

## S13MCR Day Paddles and Overnight Camping Trips - Marco Is. - Cape Romano

## Horr's Island Paddle Information Sheet

**Description:** The loop around Horr's Island is an easy, mostly protected paddle with the island always beside you, There's a vehicle bridge to Horr's Island and sandbars to the west in Barfield Bay at low tide. Continue heading south in between David and Pig Keys. There are two small islands along the southern shore of Horr's Island that you can duck into on your way back to the launch site.

**Skill Level:** Advanced, due to distance

**Distance/Time:** 11.2 Miles/5 Hours

**Launch Site:** Goodland Boating Park, located at 740 Palm Point Drive, Goodland, on the Goodland Bay with direct access to Ten Thousand Islands. The park has a two-lane concrete boat launch ramp, ample trailer parking, and wet slips for rent, a ship store, covered picnic pavilion with grill, fishing pier and fish cleaning station, and a life jacket loan program. There is a launch fee.

**Special Considerations:** This is a long but easy paddle unless the bays get rough.

### 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.