors to learn about the processes and coffees available for your enjoyment.

Together, owners William and Carol Beck hold over ten certifications in coffee and tea educational programs and food safety. They have each complet-





ed additional course work related to coffee processing and preparation, making them 'go to' experts when it comes to the brewing process and finding the perfect cup of coffee.

Tea drinkers, also be sure to speak with Carol – she's a certified tea sommelier! Sample specialty and organic teas from Two Leaves and a Bud right in the shop and choose from a variety of sizes of packages to enjoy tea-time at home. Carol can help you select teas based on your preferences.

The Lab Bakery & Coffee Bar

1580 Wells Road Unit 7 & 8, Orange Park (904) 375-1416 www.TheLabBCB.com

New to the coffee scene in Clay County, The Lab Bakery & Coffee Bar in Orange Park welcomes visitors to enjoy a bite to eat and a cup of Northeast Florida's own Martin Coffee.

This family-owned coffee spot features a rotating menu of desserts to pair with your cup of coffee. Enjoy your drink with one of their homemade treats, made from family recipes like a slice of Red Velvet cake with cream cheese frosting, topped with raspberry drizzle and white

chocolate chips. Other favorites include German chocolate cupcakes and cookies and don't forget to add some of their homemade whipped cream to your coffee.

For those looking for a place to work remotely, stop in and get caught up on emails at The Lab, where you can enjoy a welcoming environment, tasty treats and free Wi-fi too.

Present Tense Coffee and Books

2851 Henley Road, Suite #103, Green Cove Springs (904) 315-9518 www.facebook.com/PresentTenseCoffeeAndBooks

At Present Tense Coffee and Books, you can enjoy a classic combination any day of the week with homemade artisan coffee and new and used books. Since opening in the summer of 2019, they display their love of artistic detail with their 9-minute roasted coffee beans that are aged for 30 days before being ground.

Other delicious concoctions include their signature drink the PLN, a black tea and lavender beverage that's perfect for cozying up with a good read or tackling the day. While you're there, be sure to pick up a delicious cinnamon roll, vegan banana muffin or a homemade scone.

Interested in a read? Present Tense offers an amazing selection of books from various national and local authors as well as a great trade-in deal. Be sure to check in for their weekly events, including dollar bin book days, book club meetings, child's story time and more.

Perfect for a quiet, relaxing cup or for getting things done, Present Tense is a true local gem with a delicious assortment of hand-crafted drinks to satisfy any craving. Drink like a local and enjoy a good read today.

Royal Moose Coffee Company

2441 Blanding Boulevard, Middleburg (904) 406-0661

www.royalmoosecoffeeco.net

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Scooter's Coffee

151 Park Avenue, Orange Park (904) 375-9968

www.scooterscoffee.com

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drive-thru and freshly, baked from scratch pastries, Scooter's signature drink is the Caramelicious®. Be sure to use the Scooter's Coffee mobile app to receive perks and earn free drinks too!

Spring Park Coffee

328 Ferris Street, Green Cove Springs (904) 531-9391

www.springparkcoffee.com

As a nod to the days of the turn of the century, the cozy Spring Park Coffee in Green Cove Springs is a short walk from Spring Park along the St. Johns River. This locally-owned shop features freshly roasted coffee from their sister company, Brass Tacks Coffee Co.

Since opening in 2011, this friendly coffee shop also features bagels and breakfast sandwiches – including their popular breakfast biscuits, made

in-house each day. In the afternoon and evening, pair your coffee with a fresh cookie or pastry.

Choose from specialty drinks like their version of Butterbeer, made with espresso, toffee nut, caramel and butterscotch, a peppermint mocha or sip on a classic hot cocoa while catching up with friends. And be sure to check out the 'Name of the Day' board outside the shop, if your first name is there – you'll receive free coffee!

As a great souvenir of your time in Clay County, take home a 32oz. growler of Double Strength Cold Brew coffee – blended by the knowledgeable team at Brass Tacks Coffee Co. and Spring Park Coffee.





Snuggle up on one of the shop's cozy couches with a book from the book swap area, enjoy live music on the first Friday of every month or grab a board game and challenge your family – whatever you decide, Spring Park Coffee welcomes visitors to relax and indulge.

The Tea Room

7433 State Road 21, Keystone Heights (352) 535-8510

www.thelearningwheel.us/tea-room/

New to Keystone Heights, The Tea Room is open by appointment only for guests to take advantage of an afternoon of tea with friends and family. Offering an extensive list of teas and a variety of finger sandwiches, sweet treats and desserts, The Tea room is a welcome addition to locals and visitors in Keystone Heights.

High Tea events include a sampling of three teas from around the world featuring both sweet and savory variety's. Food menus can be customized depending on the group with items to choose from including cucumber sandwiches on white bread, chicken salad baked on fresh-bread rosemary bread, mixed fruit drizzled with jalapeno honey and more. Etiquette classes are also available by appointment

The Urban Bean Coffeehouse Café 2023 Park Avenue, Orange Park (904) 541-4938

www.theurbanbeancoffeehouse.com

Locally-owned and operated in the heart of Orange Park, The Urban Bean Coffeehouse Café is a popular favorite with residents throughout the day. Featuring specialty and hand brewed coffees, organic teas, a menu featuring all-day breakfast items, salads and signature deli sandwiches, don't miss trying one of their gourmet donuts baked in-house daily.

From the pine tables, coffee bar and window seats made from the same 130-foot tree to the use of local and organic supplies as much as possible, owners DuWayne and Pam Hegal pride themselves on creating a sense of neighborhood with their customers.

When night falls at The Urban Bean Coffeehouse Café, choose from a selection of wines and local, craft beer with your meal. And there's no shortage of live entertainment with Open Mic nights and a monthly Art Buzz event featuring local artists, vendors and live music.

Pull up a seat and enjoy a neighborhood scene filled with passion – and great coffee.



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OLD MASONIC LODGE

(Circa Late 1800-1889) 3893 Main Street This building was moved to its present site from where the present Masonic Lodge is now. It is often called "the old lodge." It has an open side gable frame vernacular building built in the federal-period style. It has a one bay gable roof entrance porch on the east side. This yellow painted two-story

building is balanced or symmetrical in appearance. It is beside the Clark-Chalker house.



THE BARDIN HOME

(Circa 1888) 3881 Main Stree This is Middleburg's only example of Italian architecture. This style is more common in other areas of the country that in the South. There is a central cupola which is a small structure built on to the house. It is often used as a lookout and for air supple ventilation, Mr. Henry Bardin's house has two wide porches across the front of the hoe. It also has Victorian style gingerbread trim. The Bardins used to have square dances there many Saturday nights.



THE FROSARD **BUDINGTON HOME**

(Circa 1910) 3916 Main Street

This is Historic Middleburg's only example of Queen Anne architecture. It is unusual in that it is a single story with a rounded corner on the veranda porch. The rounded columns are called ionic. The interesting shape of the left-hand gable window when facing the front of the house is called Palladian. In 1927, Mr. and Mrs. F. Budington gave a deed to the Middleburg United Methodist Church which later added the Budington Educational Building. This home is now owned by Mrs. Pat Mueller.



THE STEWART HOME

(Circa 1890-1911) 3895 Main Stree This is Middleburg's only example of center gable frame vernacular architecture. It is a white two-story home with a porch. It has a front facing gable wall dormer window. The home was built by George Chalker. As Mr. Chalker had a home on wharf Street, he rented this house to Mr. and Mrs. G.P, Stewart. The Stewarts moved from the Gin House Landing area where they had a turpentine mill.



THE BUDINGTON HOME

(Circa Late 1800's)
Originally at 3913 Main Street

This is a white two-story house with a wide L-shaped porch which extends out to an area which can be used now as a carport. The shutters on this home are functional. This frame vernacular home is thought to have been moved to its present sit by rolling it on logs from across the street where the F. Budington home is now. This home is simpler in appearance on the outside than the Frosard Budington house across the street. This house has been relocated to the Main Street Park.



THE GEORGE CHALKER HOME

(Circa Late 1800's) 2160 Wharf Street This white two-story home sits on a large area of land. It is Colonial Revival architecture which features a flat roofed porch with a railing above which is supported by square columns. There is a dormer window on the roof on the front of the house. A vine-covered retaining wall fronts the home on

Wharf Street. The Chalker family was related to many families in Middleburg. It is presently under-going renovation and



DR. G.E. ADAMS & **DR. STONE HOME**

(Circa Early 1900's) 2145 Wharf Street
This building is a small frame vernacular home.

It has decorative wooden trim on it. There is wooden "gingerbread" trim at the top of the porch columns. The porch with railing is on the left side of the house when facing the front. This building served as a Doctor's office and home in 1914. Later. the house became a private residence.



THE GEORGE HASKELL HOME

(Circa Late 1800's) 3894 Main Street This frame vernacular home was built by Mr. Haskell as a replica of his home in Salem Mass. He was stationed with the Union troops during the Civil War in the area. He was attached to the Paymaster Corps. He later acquired 500 acres of land. The house is three stories and has been remodeled and kept in good condition. It is white with a decorative eagle on it.



THE CLARK-CHALKER HOUSE

(Circa 1835) 3891 Main Street
This is the oldest building in Middleburg. It is a white two-story columned house with a white picket fence. This open side gable frame vernacular home was built for Capt. Matthew Clark and his staff. They were with the U.S. 2nd Dragoons stationed at Ft Heilman. During the Second Seminole Indian war, the house was headquarters for General Winfield Scott. Martha Ann Chalker later occupied the house for 82 years until her death in 1936.



THE BARTHLOW HOME

(Circa 1800's) 3884 Main Street

This is a frame vernacular home, which is a typical wood frame home of the period. It is a small home with a tin roof and green metal awnings over the porch. Homes during this period were built with fireplaces for heat as is this one This home has a metal fence. Some of the other homes have wooden, brick, metal or stone fences in front of their homes. Some do not have fences. This home remains in the Barthlow family to this day.



THE HADDEN HOME

(Circa 1912) 3887 Main Street

This is a colonial revival home with a balanced front called a symmetrical façade. This is a two-story home with round columns. It has a tin roof like several of the historic homes in the historic district. An interesting aspect of this home is that the decoration above the front door was originally made from an old bed headboard. This is called a decorative entrance Pediment



LONG HOUSE

(Circa 1890) 3858 Main Street This home was purchased by Edward Long for his parents in 1896. It was an example of the open side gamble frame vernacular style. This building features drop siding exterior wall fabric and an exterior field stone chimney stack.

Green Cove Springs Historic Walking Tour

Spring Park - The Spring tapers down with clear visibility to a depth of 31 feet up from which flows 78 degree mineral water filling the pool at 1300 gallons per minute for chemical free swimming in the summer. In the late 1800's many came to partake of the medicinal waters and some even stayed. Today the park includes the pool, the spring, playground, cooking pavilion, numerous gazebos, picnic tables, a stream, fishing pier and boat slips with water and electricity on the St. Johns River.

2 215 Spring Street - City Hall is seen west of the park. It was completed in 2004 on the site of the Qui Si Sana Hotel which faced the spring (c. 1907 meaning "Here is Health"). The architectural features of City Hall have similarities of the Qui Si Sana. Prior to the Qui Si Sana, the same site was occupied by the Clarendon Hotel (1870 – 1900). Guests of the Clarendon had exclusive use of the spring.

3 103 S. Magnolia Avenue – This frame vernacular style is characteristic of one of the most popular building styles in this region during the late 1800's. This building was used as a cottage for the Clarendon Hotel as well as the residence of Dr. Joseph Applegate who prescribed and dispensed the "medicinal" spring water to his wealthy northern clientele. It is in current use as the River Park Inn Bed and Breakfast.

4 219 Spring Street – Built in 1887, this home was, for many years, in the family of Judge Rivers. Notice the design pressed into the metal roof and the wonderful wrap around porch.

5 Footbridge – Across Spring Run connecting the North and South sides of the park, this bridge was built in 1988 by a Hungarian immigrant and Vietnam War Army veteran, Antal Molnar and his son Antal Jr. Note the replica of the old city seal in the center of the intricate iron work.

Spring Run is the stream from the outflow of the springfed chemical-free community pool. "Friends of the Park" were responsible for the large riverfront gazebo built in 1984 and still used regularly today for weddings and other events. Cross the bridge and take the sidewalk along St Johns Avenue.

14 North St. Johns Avenue – Built circa 1897 and known as the home of Captain C. E. Garner of the Independent Line Steamers that operated the May Garner riverboat between here and Jacksonville in the early 1900's, this home has been lovingly restored in the Italian Renaissance style by its current owners.

8 15 N. St. Johns Avenue – the winter residence of the Carl Schultz family of NY; it was later known as the Hallock Hotel.

218 Palmer Street - The original home of Dustin Page is still maintained as a private residence.

115 St. Johns – Built in the Italian Renaissance style as his family's first residence, W. M. Hoyt, a Chicago grocery chain magnate was one of many wealthy northerners who invested in real estate in Green Cove Springs in the late 19th century. It later became known as the Riverview Hotel.

200 N. St. Johns – Having the means to do so, W. M. Hoyt later built this house designed by architect, Mellon Greeley, in 1917 for his family in the Mediterranean Revival style with features such as the stucco exterior and tile roof. The building has now been converted to condominiums.

400 St. Johns Avenue – St. Mary's Episcopal Church, built in 1979, continues to serve an active parish today. It is built in Carpenter Gothic Style. Note the small doors beneath each window. They are more often used for ventilation but they would provide escape in case of fire. On the same property notice the Fellowship Hall. It was originally one of 5 army chapels at Camp Blanding built in the early 1940's and later relocated to this site for the church.

405 St. Johns Avenue – The rectory for St. Mary's Episcopal Church, circa 1906, was erected with funds from the Morton Fox Memorial Fund, according to the historical marker on the left eve of the house.

208 Park Street – One of three still existing homes in town originally built for members of the Borden family of condensed milk fame.

502 North Magnolia Avenue – Called "Villa Cottage", this home was built in 1880 by John C. Borden, son of the inventor of condensed milk. The tower on the right was used for judging the horse races which occurred on Magnolia Avenue. It was later used as the first home of the Women's Club better known as the Village Improvement Association (VIA).

300 Gum Street – First Presbyterian Church, circa 1892, is a detailed carpenter gothic style church. Designs on the hand forged hinges as well as the shapes and colors of the windows have special meanings. The Friendship Hall was completed as an addition in 1995.

303 North Magnolia Avenue – Circa 1884, Queen Anne style, rumors have circulated for many years about the ghosts in residence!

312 Center Street – This beautifully restored 1890's residence was most recently an art studio.

326 Walnut Street – Green Cove Springs got its own Art Deco style theater in the mid 1930's. The owner in 1936, R. C. Wilson, relocated the business from 420 Walnut Street where it was known as the Palace Opera House and Motion Picture Show. In 1939 a license permit was issued for the Clay Theater to Frank Bryant. Today it is the Clay Theatre, An Event Venue.

400 Block of Walnut Street - Walnut Street developed early as the main street for business in town because it led to the town's general landing at the east end where the fishing pier is now located. In 1882 there was a barbershop, a cobbler, several grocery stores, 2 churches, a bakery, a photography shop and several hotels on Walnut Street.

17 North Palmetto Avenue – Built in 1915, this is the most significant social building in Green Cove Springs. This land was donated to the VIA for the building in 1885 by Penelope Borden, of condensed milk fame. It is Spanish Colonial Revival style, designed by architect Mellon Greeley. A Florida Heritage Site, it still serves the community as the Village Improvement Association.

509 Walnut Street - is preserved as the home-place of Ma and Pa Gustafson of Gustafson Milk fame.

604 Walnut Street – (Council on Aging) Grady Smith bought the Coca Cola Operation from E. E. Geiger and moved it to this location which was built in 1946. At the time of the plant closure in 1971, 1,160 cases of the 6.5 ounce bottles were produced in an 8 hour day compared to 12,000 cans of canned coke per hour in the Jacksonville plant. Since the 1970's the building has a center for Clay County seniors.

615 Walnut Street – First Baptist Church was constituted in 1889 and this church was constructed 1916. The stained-glass windows were imported from

Germany prior to WWI.

25 700 Walnut Street. Built in 1890, this residence is the best example of the Queen Anne style in town. Note the intricate stick and spindle work on the porches and gable ends.

26 707 Walnut Street – Saved from demolition in 2005 when the county purchased the property next to the Council on Aging for parking, this building, circa 1890, was moved diagonally across the street. It was formerly the home of Senator Slater Smith.

715 Walnut Street – Originally a residence, this 1909 frame vernacular has been restored and used over the years for a number of commercial purposes.

28 23 S. Green Street & Walnut – Now home to the Clay County School Board, the H. D. Long Building was a WPA Project in 1937 designed by architect, Roy A. Benjamin. It served as Clay High School for many years.

915 Walnut Street – The Historic Triangle Complex includes the restored Italian Renaissance style courthouse, circa 1890, which has been restored for the use of Family and Teen Court. The Annex on the left houses the Clay County Historical Museum. The museum also houses a fine railroad collection, train station and caboose.

On the north end of the triangle is the 1894 Jail. The jailer's quarters have been restored to house the Clay County Archives and Sheriff's Museum.

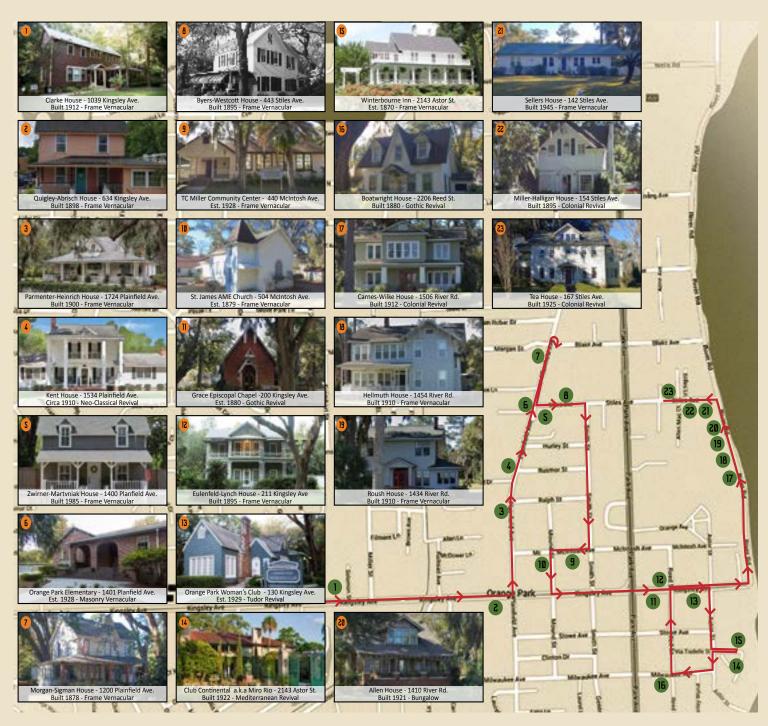
627 Spring Street Circa - Typical construction from the late 1800's this home has a regular rectangular floor plan and a balloon frame structural system with two stories and a steep roof to accommodate a sizeable attic. Note the porches here. Porches were a common feature and decoration often included ornamental woodwork, brackets, patterned shingles, turned porch columns and exposed rafter ends under the eaves. The original balcony porch here has interesting, upturned detail on the upper rail.

31 Spring Street - Thought to have been built about 1845, the architecture is Frame Vernacular with elements of 2nd Empire with mansard roof and shingle siding. Known for years as the Jensen house where a local eye doctor practiced his craft, the building was renovated in 1993 for commercial use as a funeral home. The chapel was added in 1997.



TOWN OF ORANGE PARK HISTORIC DRIVING TOUR

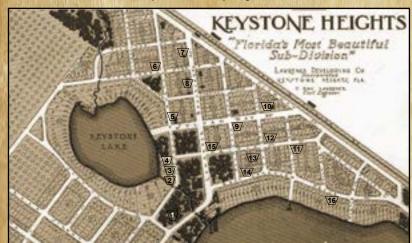
The Town of Orange Park was founded in 1877 by the Florida Winter Home and Improvement Company. The property was subdivided into building lots and small farm tracts, and the present street system was laid out which included Kingsley Avenue, River Road and Plainfield Avenue. Enjoy a glimpse of the past on this historic driving tour. Please remember most locations are private residences and should be viewed from the street. To learn more about this history of the Town, visit ophistory.org.



The Keystone Heights Hertitage Commission presents:

Walking Tour of Historical Homes

Keystone Heights was established in 1923 by the Lawrence Developing Company. Its owner, J. J. Lawrence, was from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The town was to be a vacation spot and health benefits from recreational opportunities, climate and clean water were highly emphasized in sales brochures. Key-stone Heights was on the Chatauqua RR Circuit. Citrus and pecan trees were also touted as good investment possibilities. Frank Walrath, a cousin, was head of sales for the development company.



The town was laid out in 1923 by an unrelated C. Ray Lawrence, also from Pennsylvania, who was a retired civil engineer. Streets and alleys as planned then, exist today.

Keystone's earliest homes, including that of J. J. Lawrence, are thought to be mail order catalogue homes. Some evidence exists in the form of handwritten labels and model numbers on framing. The homes in this tour are from the first building period (1921-1929). Initial development stopped when the stock market fell.





3. Caughey House - 450 Magnolia Ave. Built: 1925 - Craftsman Bungalow











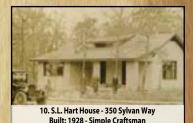






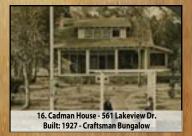














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