







## **The Waterway**

Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park is a natural seaside oasis in Broward County surrounded by the urban areas of Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, and Port Everglades. The park is bordered by the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean, with Whiskey Creek running through its center. The creek is a marine estuary lined with sea grapes and mangroves, an important habitat for marine species and bird rookeries. This park is a site on the Great Florida Birding Trail - bring binoculars and camera and watch for wildlife at a safe distance. At the south end of the park, stroll along a 45-minute, self-guided nature trail through a native subtropical coastal hammock. Visitors can also walk along the 2.5-mile beach while experiencing some of the most beautiful dune areas in South Florida. There is a beautiful reef with diverse marine life just 100 yards from the shore and also an artificial reef. You may see corals, tropical fish, sea turtles, nurse sharks, and spiny lobster. There is even an underwater geocaching site!

## **The Paddling Experience**

The Whiskey Creek Paddling Trail is a 3.8-mile loop from creek to Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) that is best paddled on a high or rising tide as portions of the creek are only a few inches deep at low tide. The creek is suitable for beginners if they launch at the park marina or Whiskey Creek Hideout and paddle south towards Dania Marina and then return to starting point. More experienced paddlers can complete the loop as long as they are aware the ICW is a major shipping channel used by large ships headed in and out of Port Everglades just across from the park.

## **Access Points**

#1, Start of the Trail, Alphonso Giles Boat Ramp, Park Marina. Improved boat launch with a user fee, payable at entrance.

#2, Whiskey Creek Hideout, north end of creek.



Park at Lot #2 and follow the sidewalk south towards the concession stand where canoes and kayaks may be rented. Scuba services and underwater ecotours are also provided. Launch from the area adjacent to canoe rack.

**#3.** Park at Lot **#1**, south end of creek.

Walk across either foot bridge and launch from the east end of the bridges into the creek.





## **Outfitters and Shuttle Service**

Whiskey Creek Hideout & Dive Resort (Parking lot #2) 954-929-4970



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