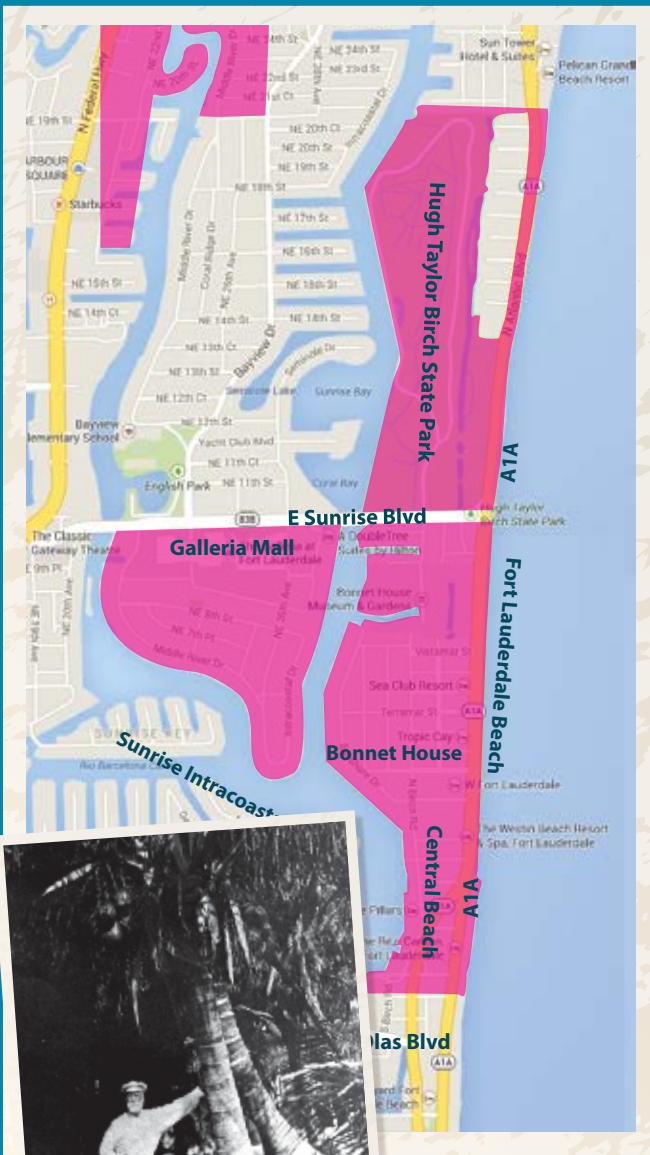


# HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH PROPERTY - 1940

## THE GIFT THAT MADE OUR CITY

- approximately 3 miles of Fort Lauderdale Beach



## FRIENDS OF BIRCH STATE PARK, INC.

A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

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#### PARK INFORMATION

Park Manager - David Dearth

#### OPEN DAILY

8 a.m. to Sunset - 365 Days a Year

CONTACT THE PARK

(954) 564-4521 - Main Gate

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#### Hugh Taylor Birch State Park

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 TO HELP PRESERVE, CONSERVE, ENHANCE, AND  
 PROMOTE HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH STATE PARK  
 THROUGH COMMUNITY SUPPORT





## HISTORY

Birch State Park is a tropical oasis that was once home to Hugh Taylor Birch, a prominent Chicago attorney, real estate investor, and naturalist, who deeded 180-acres of his hidden paradise to the State of Florida in

1941. Opened to the public as a state park in the early '50s, his priceless gift remains an enduring **legacy**

**of green** for residents and tourists to enjoy.

Birch also gave his daughter, Helen, 35 acres to the south of the park as a wedding present and oversaw the construction

of what is now Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (later given to Florida Trust for Historic Preservation).

## FATHER OF FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH

Last but not least, Birch gave the City of Fort Lauderdale its **economic engine** when he donated almost three-miles of beach with the stipulation that it remain visible and accessible to the public forever. This gift is why Birch was recently inducted into the Fort Lauderdale Hall of Fame and dubbed, "The Father of Fort Lauderdale Beach".



Terramar House

## BRING BIRCH BACK

"Bring Birch Back" is Friends' rallying cry. Our goal is to make Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, once again, the best state park in Florida. Toward that end, we have new, enthusiastic park management; new committed Friends' staff, board of directors and honorary council; active support groups (the Seagulls and the RNGRs – a young professionals group); and a new concessionaire (BG Capital) who plans to bring back the café' and upgrade concessions.

## WE'RE ON OUR WAY

We have launched a \$12 million **capital campaign** raising \$8 million from public funds and \$4 million from private funds. To date, we have secured \$5 million in public grants and have applied for approximately \$3 million more. Planned updates and additions include: ADA accessible playgrounds, additional Intracoastal Waterway pavilions and picnic areas, the Terramar Visitor and Education Center, an Arts and Education Stage, a Meditation Garden, a floating Public Boat Dock, a Mangrove Walkway... and more!



Gopher Tortoise

## JOIN US

### FRIENDS OF BIRCH STATE PARK

#### MEMBERSHIPS

Individual \$50  
Family \$100  
Patron \$250  
Corporate \$500

#### TERRAMAR SOCIETY

##### Banyan Level

(\$5,000 for each of 3 years)

##### Manatee Level

(2,000 for each of 3 years)

##### Sea Turtle Level

(\$1,000 for each of 3 years)

See insert for details

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have the time, we have the need. We need carpenters, mechanics, and plumbers. We also need teaching and administrative skills as well as brush clearing and tram driving.

Call Rachel Bryan at **(954) 566-0660**.



Night Heron



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