A 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FORMED TO HELP PRESERVE, CONSERVE, ENHANCE AND PROMOTE HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH STATE PARK THROUGH COMMUNITY SUPPORT

THE GIFT THAT MADE OUR CITY
- approximately 3 miles of Fort Lauderdale Beach

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Hugh Taylor 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.

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 undeveloped, 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”.

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 enthusiastic park management, a committed Friends’ staff, board of directors and honorary council and a concessionaire that offers an assortment of rental items and operates the park’s oceanfront restaurant, Park & Ocean.

To “Bring Birch Back!” after years of neglect, we came up with a list of dozens of improvement projects and have already funded or accomplished the following efforts:

1. 1.2 Mile Seawall Restoration 2019
2. Beach Tunnel Aquarium Mural 2019
3. Marti’s Meditation Garden and Labyrinth - 2019
4. North End Park Access Gate 2019
5. Phase I and II Clean-Out of Long Lake - 2017/2018
6. 230’ Floating Public Boat Dock 2018
7. Loop Road Widening 2017
8. Limitless Playground 2016
9. Restaurant and Concessions 2016
10. Opening of Terramar as a Visitor Center - 2015

The following projects are in the planning stages:

- Exercise Stations
- Long Lake Trestle Walkway
- Mangrove Walkway
- Playground Phase II

If you would like to be a part of history and help us restore Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, there are many ways in which you can contribute, including:

- Sponsor an event
- Make a donation
- Donate an auction item
- Volunteer
- Sponsor a bench
- Become a member
- Fund a project (naming rights possible)

More information on these opportunities is available at birchstatepark.org

FRIENDS OF BIRCH STATE PARK MEMBERSHIP

TERRAMAR SOCIETY

- Banyan ($5,000 per year)
- Manatee ($3,000 per year)
- Sea Turtle ($1,000 per year)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

- Corporate ($500 per year)
- Patron ($250 per year)
- Family ($125 per year)
- Individual ($75 per year)

Please see insert for benefits