


Birding Hotspots

St. Johns County, Florida



Canopy Shores Park

<p>Description:</p> 	<p>This 33-acre parcel is located in southern St. Johns County along the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway in the Shores Community along Christina Drive, adjacent to the Riverview Club. This 33-acre park, managed by St. Johns County, affords the visitor many opportunities to enjoy nature under the large oak hammock canopy that gives the park its name.</p>
<p>Address:</p>	<p>804 Christina Drive, St. Augustine, Florida 32086</p>
<p>Phone Number:</p>	<p>(904) 209-0333</p>
<p>Fee:</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Hours of Operation:</p>	<p>7AM to dark daily</p>
<p>Handicap Accessibility:</p>	<p>This park is ADA compliant</p>
<p>Website:</p>	<p>https://www.sjcf.us/parks_trails/canopy-shores-park/</p>
<p>Facilities Available:</p>	<p>It includes a one-mile paved loop for walking, biking, and birdwatching, picnic pavilions and restroom facilities.</p>
<p>Types of Habitats:</p>	<p>Canopy Shores Park is filled with majestic canopy oak trees defined by three distinct vegetative communities, hydric hammock, estuarine tidal marsh and floodplain swamp. The hydric hammock vegetative community dominates the majority of this site (27 acres), consisting of dense, mature canopy of live oaks, laurel oaks and red cedar containing an understory of yaupon holly and cabbage palm. Along the eastern portion of the site lies ground cover material consisting of Spanish needles, American beauty berry and blackberry, while the western area contains a dense cover of saw palmetto, sparkle berry, deer berry and wild petunia.</p>
<p>Other Information:</p>	<p>Canopy Shores is located within the St. Augustine Shores Planned Unit Development (PUD) located off US 1. Direct access to the site is provided off Shores Blvd. on to Christina Dr. It is a short drive from Vaill Point Park so why not visit them both.</p>
<p>Level of Difficulty:</p>	<p>Easy</p>
<p>Species:</p>	<p>eBird shows that 173 species have been observed over the past 10 years. In the winter, look for ducks like Hooded Mergansers and Red-breasted Mergansers. And do not forget the Black-and-White Warblers, Palm Warblers and Yellow-rumped Warblers. This oak canopy is a migrant magnet with over 20 warbler species including Waterthrushes, Redstarts, Cape May, Black-throated Blue and Prairie Warblers to name but a few. In the summer you can find nesting Northern Parulas and Yellow-throated Warblers along with Great Crested Flycatchers and Barn Swallows. If you're lucky you may actually get to see one of the elusive Clapper Rails.</p>
<p>Bird Checklist Available:</p>	<p>eBird: https://ebird.org/hotspot/L5705116</p>