

## Day Paddles and Overnight Camping Trips - Intracoastal North Area

**Wabasso Park to MacWilliams Park Paddle Information Sheet**

**Description:** Wabasso causeway park consists of two launch sites, one at the western end of Wabasso Causeway Bridge with no restroom facilities, and the eastern end of the bridge with full facilities. This is an endurance paddle that winds it's way south along the side channels to the Intracoastal. Most of the eastern shore is developed but the western shore is relatively wild and mangrove lined except at the middle of the paddle. Wabasso Causeway Park Ramp and MacWilliams Park Ramp are both free public full facilities public parks. Alternatively, you can paddle south to north if the wind is in your favor.

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Distance/Time:** 7.9 Miles/Approximately 3.5 hours

**Launch Site:** Wabasso Park Ramp Causeway Bridge Blvd, Vero Beach, Fl

**Takeout Site:** MacWilliams Boat Basin Ramp off Indian River Drive East

**Special Considerations:** This paddle requires shuttling.

**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.