



2022 Schedule of Events

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES – April 22nd

- **Frolic on the St. Johns Education program – 9:00AM – 3:00PM** Putnam County School District brings over 150 Second Grade students to the Riverfront for the Passport-to-the-Past educational tour and river boat ride.
- **Bartram Springs-to-Springs paddle 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM.** Guided tour departing from Acosta Marina in Welaka (Four Bartram sites)
- **Bartram Art Show “St. Johns River Yesterday and Today” Reception– 5:00 PM – 6:45 PM - 1st Presbyterian Church, Westminster Hall.** Free, no reservations needed.
- **Bartram’s Reverence for Nature Concert – 7:00 PM – 9:00PM** 1st Presbyterian Church 123 S 2nd St, Palatka - The newly renovated sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church of Palatka will host songs & stories of William Bartram’s travels along the St. Johns River in 1774. Free, no reservations needed.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES - April 23rd

- **Johns River Bartram Frolic on the Riverfront – 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM:** Includes the following:
 - **Passport-to-the-Past** – The St. Johns River Center will host an educational activity for school-aged youth visiting ten education stations and living historians to learn about our river and its history. Those completing the activity will be rewarded. This is great for the whole family. Register near the St. Johns River Center.
 - **Living History on the Riverfront** – Meet William Bartram, the Long Warrior “King of the Seminoles”, Bartram’s guide and trader Job Wiggins, Ft. Mose’ militia and families, and 18th Century residents of Florida.
 - **Food Trucks on St. Johns Avenue – 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**
 - **Nature-based Vendors, Demonstrations and Environmental Groups** – booths along the riverfront and St. Johns Avenue.
 - **Tales and Songs of the St. Johns River 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM:** This will be a schedule of storytellers, and musicians with tales and songs of the St. Johns River. Held at the new amphitheater.
- **Bartram Trail Florida Cracker Horse Equestrian Ride at Dunns Creek State Park – 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM:** Friends of Dunns Creek State Park will host equestrians for trail rides in the park (Bartram site). Reservations are required and limited. See Friends of Dunns Creek State Park Facebook page.

- **Bartram Historic Rollestown Kayaking Tour – 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM:** A guided paddle from Palatka’s Riverfront Park to Rollestown and return. See website and Facebook for reservations and details.
- **Bartram Historic Tour at Mount Royal – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM:** National Historic Mount Royal guided tour and stroll in Welaka. A Quaker Friend will share information. Reservations are recommended.
- **Pride of Palatka Guided River Boat Tours –** Reservations for all cruises are required – see website and Facebook
 - 1:00 PM **St. Johns Riverkeeper Cruise**
 - 3:00 PM **Bartram Trail St. Johns River Cruise**
 - **Bartram Sunset Wine Cruise – 6:00PM – 8:00 PM**
- **Pontoon boat tours 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM:** **NORTHSTAR CHARTERS** will provide tours from the Riverfront.
- **Bicycling Tour Historic, Homes, Murals and Ravine Gardens – 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM:** A guided bicycle tour of historic home and murals from the riverfront (includes five Bartram sites) – Reservations are recommended.
- **Palatka Riverfront and Murals Walk – 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM:** Guided walk through historic downtown Palatka including three Bartram sites. Reservations recommended.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES – April 24th

- **Bartram Trail Guided Bus Tour - Palatka to Mount Royal 9:30AM – 12:00 PM –** A guided bus tour that includes 12 Bartram Sites – Puc-Puggy Playground, Palatka Waterworks, Riverfront Park, Rollestown, Dunns Creek, Satsuma Spring, Welaka, Beecher Springs Run, Mount Royal. Tour will depart and return from the St. Johns River Center. Reservations are limited and required.
- **Pontoon boat tours 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM:** **NORTHSTAR CHARTERS** will provide tours from the Riverfront.
- **Puc Puggy Trail Hike / Water Works / Ravine Gardens State Park – 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM:** A guided hike from the Ravine Gardens State Park to the Water Work Environmental Education Center and the Puc Puggy nature trail. Reservations are required and limited.
- **Spalding’s Lower Store Paddle – 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM:** Guided historic paddle through Seven Sisters Islands to Bartram’s home while on the St. Johns River in 1774. Reservations required.

Bartram Symposium – 2:00 PM – 5:00 pm: 1st Presbyterian Church, Westminster Hall. The Symposium will feature six Bartram scholars and experts – Dr. Dorinda Dallmeyer will talk about her book “Bartram’s Living Legacy” as the inspiration for the PBS film CULTIVATING THE WILD; Dr. Christopher Robinson will describe James Spalding of Spalding’s Lower Store here in Palatka and his relationship to William Bartram. Bartram Trail Society of FL President Sam Carr and Director Dean Campbell will explain the status of the Bartram Trail in Florida.