

Pellicer Creek Paddling Trail



Matanzas State Forest

Fort Matanzas National Monument

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Faver-Dykes State Park

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Access Point 1: Faver Dykes State Park
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FAVER DYKES RD

Pellicer Creek Conservation Area



PRINCESS PLACE RD

Princess Place Preserve

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Access Point 2: Princess Place Preserve
N: 29.6564 W: -81.2356

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2 Miles

- Pellicer Creek Paddling Trail
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Restrooms
- Camping
- Potable Water
- Florida Conservation Lands
- State Parks
- Wetlands

Pellicer Creek Paddling Trail Trip Planning

Overview: The unspoiled pine forests of Faver-Dykes State Park and the 1,500-acre Princess Place Preserve make for scenic access points for this calm stream. More than 100 bird species, including colorful warblers, can be spotted during the spring and fall migrations. Eagles and falcons return to nest each year, and resident herons, egrets and wood storks can be seen year round. Both freshwater and saltwater fish can be caught in the stream.

Counties: St. Johns / Flagler

Nearest town: St. Augustine

Mileage: 1. Mile 0--Faver Dykes State Park
2. Mile 0--Princess Place Preserve (Reservations Required)

Trip length: 6.7 miles round trip

Difficulty: Easy

Skill level: Beginner

Access Point 1 Put-in: Faver-Dykes State Park

Nearest town to put-in: St. Augustine, FL

Miles from put-in: 16

Directions to put-in: Take Interstate 95 to exit #92 which is US 1. Go north on US 1 for 300 yards and turn right on Faver-Dykes Road. Go 1.5 miles on Faver-Dykes Road to Faver-Dykes State Park.

Access Point 2 Put-in:

Nearest town to put-in: St. Augustine, FL

Miles from put-in: 19

Directions to put-in: From I-95, take Exit #298 (Old Exit 92) to US 1 south. Take US 1 south into Flagler County and to Old Kings Road (approximately 1.5 miles). Old Kings Road is an unpaved grade road and is well marked on US 1. Turn left on to Old Kings Road. Continue on Old Kings Road to Princess Place Road (approximately 1.5 miles). Turn left on to Princess Place Road.

Take-out: Round trip paddle

Nearest town to take-out: Same as put-in.

Topo maps (USGS quads): Dinner Island NE, Saint Augustine, Daytona Beach

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Outfitters within 20 miles of trail:

Canoe rentals are available at Faver-Dykes State Park with prior reservations. (904) 794-0997

<http://www.floridastateparks.org/faverdykes/default.cfm>

Canoes can also be rented at the nearby Princess Place Preserve with prior reservations. (386) 446-7658

http://www.flaglerparks.com/princess_place1.htm

Tropical Kayaks, Palm Coast Golf Resort Marina
200 Club House Dr.
Palm Coast FL 32137
(386) 445-0506

<http://tropickayaks.com/>

USGS link (water level info):

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/fl/nwis/uv?02247222>

Break / Lunch areas: Picnic areas are available within the state park. The Princess Place Preserve, located 2 miles downstream on the right from the Park has picnic areas and portable toilets.

Camping options: Faver–Dykes State Park.

<http://www.floridastateparks.org/faverdykes/default.cfm>

Camping is also available at the nearby Princess Place Preserve. Call Flagler County Parks and Recreation for permits. (386) 437-7474

<http://www.flaglerparks.com/princess/preserve.htm>

Other lodging: Numerous lodging options in St. Augustine area

Food/Beverage restrictions: No alcohol in the State Park

What to Expect on the river:

Tidal influence: Yes

Pull-overs: None

Low branches: None

Narrow water: None

Shallow water: Possible depending on rainfall and tides.

Strong currents: None

Rocks: None

Houses: Some

Shoals: None

Tight turns: None

Open water: Strong winds are possible up to the I-95 Bridge and anywhere below the Faver-Dykes boat ramp.

Springs: None

Potable water sources: Faver-Dykes State Park

Wildlife: Alligator, great blue heron, mullet, night heron, bald eagle

Natural communities: Tidal Marsh, Blackwater Stream, Sand hill

Portages: None

Swimming: None

Motorboats: Possible

Expect at parking: Faver-Dykes State Park

- **Parking fee:** State Park Entrance Fee
- **Bathrooms:** Available at boat ramp
- **Hours of operation (gates close):** 8:00 am to sundown
- **Camping:** Available at State Park
- **Camping fees:** Yes
- **Crowds:** Possible in summer
- **Boat Ramp:** Available only for small boats and canoes. Small paved ramp with dock.
- **Potable water source:** Available at State Park
- **Canoe/kayak launch:** Use paved ramp

Expect at parking: Princess Place Preserve (optional take-out or put-in)

- **Parking fee:** None
- **Bathrooms:** Portables
- **Hours of operation (gates close):** Wed-Sunday 7:00 am – 6:00 pm
- **Camping:** Available through permit from Flagler County Parks and Recreation
- **Camping fees:** Free with permit
- **Crowds:** Possible in summer
- **Boat Ramp:** Several dirt or gravel launches are located within the Preserve.
- **Potable water source:** Available in park.
- **Canoe/kayak launch:** Several small launches are available throughout the park.

Cultural and historical features along the trail:

Pellicer Creek, once called Woodcutters Creek, was at one time home to a large timber mill. The remnants of an old bridge associated with the timber era are still visible between I-95 and US-1. Pellicer Creek was used to haul timber and turpentine out to the Mantanzas River and onward to St. Augustine. The creek is named for Francisco Pellicer, an early Spanish resident of the area and owner of a large and prosperous plantation.

Notes:

The Princess Place Preserve is a 1500-acre tract managed by Flagler County Parks and Recreation. This area features a variety of recreation opportunities including hiking, picnicking and camping. Canoe rentals and launch are available but it is recommended that those seeking to rent canoes call ahead. The optional two mile paddle on Pellicer Creek between Faver-Dykes boat launch and the Princess Place Preserve is somewhat wider and prone to winds.