

S10 Day Paddles - Braden River

Information Sheet

Description: This is an “urban” paddle, but at least one bank of the river is always undeveloped and there is usually plenty of wildlife along the river. It is a very relaxing and scenic paddle and can be done on windy days when open water is to be avoided. After launching, paddle south closely following the edge of the reservoir until you see the opening to the Braden River. Take the right fork and follow the river approximately 4 miles to Linger Lodge. You will paddle under I-75 at just over the 3 mile mark. Continue to Linger Lodge on your left. Linger Lodge is an “old Florida” style restaurant with a large taxidermy collection of Florida mammals and reptiles. It is well worth a stop for lunch and to check out the décor.

Skill Level: Novice

Distance/Approximate Time: 4.2 Miles/2 Hours

Launch Site: Ever's Reservoir - Jiggs Landing Paddle Launch

Takeout Site: Linger Lodge Paddle Launch (Grass to right of ramp)

Special Considerations The Braden River always has sufficient water to paddle since it is dammed. Likewise, since water backs up into the river, there is very little current making it as easy to paddle upriver as downriver. As always, be considerate of fisherman and give them a wide berth while paddling by them on the river.

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.