

## What's New on the Circumnavigational Trail

April, 2012: El Sea's Fish Camp in Horseshoe Beach, accessible from the water, has been added as an overnight lodging option in segment 6.

March, 2012: In segment 18, there is now a kayak launch at the Snook Islands Natural Area directly adjacent to the Sabal Palm House Bed and Breakfast.

Instead of camping anywhere in a large wilderness area at St. Joseph Peninsula State Park in segment 4, camping is now limited to three paddler campsites in the wilderness area on the bay side, or paddlers can hike to two interior sites from the Gulf. Reservations are still made through the park office.

At Curry Hammock State Park in segment 15, day four, paddlers have the option of calling the park at least 24 hours in advance to check walk-in availability for camping (305-394-3330).

February, 2012: Knight's Key Campground was added as an overnight option on day 5 of segment 15 in the Florida Keys.

November, 2011: Bowtie Island near Lover's Key at the beginning of segment 13 is now open for primitive camping. There is no charge and camping is on a first-come, first-served basis.

April, 2011: The composting toilet has been installed at the Garden Cove (formerly called Port Bougainville) campsite in Pennekamp State Park, part of segment 16, and the campsite is now open to paddlers. Users should reserve the site through the park.

Everglades National Park has opened two new chickee campsites on stilts in Florida Bay—near Johnson Key and Shark Point. Check maps and text for segment 14, Day 8, for detailed information.

March, 2011: The state of Georgia has completed its saltwater paddling trail guide, effectively extending the trail to South Carolina: <http://www.crc.ga.gov/docs/bluewayplanfinal.pdf>. It is part of an overall National Park Service/multi-state effort to create a Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail.

February, 2010: On Day Seven of Segment 15, Sugarloaf Key KOA replaced Howell Key as an overnight stop.

January, 2011: Second edition of printed trail guide is made available on Amazon and on the Florida Paddling Trails Association website.

October, 2010: Due to flooding at high tide of a primitive campsite south of the boat ramp along the Econfina River in segment 6, a new primitive campsite has been established on higher ground 1.5 miles north along the west bank of the river. It is remote and shaded. A tent platform and fire ring has been installed by an eagle scout.

The Sugar Hill primitive campsite in St. George Island State Park, previously closed due to fire hazards, has been relocated and reopened 300 yards northeast of the previous site along the bay side. Water, showers and bathrooms on the beach side are within easy walking distance from the new site. This “paddlers only” site is 3 miles northeast of the current Gap Point primitive campsite. See Segment 4 guide for more details.

June, 2010: On day two of Segment 23, Ross Point Park in Holly Hill has been added and a bed and breakfast across the street is easily accessible to paddlers.

The motel and cabins at Flamingo have not reopened after sustaining extensive hurricane damage a few years ago. Only camping is available.

March, 2010: Three planned primitive campsites on the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge (segment 5) are now open to long-distance paddlers. For permit information, log onto: <http://www.fws.gov/saintmarks/hiking.html>.

The county-owned River Breeze Campground in Segment 22, day four, is now closed. Paddlers can still utilize the park for a rest stop. This makes for a long 26 mile day to Shipyard Island in the Mosquito Lagoon. The Spruce Creek Park Campground in segment 23 is also closed, but this was off the route and generally not utilized by circumnavigational paddlers.

December, 2009: Improvements were made in the procedures for reserving and paying for campsites in the Tate’s Hell State Forest along the Crooked River. See Day Two of Segment 5.

November, 2009: First edition of printed trail guide is made available on Amazon.