

## **Egans Creek Greenway**

**City of Fernandina Beach**

**Parks & Recreation**

**2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 904-310-3350 ext 1**

**[www.FBFL.US/Greenway](http://www.FBFL.US/Greenway)**

### **Walk on the Wildside**

As in any natural area, many different kinds of creatures live, nest, feed, and find safety in the Greenway. Please follow caution signs and do not approach or feed the alligators or other wildlife, and be on the lookout for various kinds of snakes. For your safety as well as the well-being of our wildlife, stay on the trails presented on the accompanying map. Wild animals may react defensively or take flight if approached too closely.

If you are lucky enough to observe a wild animal in its natural environment, enjoy it from a safe distance. Unauthorized off-trail activity, alteration of vegetation or harassment of wildlife within the Greenway is prohibited.

### **Nature Lover's Delight**

Amelia Island's unique environment provides abundant options for memorable outdoor exploration. From 13 miles of pristine beach, to the maritime forests at Fort Clinch and Amelia Island State Parks, or the marshlands and hydric hammocks of Egans Creek Greenway, Amelia Island invites visitors to discover all her natural wonders.

Egans Creek Greenway, located on the northern end of Amelia Island, Florida, opened in 2000 as an undeveloped park for conservation and passive recreational use. Funding for the land acquisition was provided by the Florida Communities Trust and the City of Fernandina Beach. Managed by the City Parks and Recreation Department, the park consists of over 300 acres of protected lands with a variety of natural wildlife and vegetation. Egans Creek Greenway features grass-covered trails ideal for walking and bicycling, a nature pavilion and picnic area located at the Atlantic Avenue entrance, benches, a boardwalk, educational kiosks, and several areas designated for wildlife viewing. Local wildlife, such as alligators, marsh rabbits, and many birds, may be enjoyed from a distance. A restroom is available at the Nature Pavilion.

The northern Greenway, between Jasmine Street and Atlantic Avenue, consists of saltmarsh and maritime forest ecosystems. The saltmarsh provides excellent opportunities for watching wading birds such as herons, egrets, wood stork and seasonal roseate spoonbills.

Two bridges cross the creek to the west at the extensions of Hickory and Beech Streets, providing passage over Egans Creek and opportunities for wildlife viewing. A platform designated specifically for wildlife viewing overlooks the saltmarsh near Atlantic Avenue.

Heading south between Jasmine Street and Sadler Road, visitors will enjoy a more forested, freshwater ecosystem. Egans Creek runs along the east while a system of water filled ditches interconnect throughout this side of the Greenway. Exit or enter the South Greenway from Jasmine Street or from the raised boardwalk at the Sadler Road trailhead.

### **Safety Practices for Trail Use**

Our Greenway trails are for shared use. It is important that visitors follow basic guidelines to ensure safe, pleasant experience for all trail users. Here are some tips to enhance the safety of your adventure and lighten your impact on Florida's natural environment.

- Stay on designated trails.
- Be alert for natural hazards such as stinging or biting insects, alligators, snakes, thorny vines, poison ivy, and overhanging limbs.
- Please leave plants and animals undisturbed.
- Keep the noise level you produce to a minimum so as not to disturb wildlife and other trail users.
- Pack out all trash that you bring to the area.

### **Rules & Hours of Operation**

- Open sunrise to sunset. No overnight use.
- No motorized vehicles, fireworks, alcohol, hazardous materials, or fires permitted.
- Dogs are welcome providing they are leashed and controlled, and waste is not left on the trails.
- Fishing is permitted from bridges with required shoreline fishing license. Lines and traps must be attended at all times and may not be tied to bridge structures.
- Do not harass wildlife. This includes approaching too closely (defensive action from the animals may result), chasing, allowing your pet(s) to chase, throwing objects at, or feeding wildlife.
- Stay on mapped trails at all times for your safety and to avoid unnecessary disturbance of wildlife and habitat.
- Tours for hire must be pre-approved through the Parks and Recreation Department. Group tours may be scheduled by calling 904-310-3350 ext. 1.

### **Report all incidents and direct accessibility questions to:**

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