

S11 Day Paddles - ICW

Shakett Creek/Curry Creek Paddle Information Sheet

Description: After leaving the Curry Creek Preserve, head down the creek. Most of the south side of the creek has a natural buffer, while the north side is mostly residential area. Once out into Roberts Bay and the Intracoastal Waterway, you'll paddle around Nokomis Point northward and head east into Dona Bay and Shakett Creek. Most of the first half of Shakett Creek is residential neighborhoods until you get to the Legacy Trail Bridge. From there on, most of the creek is wild on one side or the other. Turnaround point is at the fork after the Laurel Rd Bridge (762). Dolphins are a common sight in Roberts Bay and around Nokomis Point.

Skill Level: Intermediate

Distance/Approximate Time: 6.5 Miles/3.5 Hours

Launch Site: Curry Creek Preserve Paddle Launch

Takeout Site: Shakett Creek Loreto Ramp

Special Considerations: Be mindful of power boats especially around Nokomis Point and the Intracoastal Waterway. Paddle out of the channel and along the shoreline. This paddle requires shuttling vehicles.

Skill Level Definitions

Beginner: New to paddling and may need tips and or instructions about paddling strokes, safety procedures, and entering/exiting kayaks. Comfortable on short trips of 1 to 3 miles on protected waters, when wind does not exceed 5 mph.

Novice: Paddlers acquainted with basic paddle strokes and can manage kayak handling independently in winds not exceeding 10 mph on protected waters. Comfortable on trips up to 6 miles.

Intermediate: Paddlers with experience in basic strokes and some experience on different venues, including some open water. Comfortable on trip distances of 6 to 10 miles, winds not exceeding 15 mph.

Advanced: Seasoned paddlers who possess skills and experience to paddle all venues and conditions. Experienced in self-rescues. Should be comfortable paddling more than 10 miles in a day.

NOTE: Great care has been taken to ensure this guides accuracy, but weather, tides, and water conditions can change rapidly and create hazardous conditions. These maps are for visual reference only, please consult NOAA Charts for navigation. Paddlers should have all proper safety equipment and check conditions before departure. All paddlers should always wear PFDs while on the water, and leave a float plan. There are inherent dangers in any paddle sport. There are special hazards along the Florida coast due to shifting tides, changing wind and weather, shallow waters, and treacherous bottoms with soft mud, rocks, and oyster bars. It is up to each paddler to be aware of these dangers, to accept and be prepared for the risks involved, and to be certain they have the skills to safely paddle in these conditions.