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Fakahatchee Strand Preserve

East River Paddle Trail

The East River Paddle Trail launch is tucked away on an unmarked dirt drive off US Hwy 41, five miles west of State Road 29, on the south side of the road.

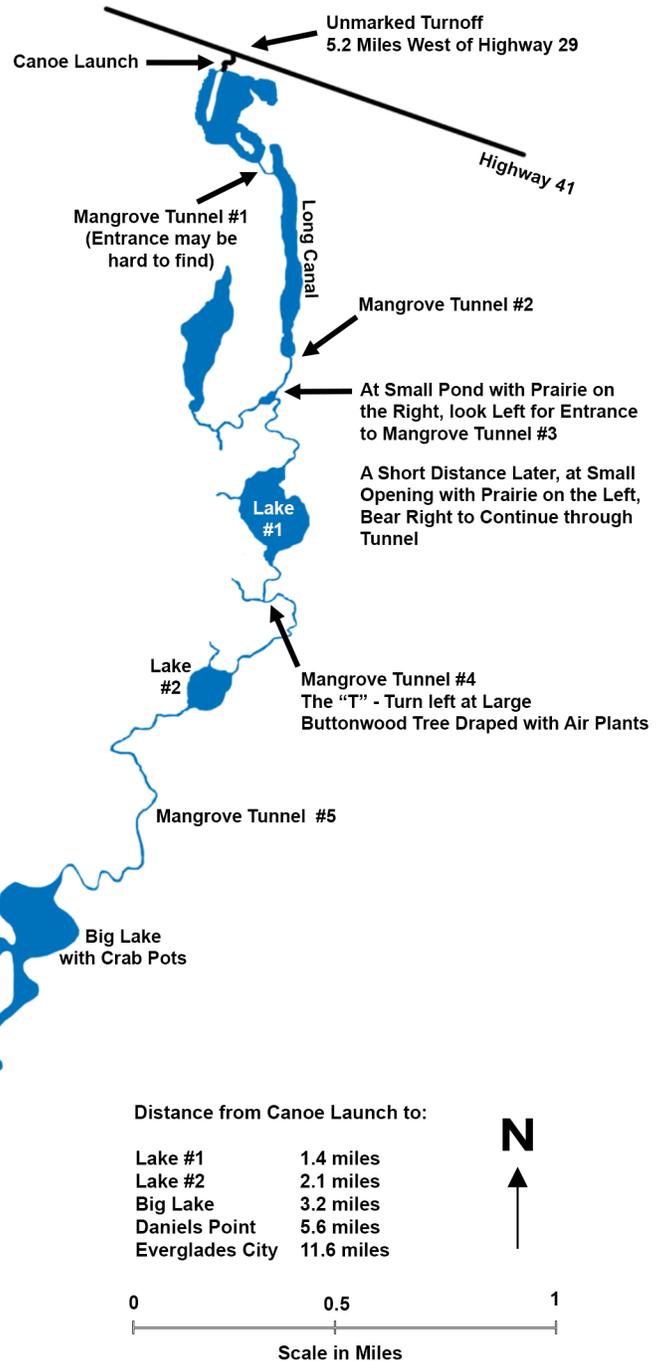
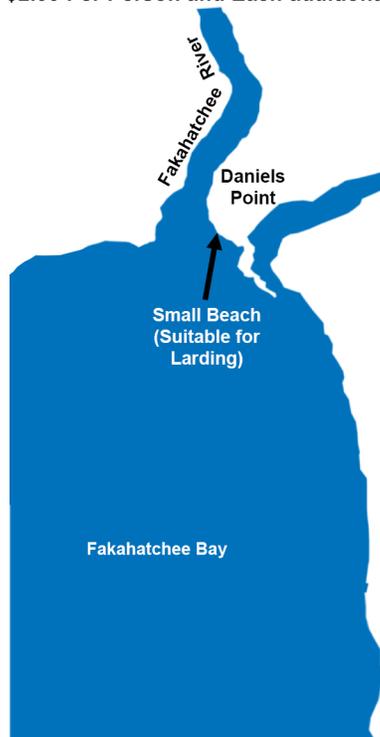
The River is primarily brackish water and a tidal responsive creek that flows southwest to the Fakahatchee Bay and the 10,000 Islands. It is a beautiful and varied creek, passing through a succession of small lakes and canopied mangrove tunnels before widening into a tidal river. The mangrove tunnels are particularly beautiful, becoming larger and more majestic with each passing mile. Alligators may be seen in the river's upper section, as well as a variety of birds.

The route is not marked, although paddlers may encounter flagging tape, spray paint and other unofficial aids. Do not rely on these markers, as they can be found on and off the route.

Required Daily Entrance Fee:

\$3.00 Per Motorized Vehicle

\$2.00 Per Person and Each additional Passenger over 8



Please remember: LEAVE NO TRACE of your visit.

Paddling time to Big Lake and back from the Canoe Launch is 4 - 6 hours.

