

Coastal, Rivers and Blueways Trails

Crooked River Trail - Leg 3

Campsite #28 (Loop Rd) to Ochlockonee Bay Bridge Ramp

Information Sheet

Description: Launch from Campsite #28 and continue east about .7 miles and you'll come to the end of the Crooked River where the Ochlockonee River flows in from the left. Continue down the Ochlockonee and under the SR 319 bridge. Keep to the right when you get near the Ochlockonee River SP and paddle out to the Ochlockonee Bay. Stay along the right shore to the takeout at the end of the HWY 98 bridge.

Launch Site: Campsite #28 (Loop Rd)

Takeout Site: Ochlockonee Bay Bridge Ramp

Skill Level: Intermediate/Advanced, due to distance

Distance/Time: 13 Miles/Approximately 6 Hours

Special Considerations: Reservations required for Campsite #28. Go to Reserve America, Tates Hell - Womack Creek Campsites or call 877-879-3859. The Ochlockonee Bay is a large body of water and can become rough when windy, especially when winds are out of the east or west..

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.