

S17ICW Day Paddles - Intracoastal Waterway

Whiskey Creek Paddle Information Sheet

Description: Whiskey Creek is a popular waterway for paddling, located within Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park, however, you do not need to enter the park to access it. This scenic sheltered out and back paddle travels through the Mangroves of the Park. The North end of the Creek has an outfitter and restaurant and there is a stretch of sandy beach here. This part of the Creek is often heavily congested with motor boats. It is also the location of several short paddlecraft trails that can be only accessed at high tide. The Creek is heavily tidally influenced and the lower portion of the creek cannot be traversed at low tide! The preferred launch and take out location is at the north end of the parking lot for the Dania Beach Pier and Marina. There is a drop off location with a short portage to the Creek and then you can park your vehicle. Within the Park, you may also use the boat ramp, however, you will be in competition with busy motorboat launching and recovery activities.

Skill Level: Novice

Distance/Approximate Time: 3.4 Miles/2 Hours

Launch Site: Dania Beach Pier and Marina:

Special Considerations: Parking fees, free restrooms, short portage to the creek. Paddle on medium to high tide only.

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.