

S8 Day Paddles and Overnight Camping Trips - ICW

Anclote Key Primitive Camping Trip Information Sheet

Description: This is an open water crossing to the backside of Anclote Key. The landing is a short walk to a beach camping area. This is a great place for watching spectacular sunsets, and generally is not too crowded. There is plenty of beach for walking.

Skill Level: Advanced

Distance/Approximate Time: 4 miles each way/1.5 Hours each way

Launch Site: Anclote Gulf Park Paddle Launch

Special Considerations: Mosquitos and No-see-ums can be bad in warmer weather, Open water crossing of the bay can get rough on windy days. Contact Pasco Parks and Recreation Dept. for overnight parking permit. Short portage to water at the launch site. Please practice "Leave No Trace" principles.

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.