2025

PUTNAM COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

ACTIVITY GUIDE











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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Letter from the Director

Welcome to the Putnam County Parks and Recreation Department. We are honored to contribute our services to over 70,000 residents of Putnam County as well as those that visit our county for special events. We would like to sincerely thank all of our recreation program participants and park patrons.

Fiscal year 2023-2024 presented many obstacles for the department, including multiple storms and staffing changes. Despite these minor setbacks, the department has had a successful year, here are a few highlights:

- Reopening of Etoniah Park (AKA Bardin Park) with the addition of a new swing set.
- Multiple new shade structures and lighting improvements at some of our parks and/or sports complexes.
- Generous donations and sponsorships from Kiwanis Club of Azalea City, Putnam County Health Department, GFWC Woman's Club of Palatka, and the Community Foundation of Northeast Florida to reduce costs of swim lessons over the summer.
- Improvements to West Putnam Sports Complex.
- Continued success at our local community and senior centers.

The department's previous director, Kevin Stevens, also retired this year. I want to thank him for his 18 years of service to the department. Congratulations and enjoy your retirement!

We look forward to expanding on the activities we offer for the 2024-2025 year. Keep an eye on our Facebook page to stay up to date on any important department information or upcoming events.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about the Department or its programs, or are interested in becoming a volunteer, please feel free to contact me at 386–329–1268.

Tyler McDaniel,

Director PCPRD



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South Putnam Youth Sports Staff

Judy Jackson Anna Cruz Ashley Jones Roman Farrell

OFFICE/STAFF LOCATIONS

John Theobold Sports Complex (Main Office)

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:00 pm 120 Carter Road, Palatka, FL 32177 386-329-1268

Edgar Johnson Senior Center

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00 pm 1215 Westover Drive, Palatka, FL 32177 386-329-0469

Putnam Aquatic Center

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

The Cube (South Putnam Office)

Limited Office Hours 284 Union Avenue, Crescent City, FL 32112 386-546-0467 Facebook - South Putnam Youth Sports



Sports at a Glance

Adult Softball

Ages: 16+

Registration: November 13th- January 10th

Games: January 3rd, 2025





Flag Football

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

Registration: November 13th-January 10th

Games: January 3rd, 2025

Volleyball

(South Putnam & Palatka)

Ages: 8-10, 11-14

Registration: February 3rd - March 28th

Games: April 21st, 2025





Soccer

(South Putnam & Palatka)

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

Registration: June 30th-August 29th

Games: September 29th, 2025





Aquatic Center (POOL)

All Ages

Season: April 2025 - October, 2025 Swim Lesson Registration -April 7th, 2025

Lessons begin June 2nd, 2025





YEAR REVIEW





Winter Adult Softball

Our Winter Adult Softball league has been put on hold until further notice due to maintenance on the fields. We hope to have this activity back up and running for the 2026 season.

Winter Flag Football

The Parks & Recreation Department hosted its annual Winter Program of Flag Football February-March. This year the Flag Football program had 12 teams with approximately 150 players. The program is for youth ages 4-6, 7-9, & 10-12. Practices for this program were held at John Theobold Sports Complex throughout the week, and games were on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings.

Summer Aquatics

The Putnam Aquatics Center had a successful 2024 season! The center provided 262 children with swim lessons and the knowledge of water safety skills. The pool this past year has been the busiest it has been since 2020! We had consistent numbers of lap swim participants consisting of 15-20 swimmers every day. Community swim reached a high of 70 swimmers in one day! The ARC community of Putnam County brought joy to the staff and friends with their presence every Friday morning. We are also home to the Putnam Sharks Swim Club & the Palatka High Swim Team.

Spring Sand Volleyball

The Parks & Recreation Department hosted its annual Spring Program of Sand Volleyball April- May. The Sand Volleyball program had approximately 70 players ages 8-14. Practices for were held at John Theobold Sports Complex throughout the week, and games were on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Spring Indoor Volleyball South Putnam

The Parks & Recreation Department - South Putnam extension hosted it's annual Spring Program of Indoor Volleyball April- May . The Volleyball program had approximately 143 players consisting of three age groups: 7-9, 10-12, & 13-15. All practices and games were held throughout the week at South Putnam Sports Complex in Crescent City.

Winter Flag Football

South Putnam

The Parks & Recreation Department - South Putnam extension hosted its annual Winter Program of Flag Football February-March. The Flag Football program had 78 players throughout the age groups of 4-6, 7-9, & 10-12. All practices and games were held throughout the week at South Putnam Sports Complex in Crescent City.

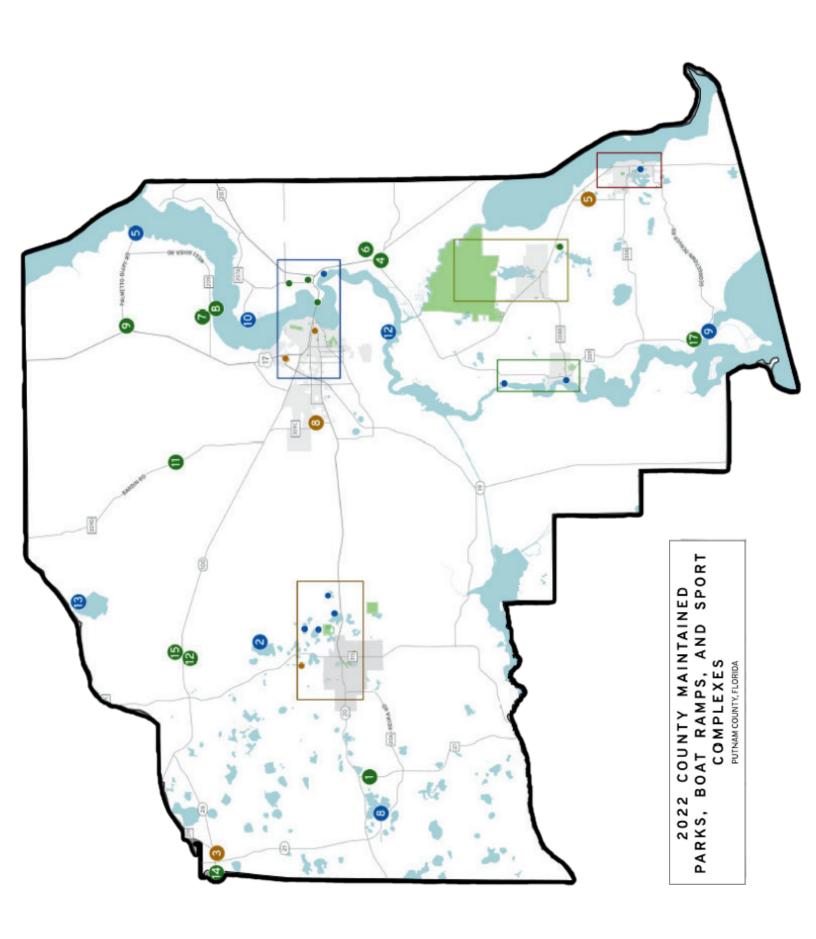
Fall Soccer

The Parks & Recreation Department hosted its annual fall program of soccer this October & November. This year the soccer program located in the Palatka area had 305 kids register to play with 22 volunteer coaches, and 10 referees. The program is broken down into 3 major age groups: 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12 with designated field space and design for each age group. The goal of this program is to help the youth participants learn the basics and fundamentals of the sport of soccer at an affordable price. All games and practices are held at John Theobold Sports Complex throughout the week, with games on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursday nights at 6pm.

Fall Soccer

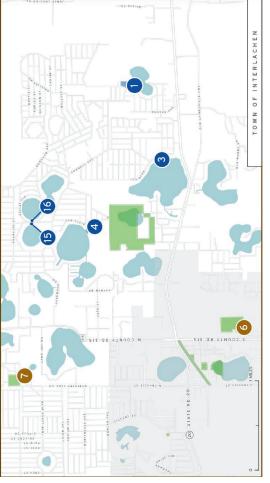
The South Putnam Soccer season coincides with our soccer season as an extension of the department into the Crescent City area. Our South Putnam team is led by Judy Jackson who manages the entirety of the program. This year, the program had almost 300 participants with 31 volunteer coaches and 12 referees. The program is broken down into 4 major age groups: 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, and 13-15. All games and practices are held at South Putnam Youth Sports Complex throughout the week.



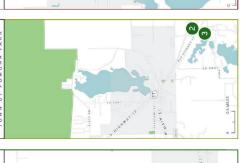


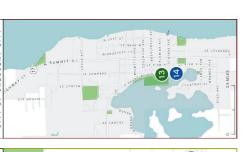












Parks

- Johnson Community Park 151 South County Rd 21 Hawthorne, FL 32640
- 147 Euclid Ave Pomona Park, FL 32181 Lake Como Park-North
- Lake Como Park-South 104 Highlands Ave Pomona Park, FL 32181
- San Mateo Community Park 164 Currie Rd
- San Mateo, FL 32187
- Veteran's Memorial Park 111 South Highway 17 East Palatka, FL 32131

Woods Road Park

5. South Putnam Sports Complex

280 Union Ave

- Tanglewylde Nature Park San Mateo, FL 32187 Unassigned Address 131 Woods Rd
- Near 290 West River Rd Palatka, FL 32177
- Tanglewylde Nature Park
 299 West River Rd Palatka, FL 32177
- 9. Bostwick Community Park Palatka, FL 32177

Sports Complexes

John Theobold-Ryan Property Palatka, FL 32177 131 Carter Rd

George's Lake Boat Ramp
 Georges Lake Boat Ramp Rd
 Florahome, FL 32140

Lake Jewell Boat Ramp

Interlachen, FL 32148

125 Ida Blvd

Lake Ida Boat Ramp

139 Kitty Ave Interlachen, FL 32148

14. Lake Stella Boat Ramp

Palmetto Bluff Boat Ramp 126 Boat Ramp Rd Palatka, FL 32177

Picco Road Boat Ramp East Palatka, FL 32131

135 Pico Rd

Browns Landing Boat Ramp 4065 Browns Landing Rd

Palatka, FL 32177

10. Elgin Grove Boat Ramp138 Magnolia AveEast Palatka, FL 32131

Boat Ramps

11. Welaka Boat Ramp Welaka, FL 32193

Lake Grandin Boat Ramp

137 Walker Dr Interlachen, FL 32148

Boll Green Boat Ramp 150 Pridgeon St

Interlachen, FL 32148

9199 Elm St

John Theobold Complex Palatka, FL 32177 120 Carter Rd

15. Church Lake Boat Ramp 519 Central Ave Crescent City, FL 32112

16. Violet Lake Boat Ramp 221 Kitty Ave Interlachen, FL 32148

Shell Harbour Boat Ramp

162 Shell Harbour Rd

Satsuma, FL 32189

Cowpen Lake Boat Ramp

Hawthorne, FL 32640

134 Race St

220 Kitty Ave Interlachen, FL 32148

Melrose Youth Sports Complex Melrose, FL 32666 421 State Rd 26

800 Laurel St Palatka, FL 32177 Rotary Park

6. West Putnam Recreation Compl 170 South County Rd 315 Crescent City, FL 32112 Interlachen, FL 32148

7. West Putnam Sports Complex Interlachen, FL, 32148 127 SE 3rd Ave

8. Francis Youth Sports Complex 8012 St Johns Ave Palatka, FL 32177

 East Palatka Community Park 221 Putnam County Blvd

East Palatka, FL 32131

- 11. Etoniah Community Park Palatka, FL 32177 620 Bardin Rd
- 12. Florahome Community Park 1149 State Rd 100 Florahome, FL 32140
- 13. Lake Stella Waterfront Park Crescent City, FL 32112 625 Central Ave
- 14. Melrose Heritage Park Melrose, FL 32666
- Florahome Community Park 103 North Oak Ave
- 16. Jerry Bedenbaugh Community Park 125 West McCormick Rd East Palatka, FL 32131 Florahome, FL 32140
- Georgetown Riverfront Park 1415 County Rd 309 Georgetown, FL 32139

Drayton Island Ferry Boat Ramp 122 Drayton Island Ferry Rd Georgetown, FL 32139





Putnam Aquatics Center (April-September)

Swim Lessons

Monday through Thursday | June 2nd - August 1st Cost is \$40 per child.





ADULT SWIM (16+)

Monday through Friday 12–2pm, starting April 7th. Cost is \$5 per day or \$40 per month.

COMMUNITY SWIM

Monday through Friday 2pm- 4:50pm | June 2nd - August 1st.

Cost is \$2 per person.

Minors must be accompanied by an adult.



FLOAT IN MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, June 27th and Friday, July 25th 7pm - Gates Open | 8:30pm - Movie Starts

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



We also host several swim meets throughout the season.

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)

<u>Deposit is returnable upon satisfactory inspection of the building and pool grounds.</u>

We will provide Lifeguards, call for details.

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







Swim Lessons (Monday-Thursday)

Session 1: June 2 - June 12

Session 2: June 16 - June 26

Session 3: July 7 - July 17

Session 4: July 21- July 31



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.

Level 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, breaststroke, butterfly and turning at the wall.



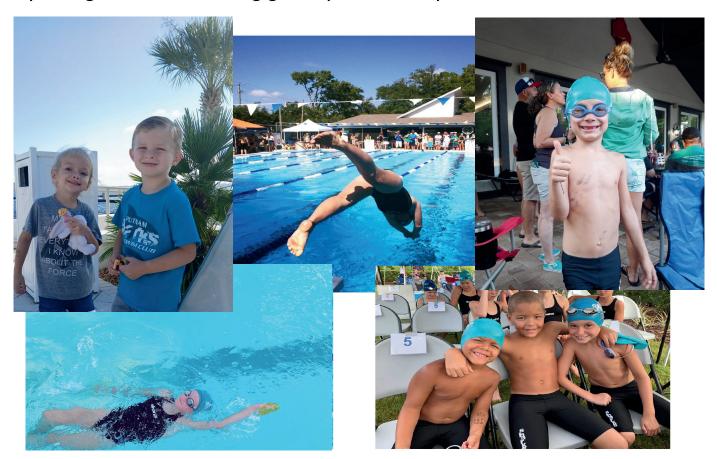






The Putnam Sharks Swim Club is open to all swimmers ages 5-18 and is a mix between a competitive and a recreational sports club. The primary competitive season is Summer (May-July), proceeded and followed by the training/conditioning seasons of Spring (February-April) and Fall (August - November).

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





Edgar Johnson Senior Center

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00 pm 1215 Westover Drive, 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 Cane Self Defense, Exercise, and Aerobics classes, Line Dancing, Zumba, Scrabble, Painting, Picking & Grinning, Bingo and Movies. A calendar of events is posted on our Facebook page each month.





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.

Call the main office at 386-329-1268 for more information on renting!

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
- TV

Rental Fee - \$33/hour (staff fee included)
Call 386-329-0469 for information on renting.

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
- Smart TV

Rental Fee - \$25/hour



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Call the main office at 386-329-1268 for more information on renting!

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
- Smart TV

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
- Smart TV

Rental Fee - \$25/hour





COMMUNITY CENTER Programmimg

Each of our community facilities are available to the residents of Putnam County and have regularly scheduled community programs and meetings. Visit our website for up to date monthly calendars for each center.

www.main.putnam-fl.gov

Departments → Parks & Recreation → Community Centers



<u>Interlachen Community</u> Center

Red Hats, Senior Friends, Traditional Harmony Pickers, Video Yoga, Video Aerobics, Container Vegetable Gardening, Rotary Club, Coin Club, Moms for Liberty, Cancer Group, Nutrition Classes, Craft Day, Garden Club



Bostwick Community Center

Bingo, Zumba, 4H club, AA, Jamming, BCAI, MSBU, Blueberry Festival



<u>Lake Como Community</u> <u>Center</u>

UF/IFAS Ext. Plant Clinic/Horticulture Program, Lake Como Water Association, Piecemakers Quilt Group, AA, Booster Club, Crescent City Moms Group



Community Partners

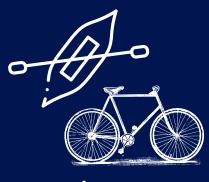
Putnam County partners with several agencies in the interest of providing the best programs to our community. Please see contact information below for how to reach out.

Youth Sports:











Melrose Youth Sports Association

CW Ruhmpohl www.melroseyouthsports.com

Palatka Babe Ruth

palatkababeruth.sportssignup.com/site

West Putnam Athletic Association

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

Palatka Police Athletic League (Youth Mentoring)

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

Other Programs:

St John's River Pickleball Group

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

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

Florahome and Heritage Association

Meri-lin Piantanida, President florahomepark@yahoo.com PO Box 114 Florahome, FL 32140











The Babe Ruth of Palatka program, using regulation competitive baseball and softball rules, teaches skills, mental and physical development, a respect for the rules of the game, and basic ideals of sportsmanship and fair play. In all aspects, Babe Ruth League, Inc. is committed to providing our participants the very best educational, sports experience possible. It is our fundamental belief that every child in Putnam County with a desire to play baseball or softball be afforded that opportunity.





TALK TO US







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

<u>Headquarters - Palatka Library</u> Monday - Friday | 9:30 a.m. - 6 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 am - 6 p.m. Friday | 11:00am - 6 p.m. Saturday | 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

<u>Crescent City & Interlochen Branch Library</u>
Tuesday- Friday | 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday | 9 a.m - 12:30 p.m.

Melrose Branch Library

Tuesday- Friday | 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday | 9 a.m - 12:30 p.m.

Website: www.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:







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.

<u>Summer Day and</u> 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 a gainst discrimination on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, mantal status, veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act, sex, national origin, disability, political opinions or affiliations, a ge, or handcap





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





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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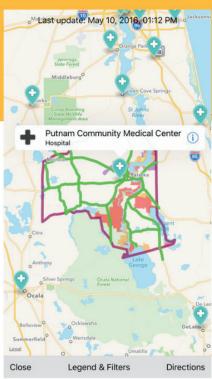














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