

## SCENIC CEDAR KEY LOOP

Description: An exploration of the scenic waters that are seen driving into Cedar Key between Number 4 and Number 3 bridges. Begin at the boat ramp at the Number 4 bridge and meander east through oyster bars and forested islands towards the Gulf of Mexico. Head back west and under Bridge Number 3 to an area of typical Cedar Key backwaters, with homes, businesses, aquaculture facilities, the Tiki Bar, grassy islands and oyster bars. Loop back to Number 4 Bridge for take out. Native vegetation is predominately black needlerush with some smooth cordgrass.

Distance/Time: 4.6 miles/1 ½ - 2 hours

Skill Level: Intermediate

Indigenous Wildlife: Tailing redfish and black drum, dolphins, and various shore birds and waterfowl are commonly seen.

Launch Site: Take CR 24 west off HWY 19. Cross the first bridge coming in to Cedar Key and take a left on SW 154<sup>th</sup> Ave. Turn north and go to the ramp at the end of the road.

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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. Route may change due to weather considerations. Users should have all proper safety equipment and check conditions before departure. All participants are required to wear PFDs while on water based events.

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