

S2 Day Paddles - Upper Lakes

Lake Stanley Paddle Information Sheet

Description: This paddle is out of Lake Staley Park. The Lake Stanley Park is located in the Northwest portion of DeFuniak Springs on Shoemaker Drive. The park consists of an open swimming area, boat ramp, swing sets, slide, eight covered picnic tables, two un-covered picnic tables, restroom facilities, a fishing pier, and several open areas. The park connects to over 100 acres of open water. Although it has some cypress, most of the lake has low brush and grass along its shoreline. This is a popular bass fishing lake. There is a short canal accessing an adjacent small lake you can explore.

Skill Level: Novice

Distance/Approximate Time: 2.3 Miles/1.5 Hours

Launch Site: Lake Stanley Park Ramp

Special Considerations: During the 1st, 3rd, and 5th weekend of every month there is a limit of 10 horse power or less for all boat motors.

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.