

S23 Day Paddles and Overnight Camping Trips - Mosquito Lagoon Upper Canaveral National Seashore

Canaveral National Seashore Camping Information Sheet

Description: For visitors wishing to backcountry camp in the seashore, primitive camping is found on designated islands throughout the Intracoastal Waterway in Mosquito Lagoon. These campsites are available by reservation only and require a permit. Campsites are \$20 per night and can be reserved up to six months in advance. Natural island campsites and spoil island sites provide a variety of access and capacity options to those visitors who have their own boat, canoe or kayak. Reservations and a permit are required for campsites and may be made online at www.Recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777. Canoe rentals are available for campsites one through five, by calling and reserving through the Visitor Center (386) 428-3384 ext. 0

Skill Level: Intermediate due to loads needed for camping gear.

Distance/Approximate Time: Dependent on launch site and campsite chosen.

Launch Sites: See Map.

Special Considerations: See Segment 22 for campsites in the southern section. Canaveral National Seashore may close camp sites for adverse weather such as high winds, lightning and/or rain. Lake wind effects can occur on Mosquito Lagoon causing rough water and strong currents. It is advised to check the weather forecast before camping. If there are any questions call the Apollo Visitor Center at (386) 428-3384 ext. 0.

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.