

S23 Day Paddles - ICW

Silver Lake Paddle Information Sheet

Description: This paddle starts at the Hwy 100 Bridge ramp and heads north along the ICW a short distance before taking the south entrance to the backwater area of Silver Lake on your right. This area consists of black mangrove lined creeks, canals, and bays that lie behind a long string of large spoil islands created from the dredging of the ICW. There are only 3 entrances to the Silver Lake area - at the south end, the middle and the north end, all are off the ICW. The City of Flagler Beach purchased 46 acres of sensitive wetlands lying east of the Intracoastal Waterway and bordering North Daytona Avenue and North 17th Street in order to ensure that the future of these pristine lands was not compromised by future development.

Skill Level: Intermediate

Distance/Approximate Time: 6.1 Miles/3 Hours

Launch Site: Moody Lane Ramp

Special Considerations: Be aware of powerboat traffic on the ICW. Follow the shoreline and stay out of the channel.

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.