Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve



Theodore Roosevelt Area Hiking Guide & Trail Map



Willie Browne (Florida Times-Union)

"There's a lot that's disappearing, but people are waking up to the fact there's not much [undeveloped land] left."

"That's why I want this place saved. So you can come see God."

"Pretty soon there will come a day when there will be nothing but a concrete jungle from New York City to Jacksonville."

-William H. Browne, III, 1969

"...a place in the woods people can go to."

The Theodore Roosevelt Area is a place where people can leave the everyday pressures and stresses of life behind and enter a world where their senses can indulge in the sounds, smells, and sights of "Old Florida."

The park is a gift given to the people of America by an insightful man named Willie Browne, who lived his entire life on this land. Towards the end of his life he became worried that Jacksonville would become a "concrete jungle" with no wild areas remaining.

People offered Willie millions of dollars to buy his land, but he declined and donated the land so that future generations would "have a place in the woods to go to."

Have a Safe Enjoyable Visit

Hiking at the Theodore Roosevelt Area requires preparation.

We suggest that visitors carry:

- Drinking water
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- A walking stick
- A cell phone to call park staff in case of emergency at 904-641-7155.

We also ask that you:

- Keep pets on leashes at all times.
- Place all trash in the garbage can located in the parking lot.
- Report any conditions which you consider unsafe.
- Stay on marked trails for your safety.

Thank you for helping us protect this special area.

Fort Caroline National Memorial and Theodore Roosevelt Area Trail Map

