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Clay County



Putnam County



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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

YEAR ROUND

Fleming Island Saturday Market

JANUARY

Annual BBQ Bacon & Brews Fest - Green Cove Springs Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Festival - Palatka

FEBRUARY

Clay County Open Minor League Golf Tour - Fleming Island
Sombroultra Running Festival - Middleburg
Annual Northeast Florida Scottish Games & Festival - Green Cove Springs
Capital City Bank Classic Baseball Tournament - Palatka
Palatka Bluegrass Festival
Rodeheaver Benefit Bass Tournament - Palatka

MARCH

Strawberry Fest - Green Cove Springs
Orange Park Mall Carnival
Inspire National Dance Competition - Orange Park
Clay County Agricultural Fair - Green Cove Springs
Putnam County Fair /County Wide, County Pride - East Palatka
Azalea Festival - Downtown Palatka
Azalea Pickleball Tournament - Downtown Palatka
Azalea Golf Tournament - Downtown Palatka
Azalea Open Skeet Shoot - Palatka
Dreams Do Come True Bass Tournament - Palatka

APRIL

Children's Easter Carnival - Middleburg
Annual Seamark Mud Run & Farmers Market - Green Cove Springs
Annual Catfish Festival - Crescent City
Annual Bostwick Blueberry Festival
Bassmaster Elite Series - Palatka
St. Johns River Bartram Frolic - Palatka
Freedom Fest - East Palatka

MAY

Amazing Grace Family Farms Sunflower Festival - Green Cove Springs
Annual Rev It Up! Car Show - Orange Park
Clay County Cruzers / Tom & Bettys Cruise In - Orange Park
American Farmstead Convention - Green Cove Springs
Annual MUG Race - Palatka
Palatka Blue Crab Festival
NJCAA Baseball Tournament St Johns River State College

JUNE

Bounceland Family Fun Extravaganza - Green Cove Springs
Red, White & Boom - Crescent City

JULY

Independence Day Celebrations & Fireworks - Area Wide
Freedom 5K - Keystone Heights

AUGUST

No Events found for this time

SEPTEMBER

Occupation of Palatka 1864
Orange Park Farmers & Arts Market (Sept-June, 1st & 3rd Sundays)
RCHJA Autumn Extravaganza - Green Cove Springs

OCTOBER

RCHJA Annual Spooktacular - Green Cove Springs
Becktober Fall Festival - Palatka
Florahome Fall Festival
Crescent City Fall Festival
Halloween Spooktacular - Palatka
Boo on the Avenue - Palatka

NOVEMBER

RCHJA Horse of the Year & Benefit Show - Green Cove Springs
Ten-24 Pitmaster Classic - Palatka
Everybody's Having a Yard Sale - Pomona Park (1st Saturday)
PSCO PAL Boxing Tournament - Palatka
Day of the Dead Festival - Crescent City

NOVEMBER (CONTD)

Holiday House - Palatka (Nov-Dec)
Palatka Fall Bluegrass Festival
Veterans Day Parade - Palatka
Palatka Craft Beer Festival
Palatka Christmas Parade

DECEMBER

Christmas Jamboree - Pomona Park
Annual Christmas festival & Parade - Crescent City
Toys Tour - Palatka
Palatka PorchFest Music Festival
Beck 5K ReinBeer Run - Palatka
Jarris Williams Holiday Basketball Tournament - Palatka
Green Cove Springs Christmas Parade
Parade of Trees - Green Cove Springs

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Veterans Services.....	904-529-4256

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Emergency Services.....	386-326-7132
Fire Rescue.....	386-329-0416
General Services.....	386-329-0368
Information Technology.....	386-329-0216
Libraries Putnam CO HQ.....	386-329-0126
Bostwick.....	386-326-2750
Crescent City.....	386-698-2600
Interlachen.....	386-684-1600
Melrose.....	352-475-1237
Parks & Recreation.....	386-329-1268
Planning & Development.....	386-329-0307
Property Appraiser.....	386-329-0286
Public Works.....	386-329-0346
Sanitation.....	386-312-8900
Sheriff.....	386-329-0800
Veterans Services.....	386-329-0328



Clay County History



Clay County was formed on December 31, 1858, carved out from Duval County. This region once attracted many tourists drawn by its natural springs and temperate climate. Steamboats ferried visitors to several hotels in Green Cove Springs, including the St. Elmo, Clarendon, and Oakland. Among these tourists was President Grover Cleveland, who famously had spring water sent to the White House. The peak of Clay County's tourist appeal occurred in the last three decades of the 19th century, but interest diminished later due to Henry Flagler extending the Florida East Coast Railway to destinations such as Palm Beach and Miami.

The military has significantly influenced the history of Clay County. Camp Blanding was established in 1939 at Kingsley Lake in the southwestern part of Clay County. This 28,000-acre facility was developed by the Florida National Guard and trained over 90,000 soldiers during World War II, becoming the state's fourth-largest "city." In Green Cove Springs, Lee Field served as a training hub for pilots. After the war, Lee Field transitioned to accommodate the mothball fleet. Although Lee Field was closed in the early 1960s, Camp Blanding remains active today as a military training base. Additionally, Clay County is a favored location for military personnel from nearby Duval County bases to reside. As of 2023, Clay County's population is 232,439.

Clay County Communities

Cities

Green Cove Springs - County Seat
- 9,786
Keystone Heights - 1,536

Census Designated Places

Asbury Lake - 11,036
Bellair-Meadowbrook Terrace - 14,482
Fleming Island - 29,142
Lakeside - 31,275
Middleburg - 12,881
Oakleaf Plantation - 31,034

Towns

Orange Park - 9,089
Penney Farms - 821

**Populations are approximate.*

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - COUNTY SEAT

Green Cove Springs serves as both a city and the county seat of Clay County in Florida. Its origins trace back over 7,000 years when Native Americans settled in the region due to the allure of a warm mineral spring. This hydrological spring, referred to locally as the "Original Fountain of Youth," became a popular destination in the 19th century, leading to the establishment of more than a dozen hotels to cater to visitors in the spa town. Currently, the sulfur-scented spring water feeds into a nearby public swimming pool before it flows a short distance into the St. Johns River. The development of Green Cove Springs began in 1816 and was initiated by George J. F. Clarke, who received land through a Spanish land grant to construct a sawmill. Originally named White Sulfur Springs upon its establishment in 1854, the city was renamed in 1866 and became the county seat of Clay County in 1871.

The region's economy relied mainly on agriculture and tourism until the late 19th century, when Henry Flagler's railroad began to transport tourists further south in Florida. In 1895, the Great Freeze devastated the local citrus industry, leading to a significant decline in tourism. With the arrival of the 1920s, development resumed as automobile travel started to draw visitors back. However, the Great Depression of the 1930s marked a halt to this growth phase for the city. By the 2020 census, the population recorded was 9,786.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

By 1917, a small community named "Brooklyn" was situated along what is now State Road 100, about a mile north of the current site of Keystone Heights, adjacent to Lake Brooklyn. During its early existence, Brooklyn featured a large, unpainted structure known as the Brooklyn Hotel, a general store that also served as a post office, and several modest homes dispersed throughout the area. John J. Lawrence, a property developer from Pennsylvania, discovered this area while visiting Lake Brooklyn and felt an immediate attraction to the region. The Lawrence family completed the first home in Keystone Heights in 1920, overlooking Lake Geneva. This residence is still present today at the intersection of Jasmine Avenue and Lawrence Boulevard. As news spread about the region's natural beauty and numerous lakes, more families began relocating to Keystone, putting pressure on construction efforts in the burgeoning city. To help alleviate this challenge, C. Ray Lawrence arrived in Keystone Heights in late 1921 and started to plan the streets and lots in the area. The city was officially incorporated as the "City of Keystone Heights" in 1925, named in honor of Pennsylvania's nickname, the "Keystone State." According to the 2020 census, its population was 1,446.

ORANGE PARK

In 1877, the Florida Winter Home and Improvement Company established the Town of Orange Park. Following the Civil War, this company acquired several thousand acres of the McIntosh plantation at Laurel Grove to develop a southern getaway and a small agricultural community. The land was subdivided into building lots and small farm parcels, including the current street network design, featuring Kingsley Avenue and Plainfield Avenue. The town was officially incorporated in 1879 through a special legislative act in Florida. Ulysses S. Grant and Philip Sheridan visited Orange Park in January 1880, at which time a large hotel was constructed on Kingsley Avenue, complemented by a 1,200-foot pier. The local fruit-growing sector faced devastation during the Great Freeze of 1895. According to the 2020 census, the population stood at 9,089.

Clay County Communities

PENNEY FARMS

In 1922, J. C. Penney, a pioneer in the department store industry, established the community of Penney Farms, which was initially referred to as Long Branch City. Here, he designed an innovative suburban farming village. The official incorporation of the Town of Penney Farms by the state of Florida took place in 1927. The Penney Retirement Community has existed since 1926.

Following a decline in real estate and the stock market crash, Penney had to reduce his vision for a community intended for retired Christian ministers, a tribute to his father, a Baptist preacher. Currently, the Penney Retirement Community spans 192 acres, serving as a residence for both Christian laypeople and clergy members, including missionaries. According to the 2020 census, the population was recorded at 821.

LAKESIDE

Located just west of Orange Park in what is currently the Lakeside CDP, the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center was formerly one of ten regional centers dedicated to primate research. Established in 1930 by psychologist Robert Yerkes in collaboration with Yale University and the Rockefeller Foundation, it became the United States' first laboratory dedicated to the study of non-human primates. Before the center's inauguration, Yerkes conducted his studies involving two great apes, known as "Chim" and "Panzee". His research persuaded officials from Yale University, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Carnegie Foundation to support the establishment of the Florida facility. Originally intended to accommodate around 25 chimpanzees, the lab, throughout its 35 years of operation, engaged with approximately 65 chimps or possibly more. Among its residents were chimpanzees raised in human-like environments, such as Gua and Viki, along with other primates acquired from the estate of Madame Rosalia Abreu in Havana, Cuba. The center attracted some of the era's leading behavioral scientists, who had mixed feelings about living in the humid Southern climate. These researchers examined a range of topics related to primate behavior, covering areas like basic biology, sensory functions, reproductive systems, behavioral patterns, physiology, and anatomy. Interestingly, residents from Orange Park circulated rumors about scientists attempting to cross-breed humans with apes. Consequently, some locals, likely aware of the lab's history, have referred to the facility as a "Monkey Farm." According to the 2020 census, the population of the area stood at 31,275.

FLEMING ISLAND

Fleming Island, located in Florida, was founded by Irish immigrant George Fleming (1760-1821), who the Spanish governor of East Florida granted a 1,000-acre tract of land in recognition of his military service. In 1790, he created a plantation named "Hibernia," derived from the Latin term for Ireland, situated in what is now known as Hibernia, Florida. Upon his death in 1821, the plantation was bequeathed to his son, Colonel Lewis Michael Fleming (1798-1862). In 1942, the area was still largely undeveloped when the U.S. Navy built four asphalt runways there, establishing a Naval Outlying Field known as NOLF Fleming Island, which served as an auxiliary airfield for Naval Air Station Jacksonville. However, by the 1960s, as jet aircraft became prevalent at nearby NAS Jacksonville and NAS Cecil Field, the Navy abandoned the auxiliary airfield due to its runways being inadequate for the new aircraft. Ultimately, in the late 1990s, the deteriorating runways were torn down to facilitate new residential construction. According to the 2020 census, the population of the Fleming Island Census Designated Place (CDP) was 29,142.

OAKLEAF PLANTATION

Established in 2002 by the Hutson Companies, Oakleaf Plantation is a 6,400-acre community designed in Clay County. A portion extends into Jacksonville's Duval County limits. As of the 2020 census, the population stood at 31,034.

Putnam County History



Established in 1849, Putnam County is the 28th county of Florida, formed from portions of St. Johns, Alachua, Orange, Duval, and Marion counties. It was named after Benjamin A. Putnam, a lawyer, Florida legislator, and the first president of the Florida Historical Society, who also served as an officer during the First Seminole War. The Putnam County Historical Society has found that Benjamin A. Putnam is a descendant of Israel Putnam, the namesake for several counties and locations across the United States. According to the 2020 census, the county has a population of 73,321, with Palatka as its county seat.

Cities Towns

Crescent City - 1,654
Interlachen - 1,441
Palatka - 10,446 - County Seat
Pomona Park - 784
Welaka - 714

Census Designated Places

East Palatka - 1,573

Other Unincorporated Communities

Bardin - Bostwick - Carraway - Crossley - Edgar - Florahome - Francis - Fruitland - Georgetown - Grandin - Hollister - Huntington - Johnson Crossroads - Lake Como - Mannville - Melrose - Orange Mills - Putnam Hall - Ridgewood - Rodman - San Mateo - Satsuma - Springside - Yelvington

**Populations are approximate.*

Putnam County Communities

CRESCENT CITY


Non-indigenous settlers established Crescent City in 1852, initially referring to it as the "Old Oliver Plantation." It wasn't until 1876 that the area was officially named "Crescent City." The city attained official municipal status in 1883, followed by its incorporation as a city two years later in 1885. A notable resident, A. Philip Randolph, the founder of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, was born in Crescent City in 1889. He emerged as a significant leader in the civil rights movement during the 1950s and 1960s. Randolph Street in Crescent City bears his name in honor of his contributions. According to the 2020 Census, the city's population stood at 1,654.

PALATKA

The origins of today's Palatka community can be traced back to a European-American settlement founded in 1821. Following Florida's acquisition by the United States in that same year, Nehemiah Brush set up a ferry across the river. He purchased a 1,200-acre parcel of land in 1826, acquiring another similarly sized tract the following year. Acknowledging the site's crucial role in controlling the St. Johns River, the primary route into Central Florida, the US Army established Fort Shannon in 1838, named in honor of Captain Samuel Shannon. This fort included a garrison, a supply depot, and a hospital. By 1842, the majority of the Seminole people had relocated to Indian Territory, leading to the Army's abandonment of Fort Shannon in 1843. Settlers utilized the military structures, including eight blockhouses and piers, to build the town. By 1847, Palatka was experiencing significant growth. The county of Putnam was established in 1849, with Palatka designated as the county seat. With assistance from Judge Isaac H. Bronson, the town was officially incorporated as a city on January 8, 1853. According to the census conducted in 202, the population was recorded as 10,446.


INTERLACHEN

The arrival of the Florida Southern Railway in the 1870s opened the region to settlers, who referred to it as "Blue Pond." Economic growth occurred as the town emerged as a winter resort and an area for citrus cultivation. Officially, the Town of Interlachen became a municipality in 1888. According to the 2020 census, the population stood at 1,441.




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317 S West St. | Green Cove Springs

Deerfield Point Park

3228 Deerfield Point Dr. | Orange Park

Eagle Harbor Park

1245 Forest Park Dr. | Fleming Island

Foxmeadow Recreational Park

1155 Foxmeadow Trail | Middleburg

Greenwood Park

245 Evergreen Ln. | Middleburg

Hunter Douglas Park

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3788 Main St. | Middleburg

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6239 State Rd. 21 | Keystone Heights | 352-316-4286

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2070 Thunderbolt Rd. | Fleming Island

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East Palatka Park

223 Putnam Co. Blvd. E | Palatka

Etoniah Park

620 Bardin Rd. | Palatka

Etoniah Creek State Forest

390 Holloway Rd. | Florahome |
386-329-2552

Florahome Park

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Francis Sports Complex

8012 St. Johns Ave. | Palatka

Georgia-Pacific Wildlife Management Area

1239 SW 10th St. | Ocala | 352-732-1225

Georgetown Riverfront

1415 County Rd. 309 | Georgetown

Jerry Bedenbaugh Community Park

125 West McCormick Rd. | East Palatka

Johnson Park

151 S County Rd. 21 | Hawthorne

John Theobald Complex

120 Carter Rd. | Palatka

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161 Carter Rd. | Palatka

Lake Como Park

147 Euclid Ave. | Lake Como

Lake George Conservation Area

Crescent City | 386-329-4404

Lake Stella Park, Beach & Recreation Area

Crescent City

Melrose Complex

421 State Rd. 26 | Melrose

Melrose Heritage Park

204 Pearl St. | Melrose



Murphy Creek Conservation Area

136 E Buffalo Bluff Rd. | Satsuma

Ocala National Forest

1239 SW 10th St. | Ocala | 352-732-1225

Ravine Gardens State Park

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1600 Twigg St. | Palatka | 386-329-3721

Rice Creek Conservation Area

Palatka | 386-329-4404

Rotary Park

800 Laurel St. | Palatka



San Mateo Park

164 Currie Rd. | San Mateo

South Putnam Complex

280 Union Ave. | Crescent City

Tanglewylde Park

299 West River Rd. | Palatka

Veterans Memorial Park

111 S US-17 | East Palatka

Welaka State Forest

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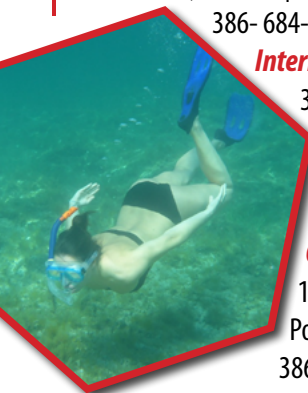
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- 1. Lake Okeechobee:** The largest freshwater lake in the state. Anglers can target largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, & catfish.
- 2. St. Johns River:** One of the few major rivers in the United States that flows north. It's a prime location for bass fishing, particularly in the upper stretches.
- 3. Lake Tohopekaliga (Lake Toho):** The lake is famous for its trophy-sized largemouth bass. It's a popular destination for bass anglers seeking the thrill of catching big fish.
- 4. The Kissimmee Chain of Lakes:** Comprising several interconnected lakes, the Kissimmee Chain offers diverse fishing experiences. Anglers can target bass, crappie, bluegill, and more in these interconnected waters.
- 5. The Harris Chain of Lakes:** Consists of several lakes interconnected by canals. It's known for its bass fishing, with Lake Harris being one of the most popular spots for anglers.
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Health Benefits of the Outdoors

Spending time in nature offers numerous benefits for physical, mental, and emotional well-being.



Stress Reduction: Nature has a calming effect on the mind and body, helping to reduce stress levels. The peaceful surroundings, fresh air, and natural beauty can lower cortisol levels, decrease heart rate, and promote relaxation.

Improved Mental Health: Being in nature is associated with improved mood and mental health. Studies have shown that spending time outdoors can reduce symptoms of anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders. Nature provides a sense of tranquility and perspective, which can help alleviate negative thoughts and emotions.

Increased Physical Activity: Nature encourages physical activity, whether it's hiking, biking, walking, or simply exploring outdoor spaces. Engaging in outdoor activities promotes exercise, which is essential for maintaining physical health and fitness. Additionally, being in nature often involves exposure to sunlight, which helps the body produce vitamin D and supports overall well-being.

Enhanced Creativity & Cognitive Function: Nature stimulates creativity and cognitive function. Research suggests that spending time in natural environments can improve problem-solving skills, boost creativity, and enhance concentration and focus. Nature provides a rich sensory experience that activates different parts of the brain, fostering cognitive development and innovation.

Connection with the Environment: Spending time in nature fosters a deeper connection with the environment and promotes environmental stewardship. When people experience the beauty and wonder of nature firsthand, they are more likely to develop a sense of appreciation and respect for the natural world. This connection can lead to greater awareness of environmental issues and a desire to protect and preserve natural habitats for future generations.

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Blue Flag: This flag is used to signify that lifeguards are on duty and that the area is being actively monitored for safety.

Green Flag: Indicates that it is safe to swim. The water conditions are generally calm, & there is a low risk of hazards such as strong currents or high waves.

Yellow Flag: Caution is advised. This flag suggests that there may be some hazards present, such as moderate surf or currents.

Red Flag: A red flag indicates high hazards & potentially dangerous water conditions. It is a warning that strong currents, high surf, or other dangers are present. It is advised to stay out of the water.

Double Red Flags: This is a more severe warning, & it typically means that the beach is closed to the public. Dangerous conditions, such as strong rip currents or severe weather, pose a significant threat.

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