Enjoy Your Visit and Please Come Again... for a day, a week, or a lifetime!

Whether you’re looking for something different in an off-the-beaten path destination, educational experiences, special interest subjects or you just want to have a relaxing visit, Putnam County is the ideal destination.

All of the North and Central Florida attractions are just a short distance from this pristine part of the state. Come experience true Floridian culture through the city and local festivals and events in Putnam County.

Putnam County Chamber of Commerce
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Tifton Head State Forest
Tifton Head State Forest is located on Tifton Head Creek, has 7.145 acres of pine-plantation fields, sand hill, hardwood preserve, and a sandy, grassy beach. The forest features numerous lagoons that are great for bird and wildlife watching. Recreational activities in the forest include hiking, fishing, hunting, nature study, wildlife watching and photography. There is one designated trail for horseback riding and for bicycles to be established in the future.

Crawling Central Florida from the St. Johns River to the Gulf of Mexico, the Cross Florida Greenway is a 110-mile corridor of scenic, natural, and historical resources. Putnam County is the east trailhead for the Greenway, with several recreation areas included in Kenwood and Rodman Recreation Areas, located on Rodman Reservoir, Buckner Lock and the St. Johns River System. At the trailhead, south of Palatka, there are a series of trails that include a 4-mile hiking trail that traverses coastal wetlands of cypress swamps and hydric hammocks.

Lake George State Park
Lake George State Park is 2,300 acres of natural ecosystems along the east bank of the St. Johns River. The Division of Forestry maintains the integrity of the natural systems while allowing outdoor recreation use and environmental education. The campground has full hookups and includes separate group tentsites.

Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway, Kenwood and Rodman Recreation Area
Located in Marion, Putnam and Lake Counties, the Cross Florida Greenway has 3,180 acres that range from dense sand pine-scrub oak communities to wet and dry prairie, and 240 acres of pine-plantation farmlands. The hiking trail travels through natural woodlands of cypress wetlands and hydric hammocks.

Georgia-Pacific Wildlife Management Area
A 3.8 mile backpack trail through natural pine forest. Picnic area, wildlife observation deck and interpretive information in the parking lot.

Welaka State Forest Trails
A series of foot trails offers the public an opportunity to walk and observe wildlife. While walking the trails of Welaka State Forest, look for woodpeckers, eagles, hawks, owls, wrens, woodcock, chickadee, hawks, squirrels, and woodchucks. The forest has an active breeding population of woodpeckers and woodchucks. A 2-mile hiking area is located in the west section of the forest. The entrance to the conservation area is located off U.S. 19, 2 miles south of Welaka. For more information, contact the St. Johns River Water Management District Land Management Office at (352) 369-4848.

Lake Butler - Palatka Trail
The Lake Butler-Palatka Trail is part of a larger project to connect St. Augustine to Lake City and to double the trail length of paved trail more than 100 miles. Currently sections of the trail are developed and open with sections currently in the process of being secured from the U.S. Forest Service. The lake area is a popular area for birding and wildlife. For more information, contact the St. Johns River Water Management District Land Management Office at (352) 369-4848.