

Florida Department of Environmental Protection



Florida's Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail (CT)

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CT Trail History

Late 1980s – Idea conceived by paddler David Gluckman after establishment of the Maine Island Trail

2005 –Pursuant to Chapter 260, the "Florida Greenways and Trails Act," the Florida Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT) was given the responsibility for developing and coordinating a circumnavigational saltwater paddling trail around the entire state of Florida and naming 26 individual trail segments.

2007 - Designated a national recreation trail



Trail mapping occurred from 2005-2007



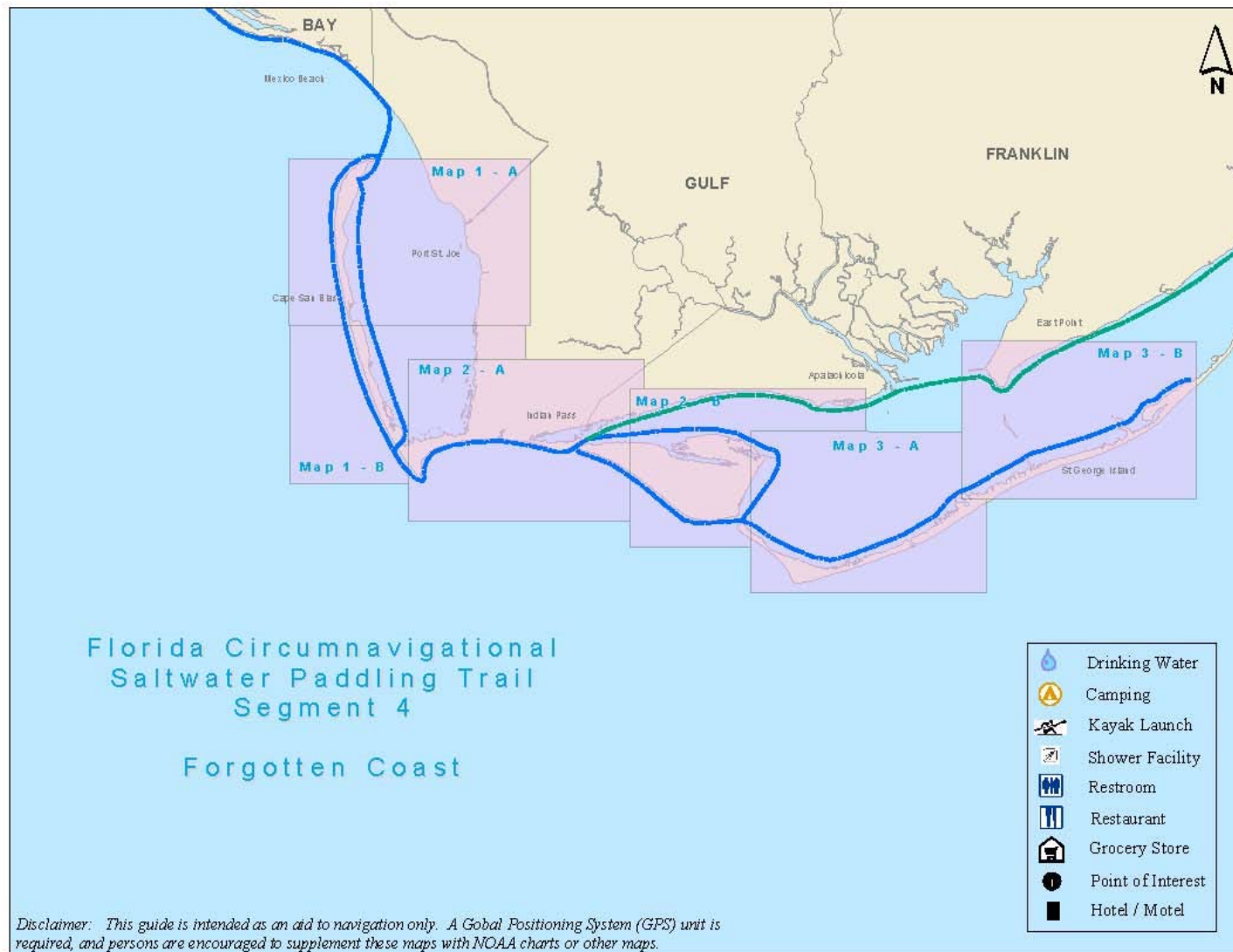


1,515 Miles from Pensacola to Key West to the Georgia border



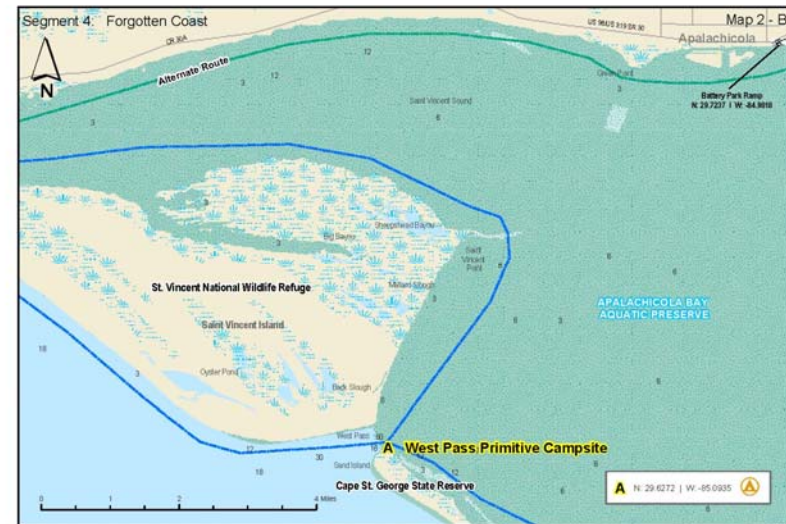
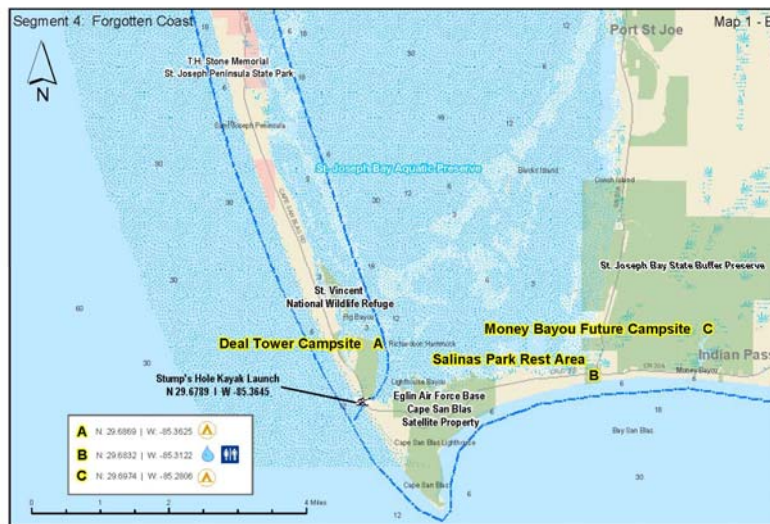
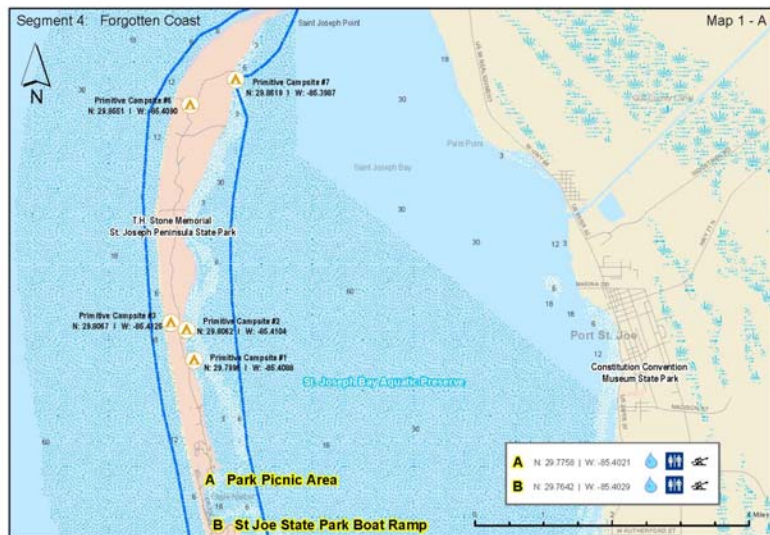


Each segment includes an index map...





And individual maps covering 10-15 mile sections. Key junctions and locations are marked by GPS coordinates.





Trail guides feature 90 primitive campsites and 48 campgrounds...





41 coastal motels and resorts...





15 post offices, 19 medium to large supermarkets, 28 small stores, and numerous restaurants...





And numerous points of interest





Benefits

- Promotes Tourism
- Physical Fitness
- Environmental Awareness
- Sense of Place

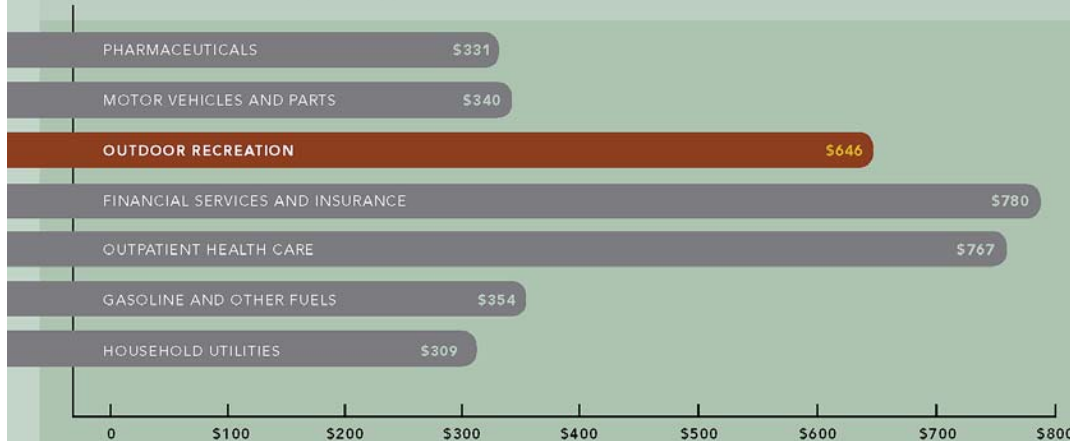




An Economic Giant

An Overlooked Economic Giant

Annual Consumer Spending, in Billions



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Personal Consumption Expenditures by Type of Product, based on available 2010 data.

According to the 2012 Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) report, outdoor recreation generates big economic impacts for Florida:

- \$38.3 billion in consumer spending
- Nearly 330,000 jobs
- \$2.5 billion in state and local taxes
- \$10.7 billion in wages

Outdoor Industries Association, 2012. The Outdoor Recreation Economy, Florida



Economic Benefits



In 2011, 4.3 million people participated in some form of wildlife viewing in Florida, generating more than \$3 billion in economic impact.* Many people view wildlife from a kayak or canoe.

*2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Kayak Fishing

Kayak fishing is extremely popular, part of Florida's \$4.6 billion recreational fishing industry*



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Paddling Accessibility



For those with physical challenges, kayaking the trail can be a healthy pursuit



Trail guides promote Leave No Trace Principles

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimize Campfire impacts
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of other visitors





The CT website features equipment and safety recommendations





Paddlers should be prepared for all types of conditions





While most users paddle short distances, long-distance paddlers find it to be a journey of a lifetime



Matt Keene, first CT thru paddler (January, 2009)



A brief look at the CT...



Big Lagoon State Park—western terminus



The Panhandle includes several premier state parks



Henderson Beach
Topsail Hill
Grayton Beach
Deer Lake
Camp Helen
St. Andrews



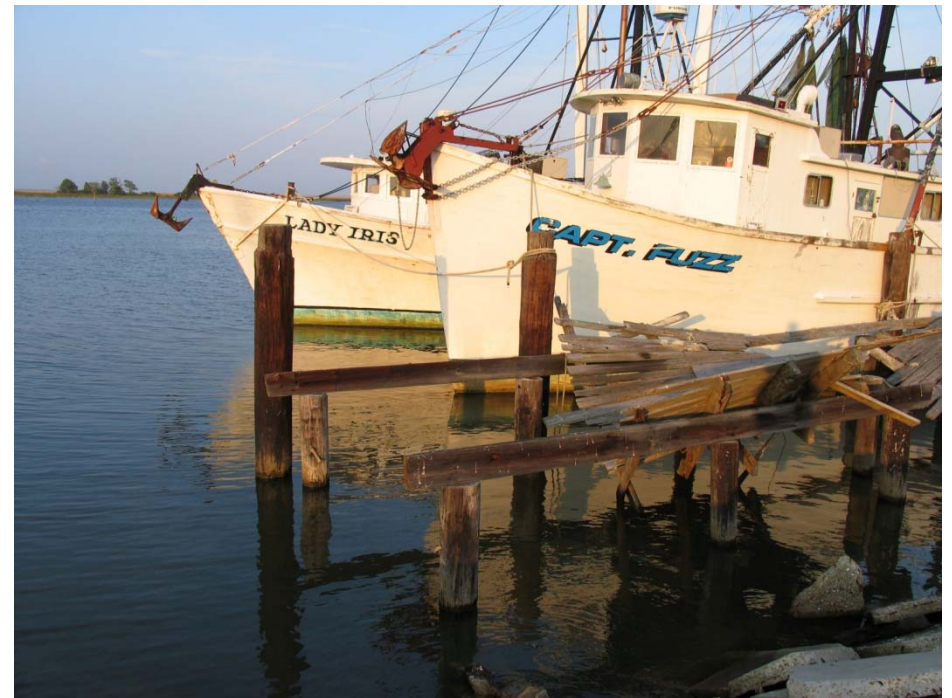


The Forgotten Coast features several barrier islands and a commercial fishing culture





Historic towns such as Apalachicola are part of the alternate route





Ochlockonee Bay at Bald Point





The trail incorporates the 105-mile Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail





Scenes from the Big Bend





Snake Island off Cedar Key





The Nature Coast





The Pinellas segment features natural and spoil islands for exploration and camping





Southwest Florida features more premier islands and parks





And the trail incorporates several county blueway systems



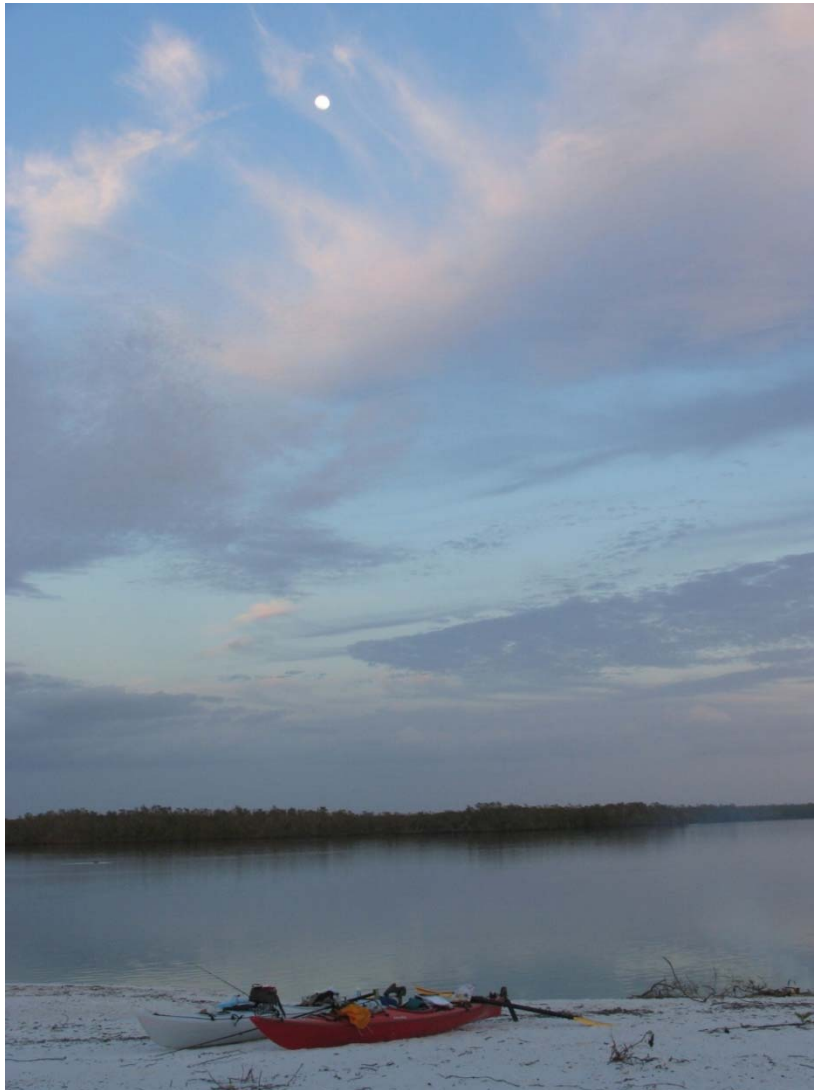


The Ten Thousand Islands/Everglades is a wild segment rich in history...





with tidal creek mazes and numerous unspoiled islands for camping





The unique Florida Keys segment is popular with paddlers year-round





Biscayne Bay is another popular stretch





Southeast Florida features several scenic parks and historic sites in a largely urban setting





Unique attractions in southeast Florida



Jupiter Lighthouse



Gilbert's Bar House of Refuge
on Hutchinson Island



Blowing Rocks Preserve near Jupiter



The trail includes waterways in Jonathan Dickinson State Park





The trail includes the entire Indian River Lagoon...



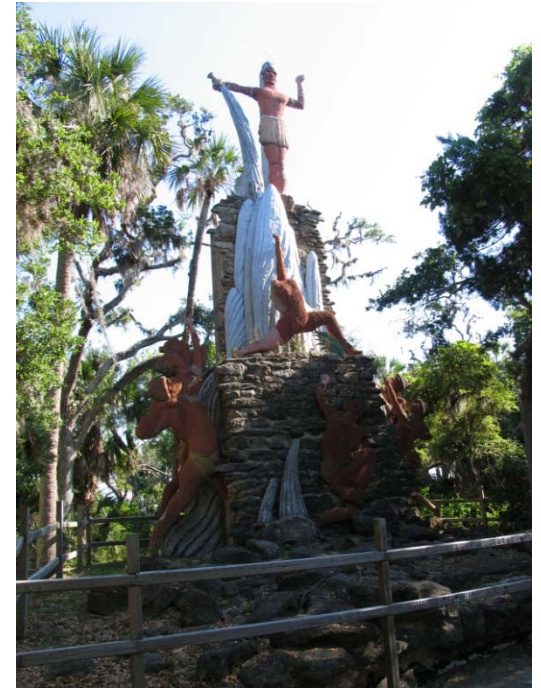


one of North America's most diverse estuaries,
with numerous public lands





The Halifax and Matanzas rivers offer several scenic stretches





Northeast Florida offers history and beauty





Eastern terminus: Old Fernandina/Ft. Clinch



Dan Dick and Mike Ruso, first
west to east thru paddlers





The trail's success depends on volunteers and cooperative public and private land managers

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Florida Paddling Trails Association website. At the top, there's a header with the association's name and a dolphin logo. Below the header is a navigation bar with links like Home, About Us, Circumnave Trail, Newsletters, Forum, Photos, Membership, Clubs & Outfitters, Links, and Questions. The main content area features a 'Welcome to FloridaPaddlingTrails.com!' message, a 'President's Corner' with a photo of Hank Brooks, and a 'Photo of the Month' featuring a person in a kayak. There's also a 'Florida Paddling Trail Regions' section with a map and a 'Sign up for our Email Newsletter' form. The footer includes copyright information and a statement about being a one-stop source for paddling.





For trail guides and maps, log onto:
www.FloridaGreenwaysAndTrails.com

