## Day Paddles and Overnight Camping Trips - Homosassa Area

## **Price Creek Loop Information Sheet**

<u>Description</u>: Launch from the Riverhaven Marina Ramp and make sure you check out Monkey Island before you head up river to the Halls River and go under the bridge. Turn left at the first main canal. Once it hooks to the left you will be leaving the residential area behind. Continue southward and take the first canal on your right which heads NW. This canal runs into a winding creek that eventually starts turning westward then SW. Continue southward until you reach the river and head back upstream (left) to Riverhaven Marina. This is a nice protected river and tidal marsh paddle.

Skill Level: Intermediate

Distance/Time: 7.2 Miles/ 3.5 Hours

Launch Site: Riverhaven Marina Ramp

Special Considerations: Not recommended at low tide. Launch fee

## **Skill Level Definitions**

<u>Beginner</u>: 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 stokes and can manage kayak handling independently in winds not exceeding 10 mph on protected waters. Comfortable on trips up to 6 miles.

<u>Intermediate</u>: 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.

<u>Advanced</u>: 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.

