


Birding Hotspots

St. Johns County, Florida



Vaill Point Park

<p>Description:</p> 	<p>Vaill Point Park, a picturesque 23-acre park located along Moultrie Creek and the Intracoastal Waterway is just south of St. Augustine. Elevated on a geologically unique bluff (20-25 feet on the east side) the site overlooks the Intracoastal Waterway and Moultrie Creek. This park, managed by St. Johns County offers a range of recreational activities like hiking, boating, fishing and birdwatching. It also features three playgrounds and a rock-climbing wall for the kids.</p>
<p>Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail:</p>	<p>Yes. https://floridabirdingtrail.com/trail/trail-sections/east-section/vaill-point-park/</p>
<p>Address:</p>	<p>630 Vaill Point Rd. St. Augustine, FL 32086 Directions</p>
<p>Phone Number:</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Fee:</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Hours of Operation:</p>	<p>7:00 am 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/vaill-point-park/</p>
<p>Facilities Available:</p>	<p>Vaill Point Park features 1.5-mile paved trail for biking, hiking and birding with educational signs along the trail about the natural environment. There is a fishing pier, canoe and kayak launch sites, as well as covered picnic pavilions, a rock-climbing wall and playground, and clean restrooms. This park is ADA compliant.</p>
<p>Types of Habitat:</p>	<p>Live Oak/Upland Temperate Hammock, Temperate Hardwoods, Oak/Pine Forest, and Saltwater Marsh. The Bluff (Mesic Uplands) is contained within the Live Oak / Upland Temperate Hammock and the Temperate Hammock communities that line the entire northern and northeastern boundaries of the site along both the Moultrie Creek and the Matanzas River. The Bluff (Mesic Uplands) vegetative community is classified as imperiled in Florida.</p>
<p>Other Information:</p>	<p>St. Johns Regional Audubon frequently offers bird identification courses and bird walks at this park.</p>
<p>Level of Difficulty:</p>	<p>Easy to moderate.</p>
<p>Species:</p>	<p>Spotted Sandpiper, Barred Owls, Great Blue Herons, Bald Eagles, Snowy Egrets, Clapper Rails, Least Terns, White-eyed and Red-eyed Vireos, and Hooded Mergansers to list but a few. More than 25 species of wood-warblers have been recorded at the park, including Cape May, Black-throated Blue and Blackburnian!</p>
<p>Bird Checklist Available:</p>	<p>eBird: https://ebird.org/hotspot/L698228</p>