



# 2025 Schedule of Events

## BartramTrailSociety.com

Look to the website for a copy of this schedule, the overall flyer, info on all events, and links for events that require reservations: [bartramtrailsociety.com/annual-bartram-frolic](http://bartramtrailsociety.com/annual-bartram-frolic)

### FRIDAY ACTIVITIES – April 11

- **Bartram Spring-to-Spring Kayaking Tour 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM**  
Guided kayak tour following the route of the Bartrams' hike from Johnsons Spring to Johnsons Bluff on December 27, 1765 with stops at 4 Bartram sites – Register at the website.
- **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. [www.facebook.com/FriendsofDunnsCreek](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofDunnsCreek)
- **Palatka Trail Town & Bartram Frolic Welcome Bicycling Ride - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**  
A leisurely 6-mile bike ride departing from the Azalea City Brewery 5:00 PM and ending at the St. Johns River Center to meet the Trail Town Mayor and Bartram Reenactors.
- **VIP Frolic - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
*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 12

- **St. Johns River Bartram Frolic on the Riverfront**  
**FREE ongoing events and features – 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**
  - **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 18<sup>th</sup> century residents of Florida.
  - **Food Trucks on St. Johns Avenue**
  - **Nature-based Vendors, Demonstrations and Environmental Groups**  
20 booths along the riverfront and St. Johns Avenue. See website for details.

## *Saturday Continued:*

- **Palatka Bartram Site Bicycling Tour: 10:00 AM – 11:30 PM**  
A leisurely 5-mile bicycle tour of Bartram sites, historic neighborhoods and Palatka's murals. The tour begins and ends at the Clock Tower at the Riverfront in Palatka.
- **Pride of Palatka Guided River Boat Tours** – Reservations for all cruises are required – see website and Facebook
  - 1:00 PM Cruise #1 **St. Johns Riverkeeper Tour**
  - 2:15 PM Cruise #2 **History of Palatka, St. Johns River Heritage Tour**
  - 3:30 PM Cruise #3 **Bartram National Recreation Trail Tour**
  - 5:00 PM – 7:00 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. See website and Facebook for reservations and details.
- **Songs of Bartram and the St. Johns River**  
Songs of the St. Johns River. Music will be adjacent to the Veterans Memorial Fountain on Memorial Parkway.
- **Florida Trail Association guided hike - 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM**  
A 5-mile guided hike in Rice Creek Conservation area that explores the Florida National Scenic Trail and a Bartram site. ~~Delete: Meet at the FTA Booth at the Palatka Riverfront at 4:00 to sign-in and prepare for departure to the trailhead and replace with:~~ Hikers should meet at the Rice Creek Conservation Area Trailhead on Highway 100 just north of Bardin Road.

## **SUNDAY ACTIVITIES – April 13**

- **Bartram Trail Guided Bus Tour (2)—Palatka to Mount Royal 9:30 AM & 1:30 PM**  
This is 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, and more. The tour departs from and returns to the St. Johns River Center. A \$25 donation to the BTSF is expected. Reservations are limited and required.
- **Mount Royal Paddle, Peregrination and Prayer – 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM**  
Guided historic paddle from **Renegades on the River in Georgetown** to Beecher Springs Run and the Mount Royal Boat Ramp (1 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.