

S24 Day Paddles - ICW

Moses Creek Paddle Information Sheet

Description: Once across the ICW, wind your way through the oyster bars at the mouth. Stop at the primitive campsite (you will see the stairs) and take in the view. There is a picnic table and non-potable well here. The next place to stretch is a floating dock about a mile and a half up the creek with another stunning view from the bluff. The creek winds through the marsh rubbing elbows with the bluffs on either side, sometimes it seems the view changes with each bend. This trip is worth the scenery alone but there's so much wildlife back here to see too.

Skill Level: Advanced

Distance/Approximate Time: 11.2 Miles/6 Hours

Launch Site: East end of SR 206 Bridge/ICW

Special Considerations: This area is extremely tide sensitive with shallow water and plenty of oyster bars at the creek entrance. Best launching 3 hours before high tide. Locating the entry to the creek is difficult, Good map, compass and GPS recommended.

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.