

Spoil Island Primitive Camp Trip

Description: Experience camping overnight on the Florida's Saltwater Circumnavigational Paddling Trail by joining a group paddling a 2.5 mile open water crossing from the Bird Park to a Barge Canal spoil island. Pitch your tent beneath the scrub which frame a stunning open vista of the Gulf. Fishing is excellent in this area. Remember your fishing gear, binoculars, and a camera. Prepare for bugs if the wind drops. All participants **must** be gear/food/water independent. Please note this is **primitive** camping. There are no grills or picnic tables available. Cars will be left overnight at Bird Park. An alternate, more protected site will be available if the winds are too high.

Skill Level: Intermediate/Advanced

Distance/Time: 2.5 Miles each way / 1 1/2 Hours Each Way

Minimum Kayak Size: Kayaks 14', Spray Skirts Recommended

Indigenous Wildlife: Eagles, ospreys, various shorebirds and waterfowl, white pelicans, oystercatchers, mullet, redfish, spotted sea trout, raccoons, and blue crabs.

Launch Site: Bird park on right at the end of CR 40.

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 .

