

S2 Day Paddles - Shoal River

Titi Creek Paddle Information Sheet

Description: The creek is narrow and lots of fun for canoes and kayaks. You can see down into the water, but its tanin-shaded waters are much darker than what you find on Turkey or Boiling Creeks. The first mile or so is heavily canopied -- so much so, that you may be ducking in spots. Not surprisingly, there are many titi trees along the creek. You can recognize the titi by the long, skinny white flowers when it is in bloom. While the creek is usually kept pretty open, it is not uncommon to encounter a pullover. A favorite stopping point is the very shallow mouth of Honey Creek as it flows into the Titi -- you can't miss the crystal clear water. As the Titi joins merges with the Shoal, it literally loses its way. The water spreads out and head through the woods to join the Shoal any way it can. This is one of our favorite areas. With the water all spread out, there is no deep channel, and you may have to walk your boat for a while.

Skill Level: Advanced

Distance/Approximate Time: 10.3 Miles/4.5 Hours

Launch Site: Eglin AFB - RR 220 Bridge Paddle Launch

Takeout Site: Bill Duggan Jr Park Ramp

Special Considerations: Permits are required from Eglin AFB <https://eglin.isportsman.net/outdoorrecpermits.aspx>. Always make sure the day of the paddle that this area is not closed due to military exercises. Check with the Public Access Map <https://eglin.isportsman.net/files/Public%20Access%20Map%20%28PAM%29%2FRecmap.pdf>. 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.