

Florida Suncoast Airstream Club #129

Rolling Rally: Exploring Florida State Parks November 13th – 22nd, 2026

November 13th- 16th, 2026 Silver Springs State Park

Meet us at one of Florida's best and most historic State Parks, Silver Springs State Park (approximately 100 miles northeast of Tampa) The park is home to the largest spring in America and has been a tourist attraction since the 1820's. Bike, hike, paddle, or take a Glass Bottom Boat ride on the river. Visit the Silver River Museum and



Environmental Education Center, have lunch at the restaurant in the park, or enjoy the many mammals, reptiles, and birds that make their home here. You might even see some non-native rhesus macaques' monkeys that were introduced to the park in early 1938 by a tour boat operator. The park was the site for several movies including Tarzan, the Creature from the Black Lagoon, and Rebel Without a Cause. Join us as we begin our adventure exploring Florida State Parks!

November 16th – 19th, 2026 Fort Clinch State Park



We will continue our adventure at Fort Clinch State Park on the beautiful Fernandina Beach, Florida (approximately 136 miles). Located on Amelia Island in the northernmost point of the east coast of Florida. Travel at your leisure and we will all meet at the park. Bike, hike, fish, and bird watch at this park along Atlantic Beach at the mouth of the St Mary's River. Or explore the well-preserved historic Fort Clinch. While no battles were fought here it was a key protector for nearby ports and the Florida Railroad during both the Civil and Spanish-American

Wars. Step outside the park and take a walking tour of historic downtown Fernandina Beach. Maybe shop, dine, or head to the beach on the beautiful Amelia Island.

November 19th – 22nd, 2026 Anastasia State Park

Our next stop as we travel and explore the amazing State of Florida and our outstanding State Parks is St. Augustine, Florida and Anastasia State Park (77 miles). Travel at your leisure and we will all meet at the park. "Pristine white sand beaches and a vibrant history" is how it is described. Four miles of protected unspoiled shoreline. 1600 acres to bike, hike, spot some osprey or eagles. Water birds such



as the great blue heron, tricolor heron, wood stork and roseate spoonbills can be seen in the salt marsh along Salt Run. St. Augustine has a history back to the 1500's and it is worth exploring! Visit Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, walk St George's Street, The Cathedral Basilica St. Augustine, the St Augustine Distillery, San Sebastian Winery, Old Town, or Hop on Hop off a Trolley to see them all! There are some great outdoor spots to dine, and people watch. And lots of little shops to explore along St George's Street. And just maybe a nighttime chill in the air as we see the famous Nights of Lights Holiday lights display. Putting us all in the holiday spirit! *Nights of Lights dates for 2026 are not available yet, but they usually start the weekend our rally will be in St. Augustine.



December 2023 - Echo, Paul, and I
at Anastasia State Park

Booking is Key!

Does this sound like a fun adventure with some Airstream friends and maybe meet some new friends? We will have some campfires, shared meals, create memories, and lots of adventure exploring. Maybe take some time to stretch out and just enjoy sunshine and all of Florida's nature that surrounds!

It may sound like a long way away but the very best way to reserve Florida State Parks if you are a **state resident is 11 months in advance when they release reservations at 8:00AM**. Non-state residents can book beginning 10 months prior to your arrival date. Even if you are not sure yet, book it! If you have not done so prior to making your reservations, go on the State Park Website and update your Florida residency information. I believe this is an annual task you must do. Also, there is a nice discount, Senior Discount, if you or someone else traveling with you will be 65 years old at the time of the trip. Book the site in that person's name (some parks are sticklers about this).

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Anastasia State Park – Book reservations December 19, 2025, at 8:00AM.

Then follow the attached link to register for the Rally. We hope members can book the whole 9-night Exploring Florida State Parks Rolling Rally but if you can only join us for one or two legs of it book it! We will have a separate rally fee for those only attending a portion of this adventure.

A more detailed agenda will follow as we get closer to this Rally!