

Withlacoochee River Paddle

Description: Paddlers and gear will be shuttled from Bird Park up to Buddy Risher Park. From there we'll paddle down the tannic waters of the Withlacoochee from the Inglis Lock, of the now defunct Cross Florida Barge Canal, to the mouth of the river, passing by the towns of Inglis and Yankeetown along the river's north bank. We'll take a break at the halfway mark.

Skill Level: Novice/Intermediate due to Distance

Distance/Time: 9.7 Miles/4 Hours

Minimum Kayak Size: Canoe or Kayak 12'

Indigenous Wildlife: Eagles, ospreys, various shorebirds and waterfowl, mullet, raccoons, otters, and blue crabs.

Meet: Bird Park on right at end of CR 40 to pick up shuttle

Launch Site: Buddy Risher Park off CR 40 East

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 .