

S28 Day Paddles - Lakes

Butler Lake Paddle Information Sheet

Description: This short paddle is around the shoreline of a 436 acre lake on the north side of Lake Butler, FL in Union County. The lake is mostly undeveloped, except for the city on the south end, and lined mostly with Cypress and hardwood hammock. It's a popular fishing lake, and is known for it's annual Bass Tournament. Access is from the beautiful Lakeside Park.

Skill Level: Novice

Distance/Approximate Time: 2.5 Miles/1.5 Hours

Launch Site: Lakeside Park Ramp

Special Considerations: Avoid paddling on the 4th of July weekend, when the annual Bass Tournament is held.

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.