

Hello Beach Bum(s):

Registration is now open for our trip on Monday, February 12th, 2024 to Anastasia State Park Beach and St Augustine, Florida. Information is contained below about the trip and where to mail your checks. Please get your registration to us by January 12th!. Make your checks payable to: Northern Beach Bums Club (NBBC). Club information, forms, and policies can be found at our web site: <https://northernbeachbums.org/>

You will have the opportunity to choose to either spend your full day at St. Augustine or go to the beach at Anastasia State Park for just under 4 hrs and then at 2:15pm re-board the bus to transport to St. Augustine to enjoy early dinner or shopping. The choice is yours. You can let us know when we arrive at the beach if you are exiting the bus or continuing to St. Augustine.

Masks are optional. No vaccination required but is highly recommended. Water, coffee, soda, (with a lid) and snacks are permitted on the bus. No ice cream or popcorn is permitted. If you have covid, flu, or a cold do not get on the bus!

ANASTASIA STATE PARK and ST AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

Trip leaders: Joanne Kory and Barb Alajoki

WHEN: Monday February 12, 2024

WHERE: Anastasia State Park and St Augustine, Fl

BUS BOARDING: 8:00 am at Lowe's Parking Lot. Hwy 441, behind the Cracker Barrel Restaurant

ARRIVAL AT BEACH: Approximately 10:15 am at Anastasia State Park

OPTIONAL ARRIVAL AT ST. AUGUSTINE: Approximately 10:45 am

BUS BOARDING FROM BEACH TO ST AUGUSTINE: 2:15 pm (only 10 minutes from beach)

BUS BOARDING FROM ST AUGUSTINE TO RETURN HOME: 5:30 pm

ARRIVE TV: Approximately 8:00 pm

Your Choice! Spend time at the beach and St. Augustine or the full day in St. Augustine.

PRICE: \$27.00 per person (includes bus transportation, park entrance fee and driver gratuity)

All NBBC trips are non-refundable.

Payment and a Trip Registration Form must be received by January 12th.

Please make check payable to Northern Beach Bums Club (NBBC).
Trip Registration Form found on our web site from top menu under forms.

When you fill out your registration form and want to be matched on a bus with others, please only place the names of your friends in the required section if: (read the registration form for guidance)

A) You know they are coming

B) They list your name on their form. Please help us out not searching for “ghosts”.

Mail to:

Joanne Kory

2013 Alfredo Ave

The Villages, FL 32159

(If you prefer not to mail, you can drop off at Kathy Eastman’s home, contact Kathy if you need information how to do drop off. If you have previously you already know about the fish!)

If needed, seats will be distributed by lottery. Notice of bus assignments will be provided by February 1st. If you are not chosen, we will contact you to see if you wish to be put on a wait list. If you want to ride with a spouse or bus partner, please sign up together with one check. This way you will be assigned together. **Only 2 seats can sign up (enter lottery) together.** All NBBC trips are non-refundable. Participate at your own risk. If you want to request seats with other members, please read the trip registration form.

TRIP DESCRIPTION:

Anastasia State Park covers 1600 acres of beaches, tidal marshes, the historic coquina quarry, and nature trails for hiking. The State Park is located on the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail. It has 4 miles of beach on the Atlantic coastline. There is a designated swimming area but there are NO LIFEGUARDS AFTER LABOR DAY. Alcohol from home is prohibited but can be purchased from the Island Beach Shop and Grille. Entering the sand dunes, which are protected wildlife areas, is also prohibited.

BEACH AMENITIES:

The Island Beach Shop and Grille offers burgers, wraps, sandwiches, salads, sweet treats, beer, wine, and frozen drinks. There are outside picnic tables with complimentary wi-fi. They also offer beach supplies, souvenirs, bicycle, boogie board, chair and umbrella rentals. There are restrooms and an outdoor shower.

RENTALS:

The Island Beach shop and Grille has a limited supply of chairs and umbrellas to be rented on a first come, first served basis so it is recommended to **BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS/UMBRELLAS**. Anastasia Water Sports offers canoes, kayaks, standup paddleboards, and canoe rentals. <https://anastasiawatersports.com/home/plan-your-day/beach-activities>

EXCURSION TO ST AUGUSTINE HISTORIC DISTRICT:

Your Choice! Spend the Day in St. Augustine (approximately 6.5 hours) or enjoy the beach and then just under 3 hours in St. Augustine. You can decide the day of the trip. If you choose to spend time at both the beach and St. Augustine, you will have time for dinner but not much else. St Augustine is a beautiful city. Ponce De Leon arrived there in 1513 in search of the Fountain of Youth. It is the oldest continuously occupied city in the US. There are many restaurants, pubs, shops, museums, and attractions. Some examples would be the Castillo de San Marcos Fort, Fountain of Youth, Ripley's Believe it or not, Lightner Museum, St Augustine Distillery, Flagler College, and Old Town Trolley Tours. There are many chartered boat tours from the marina in St. Augustine if you want to spend some time on the water. The historical trolley tour is highly recommended if this is your first visit. You might check out the hop on off trolley ticket options and take a ride out to the lighthouse. St Augustine offer a variety of tourist attractions and tours.

This event involves walking. It is quite a distance from the bus depot drop off to St. George Street. If you are planning on utilizing the hop on/off trolley you will need to walk from bus depot across the park to the hop on/off trolley. Please be prepared with walking shoes.

ST AUGUSTINE/ANASTASIA INFO LINKS:

www.floridastateparks.org/anastasia
www.visitstaugustine.com

www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine/1day-itinerary
www.floridahistoriccoast.com
www.anastasiawatersports.com

Upcoming Schedule

Tuesday, March 5th – Quarterly Meeting/Social, 6pm Savannah Center –
Entertainer: TBD

Tuesday, March 12th – Johns Pass, Madeira Beach, FL

Wednesday, April 10th – Lido Key & St. Armand Circle, Sarasota, FL

Wednesday, May 15th – Cocoa Beach, FL

Tuesday, June 4th – Quarterly Meeting/Social, 6 pm Savannah Center –
Entertainer: TBD

Tuesday June 11th – Manatee Beach, Amelia Island, Holmes, FL

NBBC Policies: We would like to remind members that NBBC buses are a fragrance free zone. Please no glass, and cups need to have lids. A movie will be presented **only** on the return ride. We suggest members who are not interested in watching should bring their own noise cancelling headphones/earbuds. If you plan to watch your own personal device (ie: phone, iPad, laptop) you must have headphones/earbuds to use with it.

Liability: The Northern Beach Bums Club, its Executive Committee members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever in the operation or management of NBBC or its road trips. All members are required to sign the NBBC Recreation Release Agreement for participation for a day trip. All trips are inherently dangerous, and members participate at their own risk.

SEE YOU AT THE BEACH!!

Joanne, Barb and Kathy