

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

Kice Island Primitive Camp Trip Information Sheet

Description: This is a great beach camping trip on the open Gulf. After leaving the ramp, head south out to Gullivan Bay and follow the right shoreline to the mouth of Blind Pass. Continue through the Pass and the camping area is on your right (north) side of the pass where it meets the Gulf. Although usually busy on weekends, during the weekdays the beach is often devoid of people. Fishing is usually good in the Pass and off the beach on outgoing tides.

Skill Level: Intermediate

Distance/Time: 6 Miles each way/3 Hours each way

Launch Site: Goodland Boating Park, south end of Palm Point Dr. There are bathroom facilities and a small store on site.

Special Considerations: Launch/ Overnight parking fees. Primitive camping. Please practice "Leave No Trace" principles. Tidal current can be strong in Blind Pass.

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.