



What to Do Downtown in 2-3 Hours

If time is of the essence Downtown and you've only got two to three hours to spare, there are plenty of great activities to enjoy Downtown in a short amount of time. See below for suggestions on how to get the most out of Downtown in a time crunch.

Outdoor activities

Walk along the Northbank or Southbank Riverwalk

Get some exercise and enjoy the Downtown riverfront with a walk along Riverwalk on the Southbank or Northbank of Downtown. You'll pass landmarks like The Jacksonville Landing or Friendship Fountain and walk under a bridge or two.

Relax in Treaty Oak Park (1123 Prudential Dr.)

Who doesn't like relaxing in a park on a beautiful day? Treaty Oak Park is a beautiful piece of greenery on the Southbank with a massive historic tree as its centerpiece. There's plenty of room to sit, lounge in the grass and relax for a couple of hours.

Take a walking tour

Looking to learn a little – or a lot – about Downtown? Check out the many walking tours available for Downtown visitors at www.downtownjacksonville.org.

Explore Laura Street

With clothing, books and coffee nestled into this popular Downtown corridor, you'll easily find shops to explore and get lost in. Don't miss the Serenity at Diversions, Chamblin's Uptown Café & bookstore and a French culinary experience at Magnificat Café. Plus, there's always something fun to check out at the Main Library and MOCA Jacksonville.

Read a book in the Main Library courtyard (303 N. Laura St.)

A great option for anyone looking for a few hours of quiet time with a good read in the heart of the city, this second-level courtyard is equipped with tables, a large fountain and a unique skyline view of Downtown.

Take a water taxi ride

One of the absolute coolest ways to explore Downtown Jacksonville is by water – and it's only \$4 a ride! The Jacksonville Water Taxi is by far the best vehicle in which to see the city with five stops: Friendship

Fountain, The Jacksonville Landing, The Crowne Plaza (temporarily closed for Riverwalk construction), the Chart House (temporarily closed for Riverwalk construction), and the Metropolitan Park.

Indoor activities

Shopping at The Jacksonville Landing (2 Independent Dr.)

Looking for a bit of retail therapy with a local bent and a scenic view? The Landing is just the place! There's the River City Gourmet Shoppe, Ocean Water Bath & Gifts, A.J. Reese Clothiers and much, much more.

Enjoy a meal at one of dozens of Downtown restaurants

With so many eatery choices, it's difficult to resist using your spare two hours to enjoy a tasty meal at a Downtown restaurant. You'll want to take some of Fionn MacCool's fish and chips home with you, bb's restaurant and bar has fabulous shrimp bisque, and Tidbits' chicken salad for lunch is always a delicious investment. For a list of Downtown eateries, visit www.downtownjacksonville.org.

Remember:

- Parking meters are free every weekday after 6 p.m. and all day Saturday and Sunday. Or if you prefer, check out the parking garage and lot options at www.downtownjacksonville.org.
- The Skyway, now free, operates Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and during special weekend events. For more information, visit www.downtownjacksonville.org.
- The Jacksonville Water Taxi hours are Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fares are \$4 one way; children and seniors are \$3. Children younger than age 3 ride free. For more information, visit www.downtownjacksonville.org.
- If you need assistance Downtown, our Downtown Ambassadors are here to help. Look for them in their orange polo shirts and pith helmets or call 904-465-7980.

For more information on Downtown destinations, check out our online directory at www.downtownjacksonville.org.

Many Downtown destinations also hold various special events throughout the year. Be sure to check our events calendar often, or sign up for our weekly events e-newsletter.