

S6 Suwannee River Day Paddles

Lower Suwannee River**Purvis Landing to Yellow Jacket Ramp Paddle Information Sheet**

Description: After leaving Purvis Landing, Otter Springs State Park and the run up to the spring, is on your left. There are plenty of ramps and paddle launch sites along this paddle for emergency takeouts or places to take a rest stop. Takeout is at the ramp next to the Yellow Jacket Campground on your right.

Skill Level: Advanced

Distance/Approximate Time: 18.8 Miles/7.5Hours

Launch Site: Purvis Landing

Takeout Site: Yellow Jacket Ramp

Special Considerations: Jumping sturgeon should become a common sight. Keep an eye out for boat traffic, especially on weekends.. This is the wide part of the river and can be rough on windy days.

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.