

2023 Schedule of Events



FRIDAY ACTIVITIES – April 21

- **Bartram Springs-to-Springs Kayaking Tour 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM.** Guided kayak tour following the route of the Bartram's' hike from Johnsons Spring to Johnsons Bluff on December 28, 1765 with stops at 4 Bartram sites – Registration info @ bartramtrailsociety.com
- **Bartram Trail Cracker Horse Ride and Campout at Dunns Creek State Park – 8:00 AM Friday – 3:00 PM Sunday:** Friends of Dunns Creek State Park will host equestrians for trail rides and camping in the park (Bartram site). Reservations are required and limited. See Friends of Dunns Creek State Park Facebook page. Registration info @ bartramtrailsociety.com
- **Palatka Trail Town & Bartram Frolic Welcome Bicycling Ride - 5:00PM - 6:30PM.** Departing from the Azalea City Brewery 5:00PM and ending at the St. Johns River Center. Part of the Celebrate Trails Florahome event - Registration info @ bartramtrailsociety.com
- **VIP Frolic 6:00 PM 9:00PM** – Invitation only event. 100 dignitaries, sponsors and Frolic participants will be invited to the St. Johns River Center for celebration and frivolity.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES - April 22

- **St. 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 adventure for families visiting ten educational stations and living historians to learn about our river's nature, its history and our legacy. 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 other 18th century residents of Florida.
- **Food Trucks on St. Johns Avenue**
- **Nature-based Vendors, Demonstrations and Environmental Groups – 20 or more booths** along the riverfront and St. Johns Avenue. See website for details.

- **Pride of Palatka Guided River Boat Tours** – Reservations for all cruises are required – Registration info @ bartramtrailsociety.com

- 12:00 PM Cruise #1 **Bartram Heritage Tour**
- 1:30 PM Cruise #2 **Putnam Historical Society**
- 3:00 PM Cruise #3 **Family Tour** – Children FREE with Paid Adults
- 4:30 PM **Cruise #4 St. Johns Riverkeeper Tour**
- 6:00PM – 8:00 PM **Bartram Sunset Wine Cruise** hosted by Billy Bartram, the Long Warrior and Trader Job Wiggins

- **Bartram Historic Rollestown Kayaking Tour** – 8:30 AM – 11:00 PM: A guided 2-mile round-trip paddle from the East Palatka Pico Road Boat Ramp to the site of historic Rollestown. Registration info @ bartramtrailsociety.com
- **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. Story Telling and Music will be in the St. Johns River Center or in an outside tent.
- **Celebrate Trails Florahome** – Saturday AM – Bartram-themed trail and gravel bicycling routes from the Florahome Trail Head starting at 8:00 AM – Registration info @ bartramtrailsociety.com
- **Pontoon boat tours 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM:** **NORTHSTAR CHARTERS** will provide guided tours from the Riverfront. No reservations required. Limited 6 passengers per tour. Call 386-983-1256 for questions.
- **Bartram on Dunns Creek Kayaking Tour – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM** - The Friends of Dunns Creek State Park will host a 6-mile paddle on Dunns Creek from Dunns Creek State Park. Registration info @ bartramtrailsociety.com

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES – April 23

- **Bartram Trail Guided Bus Tour - Palatka to Mount Royal 9:30AM – 12:30 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. A \$25 donation to the BTSF is expected. Registration info @ bartramtrailsociety.com
- **Mount Royal Paddle, Peregrination and Prayer – 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM:** Guided historic paddle from **Renegades on the River in Georgetown** to the Mount Royal Boat Ramp (.6 mile) followed by a hike to the top of Mount Royal (.6 mile) for a reading of Bartram’s prayer for the environment by a Quaker friend. Reservations required. Registration info @ bartramtrailsociety.com

Bartram Symposium – 3:00 PM – 6:00 pm: Westminster Hall of the 1st Presbyterian Church. The Symposium will feature Bartram scholars and experts including dramatic alligator and wildlife videos by National Geographic Society videographer Mark Emery; “Bartram’s St. Johns River” by river scientist and historian Rob Mattson; Kathryn Braund with her latest Bartram edition “The Attention of a Traveler”; Bartram’s IXIA will be introduced by Billy Bartram and the Ixia Chapter Florida Native Plant Society; Joe Foy will explain the land route Bartram used on his two trips to the Alachua Savannah. Donation only, but reservations are recommended, seating will be limited. Registration info @ bartramtrailsociety.com