

Alberts Field

12073 Brady Road [Mapit](#)  
Jacksonville, FL 32223

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Baseball Adult Lighted
2	Baseball Youth Lighted
6	Benches
15	Bleachers
133	Car Parking
1	Concession Stand
2	Grills
1	Picnic shelters
12	Picnic Tables
10	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
2	Softball Youth Lighted
2	Tennis Hard Lighted
27	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Security Lighting

**Acres:** 16.31

**Park Type:** Community

**Council  
Person:** [Jack Webb](#)

**History:** Alberts Field is located in the Mandarin section of south Jacksonville at the intersection of Brady and Orange Picker Roads. Bruno and Ann Alberts, who moved from their native Kentucky to Mandarin in 1935, donated the majority of the property to Duval County for use as a park and playground, which opened around 1959. A later donation from Ann Alberts in 1981 and a City purchase of 2.5 acres in 1994 expanded the park. Bruno Alberts (1888-1970) was an accomplished stain glass artist, portrait painter, and orchid enthusiast, and his wife Ann (1896-1991) was also an artist, who enjoyed painting orchids and still life compositions. For many years Alberts Field has been home to the Mandarin Sports Association, which has been the City's partner in the improvement and maintenance of the facility that was used by approximately 900 children in 2004 for organized baseball and softball games.

## Chapelgate Park

3824 Chapelgate Road [Mapit](#)  
Jacksonville, FL 32223

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
3	Benches
1	Trash Barrels
Yes	Security Lighting

**Acres:** 0.168

**Park Type:** Neighborhood

**Council  
Person:** [Jack Webb](#)

**History:** Chapelgate Park is located in Mandarin's Chapelgate neighborhood, near the intersection of I-295 and Old St. Augustine Road. In 1999, a local builder attempted to remove the largest live oak tree remaining in the subdivision. The residents protested and were given seven days to purchase the lot containing the tree. The efforts of Councilman Dick Kravitz and the support of Mayor Delaney resulted in the City's purchase of the property and financing of the park's construction. It consists of three benches, sidewalks, landscaping, irrigation, and a wooden deck, all canopied by the mighty oak. And the Chapelgate Homeowners Association signed an Adopt-A-Park Agreement with the City, agreeing to maintain the new park.

## Chuck Rogers Park

11950 San Jose Blvd [Mapit](#)  
Jacksonville, FL 32223

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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5	Benches
75	Car Parking
1	Concession Stand
2	Grills
2	Picnic shelters
6	Picnic Tables
3	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
4	Soccer
1	Trails Paved (Miles)
16	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing

**Acres:** 14.4

**Park Type:** Community

**Council  
Person:** [Jack Webb](#)

**History:** Chuck Rogers Park is located in Mandarin, north of the intersection of San Jose Blvd. and Orange Picker Rd. Sometime between 1968-1977, a borrow pit was excavated on part of the site, which was later used as a private landfill. The efforts of the City, Councilman Dick Kravitz, and the Jacksonville Youth Soccer Club led to the purchase of the site in 1995 and its development as Mandarin's first soccer park, which opened for the inaugural game March 7, 1997. An additional 1.1-acre parcel for the park was donated to the City in 1998. The park is named for Chuck Rogers (1909-1980), who worked for the Parks and Recreation Dept. for 41 years. He started and ran the City's youth leagues in all sports, was the guiding light in the tremendous rise of slow-pitch softball in the City, served for many years as the grand marshal for the City's parades, and much more. Eventually, Mr. Rogers was inducted into the Jacksonville Sports Hall of Fame.

County Dock

2400 County Dock Road [Mapit](#)  
Jacksonville, FL 32223

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Boat docks
1	Boat Ramps
5	Boat Trailer Parking
1	Canoe/Kayak Launch
1	Pedestrian Docks
4	Trash Barrels
Yes	Fishing Available
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

**Acres:** 0.238

**Park Type:** Boat Ramp

**Council**

**Person:** [Jack Webb](#)

**History:** County Dock is located at the end of County Dock Road. It is adjacent to Walter Jones Historical Park. There is also a hand launch boat ramp with very limited parking.

## Flynn Park

2738 Orange Pickers Road [Mapit](#)  
Jacksonville, FL 32223

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Basketball
3	Benches
1	Bleachers
30	Car Parking
1	Multiuse Field
2	Picnic Tables
2	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
1	Softball Adult
3	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing

**Acres:** 5.77

**Park Type:** Neighborhood

**Council  
Person:** [Jack Webb](#)

**History:** Flynn Park is located in the Mandarin area of southeast Jacksonville, near the intersection of Flynn and Orange Picker Roads. The park is named for James J. Flynn, a Mandarin resident, whose family operated a seed and feed store on Flynn Road for most of the 1900's. Mr. Flynn purchased Mandarin's first Model-T Ford, which was utilized as the town's only taxi service to Jacksonville and St. Augustine. In 1955 and 1956, the City purchased the land for the park. Through the years, the Mandarin Sports Association and the Mandarin Community Club have championed the need for improvements and additions at both Flynn Park and nearby Alberts Field, which opened around 1959. These improvements include a basketball court, new restrooms, and lighting for the ball field in the latter 1970's, new playground equipment in 1990, and park fencing in recent years.

## Hood Landing Boat Ramp

12925 Hood Landing Road [Mapit](#)  
Jacksonville, FL 32223

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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2	Boat docks
1	Boat Ramps
12	Boat Trailer Parking
3	Trash Barrels
Yes	Fishing Available
Yes	Security Lighting

**Acres:** 0.4

**Park Type:** Boat Ramp

**Council  
Person:** [Jack Webb](#)

**History:** The Hood Landing Boat Ramp is located adjacent to Julington Creek in southeast Jacksonville, at the terminus of Hood Landing Road. During the Spanish and English occupations, plantations existed along the creek, and numerous farms bordered the creek after Florida became a U.S. territory/state. The ramp was built sometime during the period from 1956 through 1961, a time of unprecedented growth for Duval County's recreational facilities. Clark's Fish Camp existed adjacent to the site before the ramp's creation, and became a popular seafood restaurant about 1976. The stretch of Julington Creek between the ramp and the St. Johns River is a favorite habitat for manatees. As the area became the fastest growing section of Jacksonville and use of the ramp greatly increased, the City searched unsuccessfully for nearby land (much of which is wetlands) for parking and restroom facilities.

Julington Durbin Creek Preserve

13130 Bartram Park Blvd. [Mapit](#)  
Jacksonville, FL 32223

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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3	Trails Unpaved (Miles)
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Yes	Fishing Available
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**Acres:** 2006.96

**Park Type:** Preservation

**Council  
Person:** [Jack Webb](#)

**History:** The area is located on a peninsula formed at the confluence of Julington and Durbin creeks, and has approximately nine miles of shoreline along the two creeks. The peninsula is a long sandy ridge that grades into floodplain swamp and marsh along the creeks' shores. Natural communities consist of sandhill along the higher areas near the center of the peninsula and flatwoods at the lower elevations. The preserve contains extensive floodplain wetlands, providing water quality and floodplain protection for both creeks and the St. Johns River. Wildlife viewing: Known wildlife at the preserve include bald eagle, osprey, gopher tortoise, bobcat, turkey, deer and numerous species of wading and songbirds. Manatees seasonally swim in both creeks. Recreational activities: Hiking, picnicking, horseback riding, bicycling and nature study.

Loretto Nature Center

3900 Loretto Road [Mapit](#)  
Jacksonville, FL 32223

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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| 4    | Benches                |
| 0.23 | Trails Paved (Miles)   |
| 0.18 | Trails Unpaved (Miles) |
| Yes  | Perimeter Site Fencing |

**Acres:** 27.406

**Park Type:** Neighborhood

**Council  
Person:** [Jack Webb](#)

**History:** In 1990, Tree Hill negotiated an agreement with Duval County School Board to manage a twelve-acre preserve adjacent to Loretto Road Elementary School for educational purposes. The property consists of a mixture of jurisdictional wetlands and uplands bordering the heavily wooded Oldfield Creek. Loretto Nature Center was dedicated on July 3, 1996.

## Mandarin Park

14780 Mandarin Road [Mapit](#)  
Jacksonville, FL 32223

### Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
17	Benches
1	Boat docks
1	Boat Ramps
15	Boat Trailer Parking
35	Car Parking
4	Grills
1	Pedestrian Docks
3	Picnic shelters
12	Picnic Tables
6	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
4	Shuffleboard
2	Tennis Hard
2.25	Trails Unpaved (Miles)
19	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Fishing Available
Yes	Security Lighting
Yes	Visitor/Interpretive Center

**Acres:** 36.926

**Park Type:** Boat Ramp and Park

**Council**  
**Person:** [Jack Webb](#)

**History:** Mandarin Park is located adjacent to Julington Creek in the Mandarin section of southeast Jacksonville. A leading producer of oranges in North America for most of the 1800's, the community acquired its name from the Mandarin orange that was grown there. The Mandarin Community Club, which was established in 1923, takes a very active interest in the area's parks. When the development of Mandarin greatly accelerated after the Buckman Bridge opened in 1970, the booming population needed additional recreational facilities. The City purchased the park site in 1989, and together with the design firm, sought and received considerable input from the area's residents about what facilities they wanted in the park. Former City Councilman Dick Kravitz was instrumental in the land acquisition and early development, which went on to include the picnic area and nature trails in 1992, the pier in 1993, and the boat ramp in 2006.

Walter Jones Historical Park

11964 Mandarin Road [Mapit](#)  
Jacksonville, FL 32223

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
5	
8	Benches
1	Bike racks
26	Car Parking
5	Grills
2	Picnic shelters
9	Picnic Tables
1	Restrooms
0.42	Trails Paved (Miles)
19	Trash Barrels
2	Wildlife Observation Posts
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting
Yes	Visitor/Interpretive Center

**Acres:** 11.057

**Park Type:** Special

**Council**  
**Person:** [Jack Webb](#)

**History:** Major William Webb purchased 31.2 acres on the St. Johns River in Mandarin in 1873. He built a home, barn and 1,000-foot dock extending into the St. Johns River. Walter Jones, proprietor of the Mandarin Store and Post Office, moved his family to the homestead in the early 1900s and his family members occupied the property until 1992. The City of Jacksonville acquired 10 acres of Major Webb's original homestead from the descendants of Walter Jones in 1994 for the purpose of creating the city's first historical park. The park opened to the public in August 2000 and includes the restored farmhouse, barn, outbuildings, sawmill, nature trail along a riverfront boardwalk, picnic area and restrooms. The park and farmhouse are handicapped accessible. The Mandarin Museum & Historical Society operates the park facilities under a contract with the city.