

History

The park originally opened in 1961 as Flagler Beach State Recreation Area. It was later renamed to honor the memory of Gamble Rogers, a native Floridian, who lost his life trying to save a drowning swimmer at the beach here in 1991. Rogers sang songs and told stories about Florida. After his death he was honored with many awards including a Kiwanis Award for Bravery, a Carnegie Award for heroism, and a Florida Folk Heritage Award. He was inducted into the Florida Artists Hall of Fame in 1998.

In 1886 a House of Refuge was established here. In 1942 during WWII, the U.S. Army Air Corp established an air warning site to monitor and detect hostile submarine and air activity along this section of Florida's coast.



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Division of Recreation and Parks

Gamble Rogers State Recreation Area

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Park Guidelines

- Hours are 8 a.m. until sundown, 365 days a year.
- An entrance fee is required.
- All plants, animals and park property are protected.
- Pets are permitted in designated areas only. They must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet and well behaved. Pets are not permitted on the beach. Please pick up after your pet.
- Fishing, boating, swimming and fires are allowed in designated areas only. A Florida fishing license may be required.
- Fireworks and hunting are prohibited.
- Volunteer. Inquire at the ranger station.
- Bring sun protection.
- For camping information, contact Reserve America at (800) 326-3521 or (866) I CAMP FL or TDD (888) 433-0287 or visit ReserveAmerica.com.
- Florida's state parks are committed to providing equal access to all facilities and programs. Should you need assistance to enable your participation, please contact the ranger station. A beach wheelchair is available upon request.

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Relax, play or camp on the beach at Gamble Rogers Memorial State Recreation Area at Flagler Beach. This 145-acre park is located on a barrier island and is named for Florida folk singer and storyteller Gamble Rogers.

Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway, this windswept park's beach offers sun bathing and beachcombing.

Swim and play in the surf of the Atlantic Ocean. Build castles in the sand. Watch pelicans ride the updrafts along the dunes and ocean waves.

Surf fish along the beach or wet a line in the Intracoastal Waterway. **Canoe and kayak** rentals are available. A ramp at the boat basin gives access to the Intracoastal Waterway. **Bicycle, jog or walk** on the sidewalk that runs the length of Flagler Beach along A1A. **Hike** the three-quarter mile Joe Kenner Nature Trail and experience the plant and animal life in the shady maritime hammock. **Picnic** at one of the many sheltered tables. Explore the park by finding a geocache.













The park's 68 campsites feature water, electrical hookup, picnic table and a fire ring. Some of the Beachside Camping Area sites provide an ocean view; and dune walkovers provide easy access to the beach while protecting the fragile dune system. The Riverside Camping Area is located in the edge of the maritime hammock forest and includes 4 tent-only campsites.

At night from May through September endangered and threatened sea turtles crawl on the beach to nest and lay their eggs. As part of the Great Florida Birding trail the park provides many opportunities for **bird watching** all year. The shell-strewn beach is a feeding place for sandpipers, gulls and other shore birds. The restored saltwater marsh on the west side of A1A offers a view of herons, egrets and manatees. Woodpeckers and songbirds frequent the nature trail.

Directions

Traveling north or south on I-95, exit 284, travel 3 miles east on SR 100 to A1A. Turn right on A1A, 3 miles to the park. 18 miles north from Daytona Beach or 30 miles south of St. Augustine along A1A.



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