

S1 Day Paddles - Intracoastal Waterway

Perdido Key Primitive Camp Trip Information Sheet

Description: This paddle is along the south shore of the Big Lagoon to the east end of Perdido Key, where you'll find a great beach primitive camping spot in a protected cove. The campsite is just east of the recently breached Perdido Key. The breaches were caused by Hurricane Sally on September of 2020. Please use the main boat ramp to launch until the paddle launch area (another Hurricane Sally victim) is open. This will add about a mile and a quarter to your paddling distance each way.

Skill Level: Intermediate

Distance/Approximate Time: 5.5 Miles each way/3 Hours each way

Launch Site: Big Lagoon State Park Paddle Launch

Special Considerations: State Park entry fee. Please let them know your itinerary if leaving your vehicle there. Be careful of currents around the breached areas. Please practice "Leave No Trace" principles.

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.