

## S26NR – Nassau River Day Paddles

## Mid Nassau River Paddle Information Sheet

**Description:** This is a long paddle for the more experienced paddler. Once in the river, you'll pass Lofton Creek on your left, then Edwards Creek on your right followed by Pumpkin Hill Creek also on your right. After Pumpkin Hill Creek, head to the north shore and take the first creek (Christopher Creek) on the north side back to the takeout.

**Skill Level:** Advanced

**Distance/Approximate Time:** 11.4 Miles 5 Hours

**Launch Site:** Wilson Neck Ramp

**Takeout Site:** Holly Point Ramp

**Special Considerations:** Strong river and tidal currents. If you miss the creek to the Holly Point Ramp, there is another ramp (Goffinsville Nassau River Park Ramp) along the north shore of the river about a half mile farther. Paddle only on an outgoing tide. 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.