

PUTNAM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

ACTIVITY GUIDE 2021



Athletics - Aquatics - Community Centers - Special Events - Park and Boat Ramp Maps

Putnam County Parks & Recreation

Mission Statement

Putnam County Parks & Recreation strives for the continual improvement of its broad-based recreational programs including sports, parks, recreational facilities and waterway activities. It is the mission of the Putnam County Parks & Recreation Department to provide a system of well-balanced, safe, accessible and affordable parks and recreational opportunities, facilities, programs and services that will enhance the general quality of life in Putnam County.

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Facility Information

John Theobald Sports Complex (Main Office)

Hours: Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

120 Carter Road, Palatka, FL 32177
(386) 329-1268

Edgar Johnson Senior Center

Hours: Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

1215 Westover Drive, Palatka, FL 32177
(386) 329-0469

Putnam Aquatic Center

Seasonal (May—September)

1209 Westover Drive, Palatka, FL 32177
(386) 312-2221

Active Member of



Letter from the Director

We are honored to contribute our services to over 70,000 residents of Putnam County plus those that visit our county for special events. We would like to sincerely thank all of our recreation program participants and park patrons. The following is a list of projects and opportunities that were met during the fiscal year 2019-20.

- The long-awaited restoration of the Project PLAY playground was completed with an array of amenities sure to please everyone. There is an ADA accessible rubber sidewalk, separate playground features for children of different ages as well as different abilities. This effort was a culmination of the partnership we have with the Rotary Club of Palatka and the generous donation they provided.
- The County received its first ever splash pad, located at Project PLAY, directly next to the new playground. The splash pad will be open during months that temperatures will support patrons using it.
- As with most other organizations, both private and public, we modified our offerings to the public this last year. A lot of programs were cancelled or severely modified. We offered a modified soccer season by the end of October, and were able to have one of our "Movie in the Park" Events.
- We offered a fun and alternative program that we titled, "Rec-It Bags." This provided bags to 450 families that had not been able to participate in other activities. Each of these bags had various items for play and learning for multiple age groups within a family.

We appreciate the community's support during these difficult times. We got through this, as we do with most other hardships we face, together and as a team. We hope to be able to have more programs and activities to offer to the community this year. If you ever have any questions or concerns about the Department or its programs, please feel free to contact me at 386-329-1268.

Kevin Stevens, Director

County Commissioners

Bill Pickens - District 1
Jeff Rawls - District 2
Terry Turner - District 3
Larry Harvey - District 4
Paul Adamczyk - District 5
Terry Suggs - County Administrator

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Terry Driggers - District 5
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Bill Pickens - County Commissioner
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Amber Bosley-Couver - District 4
Andy Rusnak - District 5
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Parks & Recreation Staff

Director - Kevin Stevens
Administrative Assistant - Katrina Williams
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Recreation Manager - Vacant
Athletics & Aquatics
Recreation Manager - Tess Simpson
Senior & Community Programming

PROJECT P.L.A.Y.



EDGAR JOHNSON SENIOR CENTER REFRESH



VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK



Sports at a Glance

T-Ball

Ages: 4-6

Registration Starts in November 2020

Games Begin Late January 2021 (Saturdays)

Flag Football

Ages: 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-14

Registration starts in February 2021

Games Begin April 2021

Girls Volleyball

Ages: 8-10, 11-14

Registration starts in February 2021

Games Begin April 2021

Pool Open

All Ages

Opens May 2021

Lessons begin June 2021

Soccer

Ages: 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-14

Registration Starts July 2021

Games Begin October 2021





DECEMBER 2021

Cookies with Santa



Putnam County Parks and Recreation
in partnership with
Putnam County Library Systems



MOVIES IN THE PARK

Held in various parks throughout county.

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PUTNAMCOUNTYPARKSANDRECREATION](https://www.facebook.com/putnamcountyparksandrecreation)

Putnam County Parks & Recreation partners with various
community partners for different events. If you're interested in
partnering, let us know! recreation@putnam-fl.com





1209 Westover Drive
Palatka, FL 32177



2021 Opening Date: May 3rd, 2021

Swim Lessons

Mondays-Thursdays

Session 1 - June 14-24

Session 2 - June 28-July 8

Session 3 - July 12-22

Session 4 - July 26-August 5

Swim Lessons:
\$40/participant

Due to the nature of being outdoors, all classes and events at the pool are weather dependent. Schedules are subject to change. For more information about programs, events and schedule, please contact 386-312-2221.



Having a birthday party or celebration? Come join us at the Putnam Aquatics Center!

\$50 per hour (minimum 2 hours) for up to 50 swimmers.

(Rentals are first come, first served, \$100 deposit required to book your date)
Deposit is returnable upon satisfactory inspection of the building and pool grounds.

Rentals are available June 1st thru August 31st & only on weekends.

Lesson Descriptions

Parent & Child: Parents are taught to safely work with their children in the water as they are taught skills to prepare them to learn to swim. Parent participation is required. Ages 6 months - 4 years

Level 1: Intro to Water Skills Participants learn to safely enter and exit water, make progress through the water using arms & legs, float and recover.

Level 2: Fundamental Aquatic Skills Children perform Level 1 skills, swimming several body lengths without instructor support.

Level 3: Stroke Development Children learn the front crawl and elementary backstroke, swimming each 15 yards and are introduced to the scissors & dolphin kicks and treading water.

Level 4: Stroke Improvement Swimmers practice front crawl and backstroke and are introduced to side stroke, back crawl, breast stroke, butterfly and turning at the wall.

Activities at the Pool

AQUATIC AEROBICS

Tuesday and Thursday, 12-12:50, starting May 21.

Cost per person, per lesson is \$3.

COMMUNITY SWIM

Monday through Friday from 1-5pm, starting June 1st - August 7th.

Cost per person is \$5.

Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

FLOAT IN NIGHT AT THE POOL

Friday, June 25th and July 30th

7p - Gates Open

8:30pm - Movie Starts

\$5/person, all participants are encouraged to bring a towel, float & chair. Refreshments provided.



The Putnam Sharks Swim Club is open to all swimmers ages 5-18 and is a mix between a competitive and a recreational sports club. The primary competitive season is Summer (May-July), preceded and followed by the training/conditioning seasons of Spring (February-April) and Fall (August - November).

The club focuses on improving competitive swimming abilities, teaching and improving form, and instilling good sportsmanship behaviors.



Contact Head Coach Jake MacGibbon at (386) 937-5077 or by email at jake@putnamsharks.com and...

Connect with us on Facebook or at putnamsharks.com

PARKS

1. Melrose Heritage Park

204 Pearl St. Melrose

- Green Space Area
- Playground
- Gazebo
- Veterans Memorial

2. Melrose Youth Sports Complex

421 State Rd. 26 Melrose

- Adult Baseball Field
- Youth Baseball Field
- Youth Softball Field
- 2 Multipurpose Fields
- 2 Sand Volleyball Courts

3. Johnson Community Park

151 S. County Rd. 21 Hawthorne

- Adult Softball Field
- Basketball Court
- Playground
- Sand Volleyball Court

4. West Putnam Recreation Complex

170 County Rd. 315 Interlachen

- Mary Wisham Softball Field
- Soccer Field
- Basketball Court
- Picnic Pavilion
- Skate Park
- Band Shell & Amphitheatre
- Playground

5. West Putnam Sports Complex

127 SE 3rd Ave. Interlachen

- 1 Adult/2 Youth Baseball Fields
- Youth Softball Field

6. Francis Youth Sports Complex

8012 St Johns Ave. Palatka

- 2 Adult/4 Youth Baseball Fields
- ADA Accessible Playground
- Dog Park
- Basketball Court

7. John Theobald Complex

120 Carter Rd. Palatka

- 4 Adult Softball Fields
- Full Size Football/Soccer Field
- Project P.L.A.Y.
- Tennis/Pickleball Courts
- Basketball Court

8. John Theobald—Ryan Property

161 Carter Rd. Palatka

- 2 Multipurpose Fields

9. East Palatka Community Park

223 Putnam Co. Blvd E. Palatka

- Adult Softball Field
- Basketball Court
- 2 Horseshoe Pits

10. San Mateo Community Park

164 Currie Rd. San Mateo

- Youth Softball Field
- Tennis Court
- Multipurpose Field
- Playground

11. Woods Road Park

131 Woods Rd. San Mateo

- Basketball Court
- Playground
- Multipurpose Field

12. South Putnam Sports Complex

280 Union Ave. Crescent City

- Adult Baseball Field
- Adult Softball Field
- 3 Multipurpose Fields

13. Florahome Community Park

151 Michigan St. Florahome

- Adult Softball Field
- Tennis Court
- Basketball Court
- ADA Accessible Playground
- Trailhead Restroom

14. Etoniah Community Park

620 Bardin Rd. Palatka

- 2 Picnic Pavilions
- ADA Accessible Playground
- Sand Volleyball Court
- Multipurpose Field
- Basketball Court

15. Veterans Memorial Park

111 S. Highway 17 East Palatka

- 2 Picnic Pavilions

16. Rotary Park

800 Laurel St. Palatka

- Youth Softball Field

17. Lake Como Park

147 Euclid Ave Lake Como

- Basketball Court
- Playground
- Shuffleboard Courts

18. Bostwick Community Park

125 Tillman St. Palatka

- Youth Softball Field
- Basketball Court
- ADA Accessible Playground

19. Tanglewylde Nature Park

299 West River Rd. Palatka

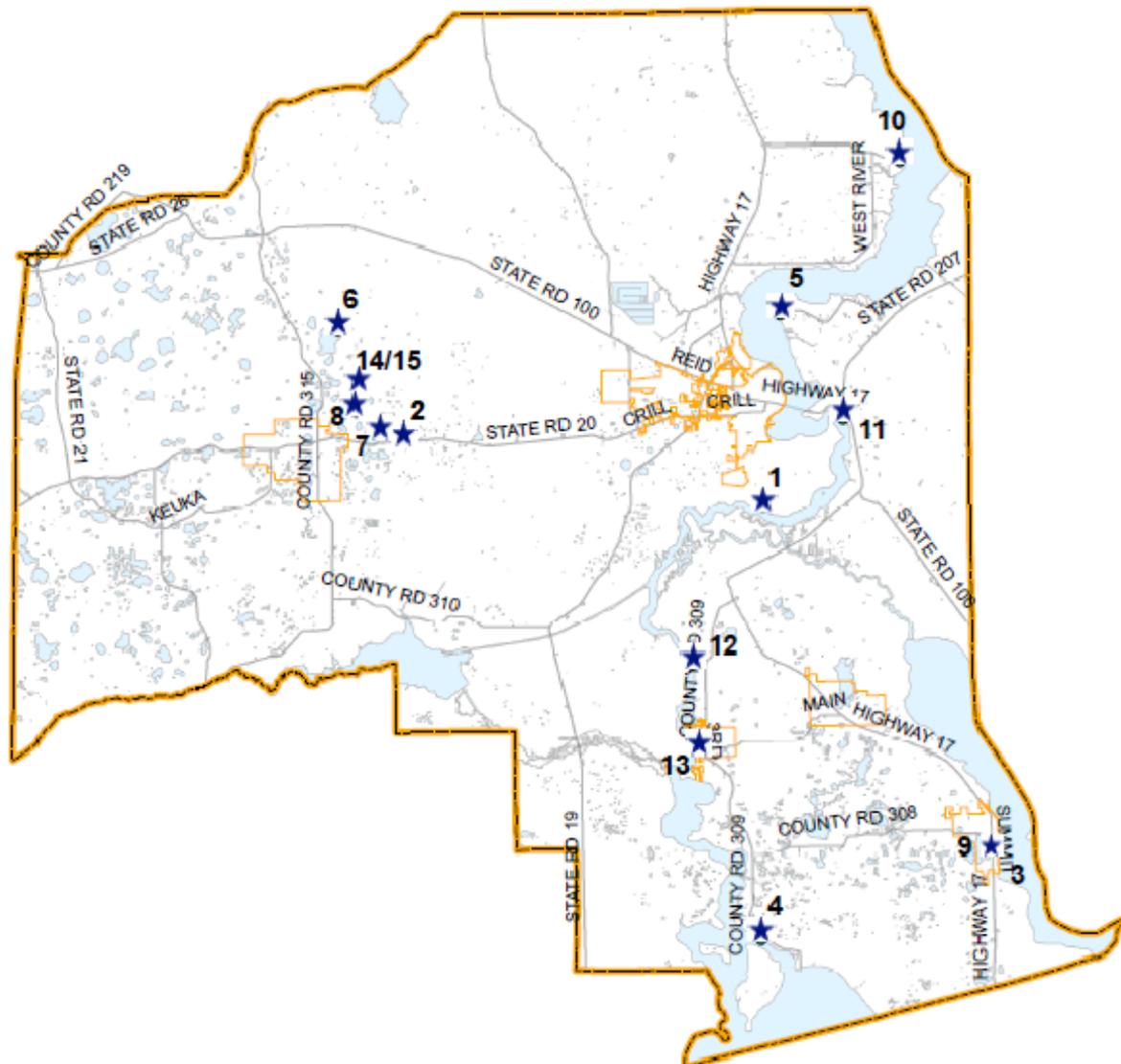
- Picnic Pavilion
- Vaulted Restroom
- Soft Launch
- Walking Trail

20. Georgetown Riverfront Park

Georgetown Landing Rd.,
Georgetown

- ADA Accessible Playground
- Picnic Pavilion

BOAT RAMPS



1. Brown's Landing Boat Ramp
4065 Brown's Landing Road
Palatka, FL 32177

2. Boll Green Boat Ramp
150 Pidgeon Street
Interlachen, FL 32148

3. Crescent Lake Boat Ramp
1 Central Avenue
Crescent City, FL 32112

4. Drayton Island Ferry Boat Ramp
122 Drayton Island Ferry Road
Georgetown, FL 32139

5. Elgin Grove Boat Ramp
138 Magnolia Avenue
East Palatka, FL 32131

6. Lake Grandin Boat Ramp
137 Walker Drive
Interlachen, FL 32148

7. Lake Ida Boat Ramp
127 Ida Blvd
Interlachen, FL 32148

8. Lake Jewell Boat Ramp*
139 Kitty Avenue
Interlachen, FL 32148

9. Lake Stella Boat Ramp
519 Central Avenue
Crescent City, FL 32112

10. Palmetto Bluff Boat Ramp
126 Boat Ramp Road
Bostwick, FL 32177

11. Pico Road Boat Ramp
135 Pico Road
East Palatka, FL 32131

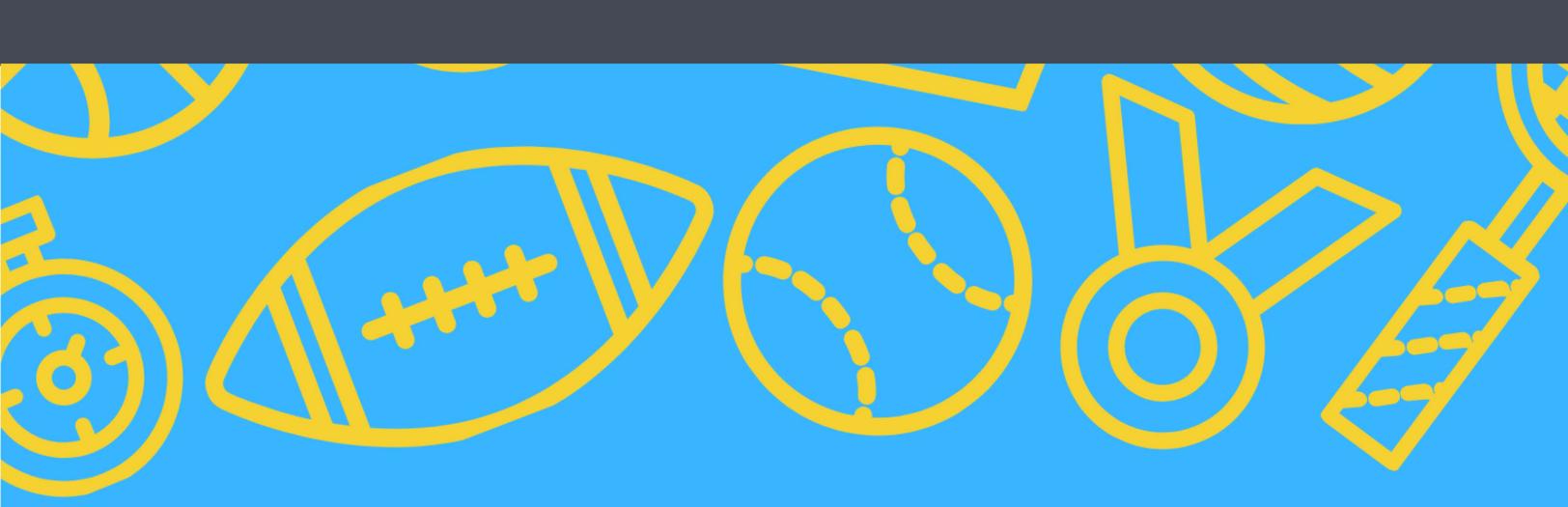
12. Shell Harbor Boat Ramp
162 Shell Harbor Road
Satsuma, FL 32189

13. Welaka Boat Ramp
9199 Bm Street
Welaka, FL 32193

14. Church Lake Access Site
221 Kitty Avenue
Interlachen, FL 32148
(No boat access)

15. Violet Lake Access Site
220 Kitty Avenue
Interlachen, FL 32148
(No boat access)

***Ramp accessibility subject to water level/weather conditions.**



SUMMER CAMP!

JUNE 14-JULY 30, 2021

Palatka PAL and Putnam County Parks & Recreation will return to summer programming this summer in partnership with other local agencies and programs. Be on the lookout on Facebook for more information, or call 386-329-1268.



COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

ALL RENTALS REQUIRE A \$100 DEPOSIT.

This deposit serves as a damage deposit and to hold the date for your event.

Deposit is returnable upon satisfactory inspection of the building.

Edgar Johnson Senior Center

1215 Westover Dr., Palatka, FL 32177



Capacity: 75 people (with tables and chairs)

Amenities available:

- Large multi-purpose room
- Prep kitchen
- Large Men's & Women's Restrooms
- Cardroom/Library

Rental Fee - \$33/hour (staff fee included)

Bostwick Community Youth & Senior Center

125 Tillman St., Palatka, FL 32177



Capacity: 100 people (with tables and chairs)

Amenities available:

- Large multi-purpose room
- Kitchen
- Large Men's & Women's Restrooms
- Covered outdoor area

Rental Fee - \$25/hour

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Deposit is returnable upon satisfactory inspection of the building.

Interlachen Community Center

135 S CR 315, Interlachen, FL 32148

Capacity: 100 people (with tables and chairs)

Amenities available:

- Large multi-purpose room
- Prep Kitchen
- Large Men's & Women's Restrooms

Rental Fee - \$25/hour



Lake Como Community Center

103 Highlands Ave., Lake Como, FL 32157

Capacity: 50 people (with tables and chairs)

Amenities available:

- Large multi-purpose room
- Small Stage
- Prep Kitchen
- Men's & Women's Restrooms

Rental Fee - \$25/hour



COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAMMING

Edgar Johnson Senior Center
1215 Westover Dr. Palatka, FL 32177
386-329-0469



Edgar Johnson Senior Center is open to all adults age 50+ with all abilities. Most activities are free, unless otherwise indicated. The center is open 9-5 Monday - Friday. Please feel free to call or stop by to find out more about activities! Regularly scheduled programming includes arts and crafts, music, exercise and educational classes.



COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAMMING

Interlachen Community Center
135 S CR 315, Interlachen, FL 32148
386-329-0469



Interlachen Community Center is a facility available to the residents of Putnam County. The facility has some regularly scheduled programs for adults and is available for rentals and meetings. Regularly scheduled programming includes a weekly music jam, video exercise classes and a craft class.

Bostwick Community Center
125 Tillman St. Palatka, FL 32177
386-329-0469

Bostwick Community Center is a facility available to the residents of Putnam County. The facility has some regularly scheduled programs for adults and is available for rentals and meetings. Regularly scheduled programming includes a weekly music jam, and a Zumba Class.





PUTNAM COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

LOCATIONS

Headquarters — Palatka Library

601 College Road
Palatka, FL 32177
386-329-0441

Bostwick Branch Library

125 Tillman Street, Building 2
Palatka, FL 32177
386-326-2750

Crescent City Branch Library

610 North Summit
Crescent City, FL 32112
386-698-2600

Interlachen Branch Library

133 N. County Road 315
Interlachen, FL 32148
386-684-1600

Melrose Branch Library

312 Wynnwood Avenue
Melrose, FL 32666
352-475-1237

HOURS

Headquarters — Palatka Library

Monday | 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Tuesday | 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Wednesday | 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursday | 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday | 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bostwick Branch Library

Tuesday | 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Wednesday | 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursday | 11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday | 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday | 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

All other branches

Tuesday-Friday | 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday | 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Visit us online: FunInPutnam.com

In addition to the many programs and services available in-person at our library, patrons also have access to FREE online resources through our website such as:



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WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED...

4-H Community Club:

Community clubs are youth led and volunteer guided. They meet in a variety of places and are involved in a many different projects and community service.

4-H Afterschool Club:

After school clubs are based at a school and meet afterschool. The clubs are involved in a variety of different projects.

4-H in the Classroom:

4-H in the Classroom projects are held during school hours and are programs that complement what the youth are learning in a hands on way. Examples of these programs are 4-H Embryology and Gardening projects.

Summer Day and

Residential Camping:

Camps are held from 1 to 5 days and revolve around a variety of subjects like agriculture, gardening, outdoor education, and much more.

These are examples of ways you can be involved in 4-H. Call to learn more.



See the extraordinary changes 4-H youth are making.
<http://www.4-h.org/grows>



Come Grow with Putnam County 4-H

The University of Florida/IFAS Extension Putnam County 4-H is a youth development program that serves over 1200 youth through community clubs, school clubs, school enrichment and camping programs. We offer hands-on learning experiences to help youth develop life skills through a large variety of projects like photography, gardening, animals, archery and many more.

UF/IFAS Extension Putnam County 4-H:
111 Yelvington Rd; East Palatka, FL 32131
386-329-0318 (phone) cfincher@ufl.edu

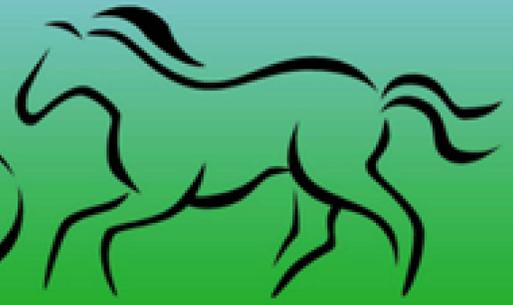


The University shall provide equal employment opportunities and practices for all qualified persons which conform to laws against discrimination on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, marital status, veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act, sex, national origin, disability, political opinions or affiliations, age, or handicap



Putnam Blueways & Trails, CSO

It's Our Nature



PutnamBluewaysAndTrails.org

Putnam Blueways & Trails Citizens Support Organization (CSO) is a non-profit group of outdoor enthusiasts who are dedicated to the promotion and protection of hiking, biking, equestrian, and paddling trails.

To become a member or to learn more about our special events and weekly social gatherings please visit us at

www.putnambluewaysandtrails.com

OR



putnambluewaysandtrails@gmail.com

P.O. Box 181

Palatka, FL 32178

386-546-1668

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and get the app for your Android or Apple device:
ContactBridge by Everbridge, Inc.*

The Putnam County Emergency Alert Program has been created for the public to receive notifications about emergencies and other important information, such as:

National Weather Service Alerts • Emergency Incident Information
Evacuations Notices • Shelter in Place Notices • Boil Water Notices
Tropical Weather Information • Missing Persons Alerts
Sexual Predator Notices • Criminal Activity Notices

You can receive these messages based on your contact preferences including your home phone, business phone, cell phone, and/or email address.



Community Partners

Putnam County partners with several agencies in the interest of providing the best programs to our community. Please see contact information below for how to reach out.

Youth Sports:

Melrose Youth Sports Association

Dale Yarborough at 352-475-1884
www.melroseyouthsports.com

Palatka Babe Ruth

palatkababeruth.sportssignup.com/site

West Putnam Athletic Association

<http://wpaa.website.sportssignup.com/>

Adult Athletics:

St John's River Pickleball Group

Jimmi Symonds, USAPA, Ambassador
jsymonds@bellsouth.net, 386-972-2659
Facebook: facebook.com/groups/pickleballofputnamcounty/
www.usapa.org

Youth Mentoring Sports and other programs:

Palatka Police Athletic League

Captain Toby Williams - 386-329-0115 or 386-227-0360
pal.leagueapps.org or www.palatkapal.org

Other Programming

Putnam County Blueways & Trails

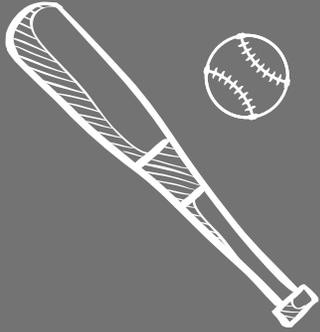
<http://putnambluewaysandtrails.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/pbtcso>

Bartram Trail Society

<http://bartram.putnam-fl.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/Bartramtrailsociety/>

Putnam County UF/IFAS

putnam@ifas.ufl.edu
(386) 329-0318
111 Yelvington Rd., Suite 1
East Palatka, FL 32131





Palatka Police Athletic League

- Basketball • Track & Field •
- Cops & Kids Bowling • PAL Mentoring •
- PAL Youth Development Program •

• Summer Camp •
 110 N. 11th Street
 Palatka, FL 32177
 Phone: 386-329-0115

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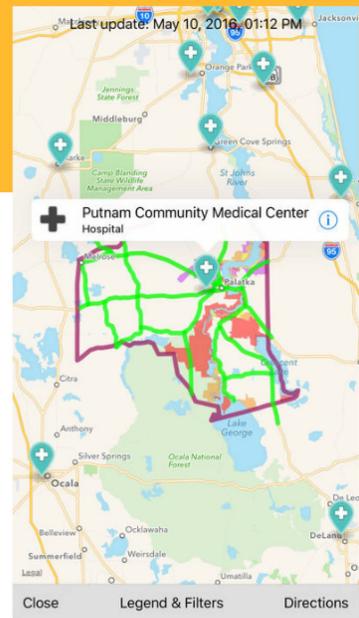


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