

Hidden Coast Paddle Event

The Cedar Key Experience

The Hidden Coast Paddle Event will kick off on Friday September 23rd in Cedar Key. There will be multiple guided paddles around the greater Cedar Keys with plenty of other things to keep you busy while you visit our historic little town.

Schedule of Paddles around the Cedar Keys

Please go to the www.hiddencoast.net website for more info on the rest of the schedule and to register for the paddles you'd like to join.

September 23, 2011: Happy Hour Mixer

Friday Night to kick off the event, there will be a Happy Hour Mixer at the Hideaway Tiki Bar behind the Low-Key Hideaway Motel, (12050 State Road 24 - Cedar Key, FL 32625) There will be some giveaways and it will be a great way to get to mingle with your fellow paddlers in Cedar Key while watching the best sunset view on the island. This Mixer will start at 5pm and go till sunset.

September 24, 2011 @ 9:00 am Waccasassa Bay State Preserve (Free Paddle)

The Florida Park Service's Waccasassa Bay Preserve State Park, in partnership with the Hidden Coast Paddling Festival, is offering a Ranger guided paddle into the Preserve along the Waccasassa River. This 5.5 mile paddle will put in at the Waccasassa River boat ramp at the end of CR 326 in Gulf Hammock, paddle westward on the Waccasassa into the Preserve, down and around Stafford Island and back to the boat ramp on Saturday September 24th.

- Paddlers will depart the Waccasassa boat ramp in Gulf Hammock at 9:00am and return around noon.
 - Please bring sunscreen, insect repellent and drinking water.
 - Basic paddling experience required, no paddling instruction will be provided.
 - Kayak rental will not be provided. If you need a kayak, please contact Kayak Cedar Keys at 352-543-9447 or other kayak providers
 - This trip will be limited to 30 paddlers, please reserve your spot by contacting the Park office at 352-543-5567.
 - This trip is weather dependent and will be cancelled if the forecast calls for greater than 40% chance of rain or winds greater than 10 mph, please check with the park the day before the event.
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September 24, 2011 @ 11:00 am Shell Mound Paddle (Paid Paddle)

Kayak Cedar Keys is pleased to offer a guided tour from Shell Mound to the Cedar Key City Park and Beach. This trip is being hosted by Tom Liebert of Kayak Cedar Keys and Bobby McCabe our local Pirate Tour Guide. This trip will be offered from Kayak Cedar Keys at the Cedar Key City Park where you'll board the Pirate Tour Bus to Shell Mound. We will be paddling new 14' Native Manta Ray kayaks. The cost will include transportation to Shell Mound, kayaks, Guides and bottled water.

We will be leaving from Kayak Cedar Keys promptly at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 24. We will also offer this same tour again on Sunday, September 25th at 12:00 p.m for those that will be attending some of the other tours on Saturday.

Total cost is \$60 per person. Individuals paddling their own kayaks can join in for \$30. They will need to arrive by 10:30 on Saturday and 11:30 on Sunday so we will have time to load their kayaks and gear on the trailer.

Total Round Trip - 4-1/2 to 5 hours. This is considered an intermediate paddle. We will be stopping along the way at Mallory Key, as well as Rattlesnake Key. This will be a leisurely, fun paddle, utilizing the incoming tides both days!

We are only able to offer this to 6 single paddlers, no tandems please, so please register early. We need a minimum of 4 participants.

September 24, 2011 @ 6:30 am Atsenia Otie Key Paddle (Free Paddle)

Pat & Cindy Bonish will be guiding a Sunrise Paddle from the beach in Cedar Key around the island of Atsenia Otie Key – This paddle will last a few hours depending on the paddlers ability, but is considered a very easy paddle and would be great for beginners. The group size will be limited to 20 paddlers and is weather dependent.

Meet on the Cedar Key Beach at 6:30am and be ready to get in the water. This is a free paddle for those who have their own kayaks. If you need to rent a kayak from Tom Liebert, who is located right on the beach where we'll be leaving from, please make arrangements in advance so you'll have your kayak and gear ready to watch the sunrise from the water.

Kayak Cedar Keys – 352-543-9447

September 24, 2011: Happy Hour Mixer

There will be another mixer Saturday night at the Island Room from 5:30 to 7:30 with a special menu by nationally known chef Peter Stefani. The Island Room is located at 192 2nd St. Go past City Park and it's on the right at Cedar Cove Beach & Yacht Club Motel

Things to do in Cedar Key:

If you're bringing the family and only some of you paddle, there will be plenty to do for those non-paddlers. From shopping or browsing the stores around Downtown Cedar Key to visiting our Historical Society Museum. There is a large play structure in the City Park for kids to keep themselves busy on, and it's within walking distance to many local restaurants. There are also Guided Power Boat Tours that leave from the Cedar Key Marina for those who want to experience the surrounding beauty, but don't want to paddle their way around.

Hidden Coastlines Magazine - 352-542-0078

Cedar Key Chamber of Commerce – 352-543-5600

Office location: 618 2nd Street-Cedar Key, FL 32625

www.cedarkey.org

Kayak Rentals Available from Kayak Cedar Keys - 352-543-9447

Location: First Street and "A" Street (next to Beach & City Park)

www.kayakcedarkeys.com

Cedar Key Historical Museum -

Museum hours: Open Sunday through Friday

1 to 4 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Admission: Adults - \$1.00

Children – 50 cents

Cedar Key Museum State Park - (352) 543-5350

12231 Southwest 166th Court

Cedar Key, FL 32625-6200

Thursday through Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Admission: Adults - \$2.00

Children Under 5 are Free

Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve - (352) 543-5567

SR 24, 5 miles east of Cedar Key

Cedar Key, Florida 32625

The park is open from 8:00 a.m. until sundown, 365 days a year.

There is no entrance fee

Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge - 352-493-0238

16450 NW 31st Place

Chiefland, FL 32626

Pirate Shuttle Service

Robert McCabe 352-543-5623

Available to shuttle you and your fellow paddlers to any of the paddles listed above

Levy County Visitors Bureau

www.VisitLevy.com

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