


Birding Hotspots

St. Johns County, Florida



Anastasia State Park

<p>Description:</p>  <p>MAP</p>	<p>Anastasia State Park comprises More than 1,600 acres of unspoiled beaches, tidal marshes, maritime hammocks and ancient sand dunes making this a captivating destination for visitors. There is an abundance of wildlife. The sand dunes are home to the endangered Anastasia Island Beach Mouse. You can frequently see Gopher Tortoise slowly making their way across the road so be alert.</p>
<p>Address:</p>	<p>1340-A A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080</p>
<p>Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail:</p>	<p>Yes. https://floridabirdingtrail.com/trail/trail-sections/east-section/anastasia-state-park/</p>
<p>Phone Number:</p>	<p>904-461-2023</p>
<p>Fee:</p>	<p>\$8/car, \$4 /car one occupant, and \$2 for pedestrians and bicyclists.</p>
<p>Hours of Operation:</p>	<p>8am to sundown year round</p>
<p>Handicap Accessibility:</p>	<p>Most areas are ADA compliant. There is a MOBI mat out to the beach and balloon-tired wheel chairs are available</p>
<p>Website:</p>	<p>https://www.stateparks.com/anastasia_state_park_in_florida.html</p>
<p>Facilities Available:</p>	<p>139 campsites bathrooms, picnic tables, pavilions, concession stand, camp store. Kayaks are available for rent at Anastasia Watersports. Trails include the Ancient Dunes Nature Trail, Coquina Quarries and the Nature Trail.</p>
<p>Types of Habitat:</p>	<p>Ancient sand dune, beach, tidal salt marsh, and maritime and upland hammock.</p>
<p>Other Information:</p>	<p>Park has more than 1,600 acres. Camping opportunities available.</p>
<p>Level of Difficulty:</p>	<p>Easy to moderate.</p>
<p>Species:</p>	<p>The park has been designated an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society. It is an important migratory stopover on the eastern flyway for migrating birds and nesting habitat for Least Terns, Wilson’s Plovers, American Oystercatchers and Black Skimmers. eBird has listed 262 species for the past 10 years. Winter species include Hooded and Red-breasted Mergansers, Northern Gannets, Sora, Bonaparte’s Gulls, Harriers and House, Marsh and Sedge Wrens. When summer arrives so do the Painted Bunting which nest in the dense mangroves. Black-bellied Plovers, Ruddy Turnstones, Sanderlings, Laughing and Herring Gulls, Royal Terns, Willets, Lesser and Greater Black-backed Gulls, Clapper Rails, Egrets and Herons are present all year. If you are camping keep an ear out for the Great-horned, Barred and Eastern Screech Owls. The Park is also a great place to watch for pelagic species such as Shearwaters, Storm-petrels and Brown Booby after a storm passes through.</p>
<p>Bird Checklist Available:</p>	<p>eBird: https://ebird.org/hotspot/L127294</p>