

S16 Day Paddles and Overnight Camping Trips – Biscayne Bay

Peacock Park Paddle Information Sheet

Description: Located in the city of Miami, near Coconut Grove, the Dinner Key Picnic Islands Park and West Islands Park are small islands serving as a great tourist attraction. If you wish to indulge in some water sports, then come here and enjoy on the blue waters. Take a stroll along the golden sands and enjoy the open water, or simply settle by the rushing waves with a nice, family picnic. Thanks to its close proximity to the city, the island is a popular getaway destination for the locals. This paddle explores several islands with plenty of places to get out of your boat and stretch your legs.

Skill Level: Intermediate

Distance/Approximate Time: 3.4 Miles/2 Hours

Launch Site: Peacock Park Paddle Launch

Special Considerations: This is a great protected paddle when the winds are from the west, otherwise, it can get quite rough on windy days. Always check the local weather before departure. Heavy powerboat traffic, especially on weekends.

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.