

S23 Day Paddles - Inland Lakes

Lake Kerr Paddle Information Sheet

Description: After launching, hug the left shore and head toward Petes Island, the almost due west to Kauffmans Island. There is a beach on the east side of Kauffmans Island in the center of the lake, straight out from Moorehead Park. As you get closer to the island, you can see an American flag marking the beach area. The central part of the island is lowland and covered with thick blackberry vines. The east end has an island hammock. A narrow canal allows passage into Little Lake Kerr at the northeast end of the lake. On your return, stop off at the beach on Kauffmans Island and explore the island, or just have a snack and stretch your legs. The water is usually fairly clear in this lake, especially in the winter months.

Skill Level: Advanced

Distance/Approximate Time: 12.7 Miles/6 Hours

Launch Site: Moorehead Park Ramp

Special Considerations: This is a fairly big lake and can get quite rough on windy days

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.