

S6 Suwannee River Day Paddles

Lower Suwannee River

Yellow Jacket Ramp to Anderson Landing Information Sheet

Description: Launch from the Yellow Jacket ramp and paddle downriver to the entrance to Demory Creek on your right, turn left just after you enter the creek and proceed up the canal. Houses should be on your right. Just before the bridge, hang a right and continue all the way to Anderson Landing.

Skill Level: Advanced, due to distance

Distance/Time: 18.8 Miles/7 Hours

Launch Site: Yellow Jacket

Takeout Site: Anderson Landing

Special Considerations: Jumping sturgeon should be a common sight while in the river. 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. There are only a couple emergency takeouts on this paddle, about 1/3 the way down from the launch area.

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.