

S23 Day Paddles - Mosquito Lagoon

Government Cut Paddle Information Sheet

Description: After launching from JB's, head northwest along the developed shoreline and cut more westward after the next island which will take you away from the developed shoreline. Paddle through Oyster Bay, past Fox Slip, and around the southwest side of Bottle Island before you get to the turnaround point.. Continue in a southerly direction until you hit Government Cut. On your right in Government Cut you'll pass the Canaveral National Seashore Government Cut Campsite (Permit required).. Keep to the left and take the cut along the south side of Cedar Island back to JB's where you can get a great seafood dinner after a long paddle.

Skill Level: Intermediate

Distance/Approximate Time: 7.5 Miles/3.5 Hours

Launch Site: JB's Fish Camp Paddle Launch

Special Considerations: Good map, compass and GPS recommended.

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.