

Day Paddles and Overnight Camping Trips - Ozello Area

Triple Express Loop Information Sheet

Description: This is an interesting trail through several tight and winding creeks that pass through mangrove islands, interspersed with some open water paddling. Launch from the Ozello ramp hug the left shore and go through the small pass and head NW out to the Gulf. You'll pass the last couple of houses on your left. Once you round the last sandy point, continue westward to the entrance of the first creek. After exiting the creek head south to the second creek. When exiting the second creek turn northward and wrap around to the right to find the entrance to the third creek. Return is NNE back to the ramp.

Skill Level: Intermediate

Distance/Time: 7.4 Miles/4 Hours

Launch Site: Ramp at end of Ozello Road (CR 494)

Special Considerations: Paddle on medium to high tides only.

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.