

Day Paddles and Overnight Camping Trips - Intracoastal North Area

IR 43 Primitive Camping Trip Paddle Information Sheet

Description: Leave Round Island Park, a free full facilities dual power boat launch site and a kayak sandy beach launch site. Head west to Spoil island IR43. Spoil islands are identified by the county they are in. IR43 is Indian River County, spoil island number 43. Interestingly, the Intracoastal in Indian River county, going south, is to the east of the Spoil islands, and switches to the west upon entering Saint Lucie County. IR43 is in the CT book of camping places to stay while doing the CT. The island is maintained by FOSI, the Friends of the Spoil Islands, and has 2 tent platforms and 2 picnic tables in 2 camping areas. Also, two barbecues one in each area are present. The island has been cleaned up and pathways created to make for a pleasant camping experience.

Skill Level: Novice

Distance/Time: 1.6 Miles each way/Approximately 1 hour each way

Launch Site: Round Island Park Kayak Launch 2201 A1A, Vero Beach, FL

Special Considerations: 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.