

S1 Day Paddles and Overnight Camping Trips - Inland Lakes

Hurricane Lake Information Sheet

Description: Hurricane Lake is a 318-acre man-made impoundment constructed in 1971 in the Blackwater State Forest, opened to fishing in 1973. The lake has an average depth of 7 feet and a maximum depth of 25 feet. A considerable amount of flooded timber remains. The south campground is accessible from Kennedy Bridge Road off Beaver Creek Road north of SR 4. This campground contains primitive (no electric or water hookups) camping sites maintained by the Florida Forest Service. Restroom and picnic facilities are available.

Skill Level: Novice/Intermediate

Distance/Approximate Time: 6.6 Miles/3 Hours

Launch Site: South Campground Ramp

Special Considerations: Gasoline boat motors are prohibited from use on Hurricane Lake; however, use of electric trolling motors is allowed. For reserving campsites and cabins in Florida State Parks check the [Florida State Parks Reservation Center website](#) or call 800-326-3521

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.