



Our 3rd annual Ocklawaha Odyssey is November 30-December 4

Don't forget to register by November 16th!



The Ocklawaha Odyssey deadline is November 16, so please join us as we float over Florida's most famous first magnitude spring and see monkeys dangling from Cypress limbs, while we paddle through a spectacular diversity of birds.



Inspiring Meaningful Adventure.

Upcoming Trips

Flagler Coastal Wildlife Experience

November 1-4, 2018 Paddle with dolphins, meet rescued sea turtles, and float by historic forts as you immerse yourself in the rich cultural history and natural beauty of Florida's northeast coast.

Ocklawaha Odyssey Nov 30-Dec 4, 2018 Float over Florida's most famed first magnitude spring and see monkeys dangling from cypress branches, a rich diversity of birds, while exploring an Old Florida land-and waterscape on this 48-mile paddle down the Silver and Ocklawaha Rivers.

Wild, Wonderful Withacoochee January 17-22, 2019 Beginning at Lake Panasoffkee, paddlers will thread their way through hardwood swamps and lammic streams on a 60-mile journey to the Gulf of Mexico.

Florida Keys Challenge February 9-15, 2019 Paddle the azure coastal waters of the Middle Florida Keys, including the length of the famed 7-Mile Bridge.

Flori-Bama Expedition on the Perdido River March 10-15, 2019 Paddling the Florida/Alabama border, enjoy beach camping along a cozy meandering river to the more open waters of Perdido Bay.

Suwannee River Paddling Festival April 5-7, 2019 With camping atop the bluff overlooking two beautiful rivers, our season-capping festival takes place at Suwannee River State Park.

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Seven Reasons Why Paddling Makes You a Better Person

By Kaydi Pyette, Canerooots Magazine



Photo credit: Ryan Creary

You'll be happier

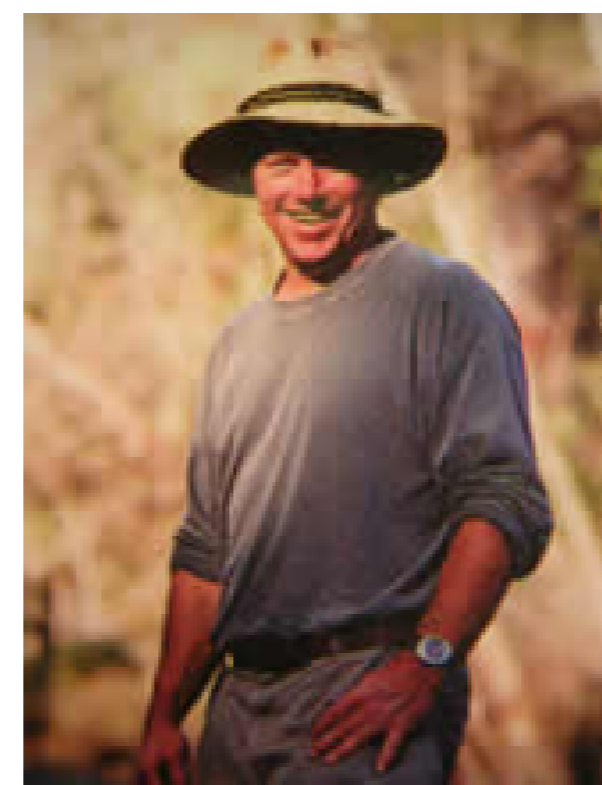
Spending time in nature makes us feel more alive—and that's a good thing. Numerous studies have linked exposure to nature with increased energy and a heightened sense of wellbeing.

You'll make do with less

When you have to carry your possessions with you, you're forced to bring less. It's freeing to discover how little you need to survive and what can be achieved with the bare minimum.

River Guide's Journal

Scents of Place



Lars Andersen is owner and paddling guide for Adventure Outpost in High Springs, FL. He outfits and guides kayak and canoe tours on over 40 waterways throughout North Florida's "Springs Country."

Ocklawaha River. December 10, 2009

It was cold this morning, even for December. I was standing on the bank of Ocklawaha River listening to the waking reveille dominated by the piercing chips of a cardinal hidden in a nearby wax myrtle thicket.

A veil of mist drifted off the water and curled around my ankles as I knelt down and dipped my hand into the water. Slowly and with unintended reverence, I lifted my cupped hand to my nose and took a deep whiff.



Despite abundant rain, aquifer levels trending downward

By Robert L. Knight, Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute

North Florida is home to a vast underground plumbing system known as the Floridan Aquifer. Comprising more than 100,000 square miles and several thousand feet in thickness, the Floridan Aquifer is like a gigantic, rock-filled bucket.

About 6 percent of the rain falling over this landscape percolates downward through the soil and into the porous limestone to replenish this hidden reservoir. The water flowing into this bucket eventually flows out through natural holes, which are Florida's 1,000-plus artesian springs.

Selecting a paddleboard and discovering how you would like to use it

By Todd Bishop, Bishop Boards



Many people are very interested in trying out Paddleboarding, and are either reluctant to start or intimidated by the search for a board. Once you start, it is easy to become quickly overwhelmed. Let's see if we can help you navigate this process and make it a little more manageable.

When someone asks me which SUP is right for them, I start by asking 3 questions.

What is your experience? Have you paddleboarded before, watched a lot of videos, or never even seen one?

Where do you envision yourself paddling (rivers, lakes, calm water, coastal, surf, camping, whitewater, etc.)?

And the last one is, what is the paddlers size (height/weight) and fitness level. Let's break those down a bit more.

Hurricane leaves state parks with 'life-changing' damage

By Bruce Ritchie, Politico



Photo credit: Politico

Hurricane Michael's fierce winds seemed indiscriminate when the storm arrived here last week, toppling thousands of trees across Florida Caverns State Park and leaving the 1,300-acre recreation area covered in a mess of twisted branches and logs.

It's just one example of the destruction Michael brought to the region. As people across storm-torn parts of the Panhandle try to pick up their lives, the damage done to a handful of state parks could deepen the economic losses.

The storm, which may have brought tornadoes to this small North Florida city 70 miles from Mexico Beach, ripped roots off of homes and the facades of downtown buildings. And in the park, the winds snapped tree trunks like twigs and uprooted others, blocking the main park drive and access to the caverns.

2018 Florida Springs Restoration Summit

November 1st - 4th in Ocala



Can't make Paddle Florida's Ocklawaha Odyssey trip? Consider attending the Florida Springs Restoration Summit from November 1-4.

Please visit the Summit website for details: https://www.springsrestorationsummit.org/

Tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

Learn More About: Red Tide



Florida's environment and economy is currently feeling the impacts of red tide. Click here to learn more about this very important issue.

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