

S32 Day Paddles - Lake Placid

Lake Placid Circumnavigation Information Sheet

Description: Lake Placid is a 3,400 acre lake located just south of the Town of Lake Placid, which is known for its murals and caladiums. The lake has only two boat ramps, which are located on the west side of the lake, and in the north end. The lake is mostly developed on the west side, however the south end and most of the east side are undeveloped. Also along the east side is the site of the Kissimmee Valley Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, where hundreds of flakes and tools have been found. Also along the east shore you'll see citrus groves that run down to the shoreline. On the west side, you'll see the Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center, a Christian retreat. The south side has a more wooded shoreline. Birdlife includes Ospreys, Eagles, Anhingas, Florida Mallards, Ibises, and Gallinules,

Skill Level: Intermediate

Distance/Approximate Time: 8.6 Miles/4 Hours

Launch Site: Placid View Dr. Public Ramp

Special Considerations/ Safety Issues: This is a fairly large lake, and it can get quite choppy on windy days. Open water paddling.

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.