

Coastal, Rivers and Blueways Trails

New River Trail - Leg 2**New River Camp # 3 to Gully Branch Campsite #4 Information Sheet**

Description: Launch from New River Camp #3 and head downstream. This leg is less winding and opens up a little more making water levels not quite of an issue as Leg 1. There are increasing numbers of cedars, sweet gums and water oaks. Your takeout is at Gully Branch Rec Area. Campsite #4

Skill Level: Novice/Intermediate

Distance/Time: 6.6 Miles/Approximately 2.5 Hours

Launch Site: New River Camp #3

Campsite: Gully Branch Recreation Area Campsite # 4

Special Considerations: Possible snags and deadfall during low water conditions. This is a Tate's Hell State Forest campsite and requires a permit. Contact the Tates Hell Forest Service office in Carrabelle (877) 879-3859) or Reserve America—Tates Hell—New River to reserve campsite/s.

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.