

S22 Day Paddles - Mosquito Lagoon

Haulover Canal Paddle Information Sheet

Description: Launch from Parrish Park at the base of the Titusville bridge and head north towards the Haulover Canal following a chain of spoil islands. The canal connects Mosquito Lagoon and the Indian River. Many boaters fish off the banks of the canal and there is a manatee observation deck overlooking the waterway. Manatees, sea turtles and dolphins use this canal and can be easily spotted. Head into Mosquito Lagoon and head south passing through mangrove habitat. Get out at Eddy Creek Boat Launch and leave your kayak and cross over Playalinda Beach Road to take a swim in the Atlantic ocean.

Skill Level: Advanced

Distance/Approximate Time: 18.1 Miles/7 Hours

Launch Site: Parrish Park Ramp

Takeout Site: Eddy Creek Ramp

Special Considerations: Navigating through Haulover Canal can be challenging due to its' narrow channel, heavy fishing and boating activity. You can launch from either location and there are restroom facilities at both boat launches. There is a small fee to enter Cavanaugh National Sea Shore. Take advantage of the tides when passing through the canal. This paddle requires shuttling vehicles.

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.