

Sunday, Oct 15, 2023

Sun-TCP Terra Ceia Aquatic Preserve Canoe

Address for meeting is: Haley House, 130 Terra Ceia Rd, Terra Ceia

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Limited to 12 vessels. No tolls.

Leader: Randy Runnels, Park Ranger 727-647-1573 or 941-224-7392

Be sure to bring sunscreen, insect repellent, water, snacks, hat and anything you want on the canoe. You might get wet feet, so be prepared.

FROG CREEK PADDLING TRIP, TERRA CEIA AQUATIC PRESERVE

Tampa Bay has few relatively natural, unobstructed tidal creeks left, and Frog Creek is one of the least developed and most species-rich. In a leisurely-paced paddling trip of a little over 2 miles, participants will experience a dramatic change in biota over a gradient from freshwater, with overhanging oaks, leather ferns, etc. to saltwater, with mangroves and oysters. This is an excellent foraging area for a variety of coastal bird species.

Participants will need to paddle for a little over 2 miles, but it is at a leisurely pace. It will be a combination of canoes and kayaks, and you are welcome to bring your own if you prefer. Sunscreen, bug spray, and bottled water will be supplied. A few binoculars will be available.

After you register you will be asked if you intend to paddle solo or with someone else in your canoe, and if you are bringing your own vessel or will use one provided by the Preserve.

Directions from Brandon/Tampa:

Take I-75 South to Exit 229, Moccasin Wallow Rd. Exit to the Left/West on Moccasin Wallow Rd. Continue west for 2 miles.

At light at Rt 41/Tamiami Trail turn Left/South. Stay in Right lane, go just 0.3 miles.

Turn Right/West onto Bayshore Rd. (at the Dollar General Store). Continue 1.2 miles on Bayshore Rd., crossing under I-275 bridge and past pet cemetery.

Turn Right/West onto 77th St. Continue almost 1 mile, crossing the Terra Ceia River bridge.

Entrance will be on your right, at 130 Terra Ceia Rd. Look for 2-story house set back from road with tall palms in front.

You will caravan from here to put-it spot.

If coming from I-275 South (From Pinellas County, via the Skyway Bridge, toll):

Take I-275 south. Just past toll plaza, take Exit 5 onto US 19 South. Continue south on US 19 for 0.7 miles.

Turn Left on Bayshore Dr. (across from gas station/ convenience store). Continue on Bayshore Dr. for 0.6 miles.

Turn Right at T onto Terra Ceia Rd. Entrance is on left.

