

S16 Day Paddles and Overnight Camping Trips – Miami Canals

Black Creek Canal (C1) Paddle Information Sheet

Description: This is a good long protected paddle for distance training. It consists of long straight sections with no obstructions or portages. Most of the canal is below grade level so the view is only the grass banks and straight ahead. There is a great view across the farmlands from the railroad bridge at the north end. The paddle takes you down through The Hammocks, Country Walk and Richmond West areas of southwest Miami.

Skill Level: Intermediate

Distance/Approximate Time: 8.3 Miles/4 Hours

Launch Site: Krome Ave at SW 112th St

Takeout Site: Black Creek/C1 Upper Canal 137th Ave Paddle Launch

Special Considerations:

Launch - Turn off chrome Ave and drive down the grass to the railroad tracks.

Takeout - Just south of SW 184th St there is an entrance to the canal road for authorized vehicles. You can put in a kayak and there is space for 1 or 2 cars to park.

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.