



Experience Northeast Florida's Native American and Early European History.



Talbot Islands State Parks are a place where Native Americans feasted, colonists built forts and people of African descent worked agricultural fields. Visitors may explore the grand Ribault Club on historic Fort George Island, once the playground of the affluent, view the parks' many interpretive displays or talk with a park ranger. Visitors will have the opportunity to walk, bike, Segway or kayak among the parks' majestic forest and rich cultural history, or attend a park ranger interpretive program.



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Timucuan Preserve is filled with more than six thousand years of history from ancient Native American cultures through first contacts between the Timucuan and sixteenth century Europeans. This history comes alive in the shady hammocks and marshes of the preserve. Hike near old landscape features that offer clues to the daily life of the area's early inhabitants. Visitors will not want to miss the Timucuan Preserve Visitor Center located at Fort Caroline, once home to early settlers of the ill-fated French *la Caroline* Colony.



Castaway Island Preserve is located along the western shore of the Intracoastal Waterway and adjacent to an intricate salt marsh ecosystem. The natural setting allows visitors to easily imagine Northeast Florida during the age of discovery and settlement. Interpretive signage along the trails and overlooks highlights the history of the Intracoastal Waterway, as well as the bounty of native species flourishing throughout the preserve.

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