

Coastal, Rivers and Blueways Trails

Lower Chipola River Trail - Leg 5**Dead Lakes Park Ramp to Lister's Landing Information Sheet**

Description: Launch from the Dead Lakes Rec Area ramp and head east back out to Dead Lakes. Once out of West Arm and back on the lake, turn right and continue down stream and under the CR 22 bridge, which is at the south end of the Dead Lakes. The Chipola Cutoff converges a short distance past the bridge. However continue paddling south. You will continue to see houses on your right until you reach Land's Landing. From this point on the river will be wooded on both sides with little signs of development. Continue downstream to Lister's Landing on your right. The Chipola River flows into the Apalachicola River another 2.5 miles past the takeout.

Skill Level: Advanced, due to distance

Distance/Time: 14.6 Miles/Approximately 6.5 Hours

Launch Site: Dead Lakes Rec Area ramp off Gary Rowell Road

Takeout Site: Lister's Landing

Special Considerations: None

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.