

THEODORE ROOSEVELT AREA

TIMUCUAN ECOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVE

The Theodore Roosevelt Area is a natural treasure of hardwood forest, wetlands, and scrub. It is also rich in cultural history. Here people can leave the everyday pressures of life behind and enter a world where their senses can indulge in the sounds, smells, and sights of "old" Florida. Located 12 miles east of downtown Jacksonville, Florida, the main entrance is located at 13165 Mount Pleasant Road, approximately one mile southeast of Ft. Caroline National Memorial. A portion of the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, the area's overall management includes maintaining ecological quality of natural habitats, protecting cultural resources, and providing recreational activities that leave this site unimpaired for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

ABOUT THE AREA

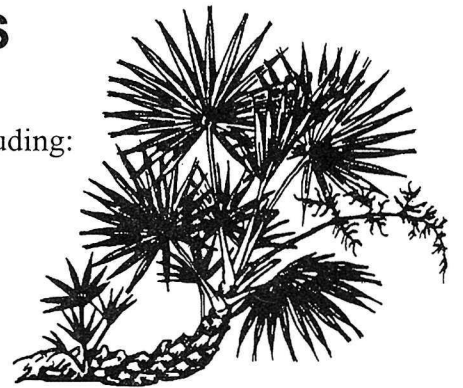
The Theodore Roosevelt Area contains more than 600 acres of diverse natural flora and fauna native to northeast Florida. Visitors can experience miles of thickly wooded peaceful nature trails, a vast grassland that supports both water and land animals, an ancient trash pile whose refuse yields clues about an extinct culture, and the legacy of preservation bequeathed to all by this property's last private owner, Willie Browne.



RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

A variety of recreational activities may be enjoyed including:

- hiking
- birdwatching
- bicycling
- fishing
- photography
- picnicking
- Ranger conducted activities



Hiking is the predominant recreational activity at the Theodore Roosevelt Area. Over 4 miles of nature trails meander through natural communities of maritime hammock forest, scrub dunes, and fresh and saltwater marshes. A shell peninsula, on the western edge of Round Marsh offers a scenic view of tidal saltmarsh creeks of the St. Johns River.

Ranger-guided walks through the Theodore Roosevelt Area are offered each Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and are free, other interpretive programs may be offered throughout the year. For more information about Ranger interpretive programs contact Fort Caroline National Memorial at 641-7155.

Fishing is allowed only in tidal saltmarsh creeks. Current State of Florida saltwater fishing regulations are enforced.

Your dog is welcome but must be on a leash at **ALL** times. Horses are not permitted.

Picnicking is permitted in the picnic area next to the parking lot. Please pack out all your trash to prevent wildlife from feeding on food scraps and scattering litter. Fires and/or gas grills are prohibited.

Bicycling is allowed on the Willie Browne Trail **ONLY**. Groups of 5 bicyclists or more must obtain a permit. Please contact Fort Caroline National Memorial for more information.

Protect our cultural resources; Federal law prohibits the looting of archaeological sites; metal detecting is prohibited.

Protect our natural resources; The Theodore Roosevelt Area is a protected natural sanctuary not only for wildlife but for ourselves. Please do not collect plants or harm wildlife. Hunting is **not** permitted in the Theodore Roosevelt Area because of limited space and nearby residential developments.

The Theodore Roosevelt Area is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to dusk, is closed only on Christmas Day. The gate along Mt. Pleasant Road is timer-controlled and closes promptly at 8:00 p.m. during daylight savings time (summer) and 6:00 p.m. during standard time (winter). Visitors should plan to exit the park well in advance of gate closing times.

Reduce the opportunities for would-be thieves. Leave valuables and unnecessary equipment locked in the trunk of your car.

The Theodore Roosevelt Area offers visitors the chance to enjoy the solitude of wilderness within the confines of a large metropolitan area. As the late Willie Browne once said:

"People have to work in the cities, they can't live in the woods anymore. But they ought to have a place in the woods they can go to."

