

## Shired Creek Paddle

Description: Paddle upstream from the wide creek mouth, leaving behind the salt water of the Gulf of Mexico. As the creek narrows, the elevation of the land gradually rises, and the transition from salt to freshwater and from salt marsh to island hammocks is encountered. Turnaround is at the Dixie Mainline bridge. This paddle is one of the best ways to see the effects of rising sea levels on the area's different tidal habitats. For an easier paddle, try to time it so you can paddle up with the incoming tide and down the creek with the outgoing tide.

Distance/Time: 7.1 Miles/Approximately 3 hours

Skill Level: Intermediate

Launch Site: Shired Island County Park-From the Suwannee Community Center: Head East on CR 349 2.1 Miles and take a left on the Dixie Mainline. Continue on the Dixie Mainline until you get to the first paved road (CR 357) and take a left. Continue 3.3 miles and the County Park is on your right just before the end of the road, and just past the County Boat Ramp.

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NOTE: Great care has been taken to ensure this guides accuracy, but weather, tides, and water conditions can change rapidly and create hazardous conditions. Routes may change due to weather considerations. Users should consult NOAA Charts for navigation. Paddlers should have all proper safety equipment and check conditions before departure. All participants are required to wear PFDs while on water based events .

