



Trip Spotlight: The Flori-Bama Expedition on the Perdido River, March 10-15, 2019



The Perdido river serves as the border between Florida and Alabama. Through a partnership with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Florida's Nature Conservancy, we are excited to be staging this new event.



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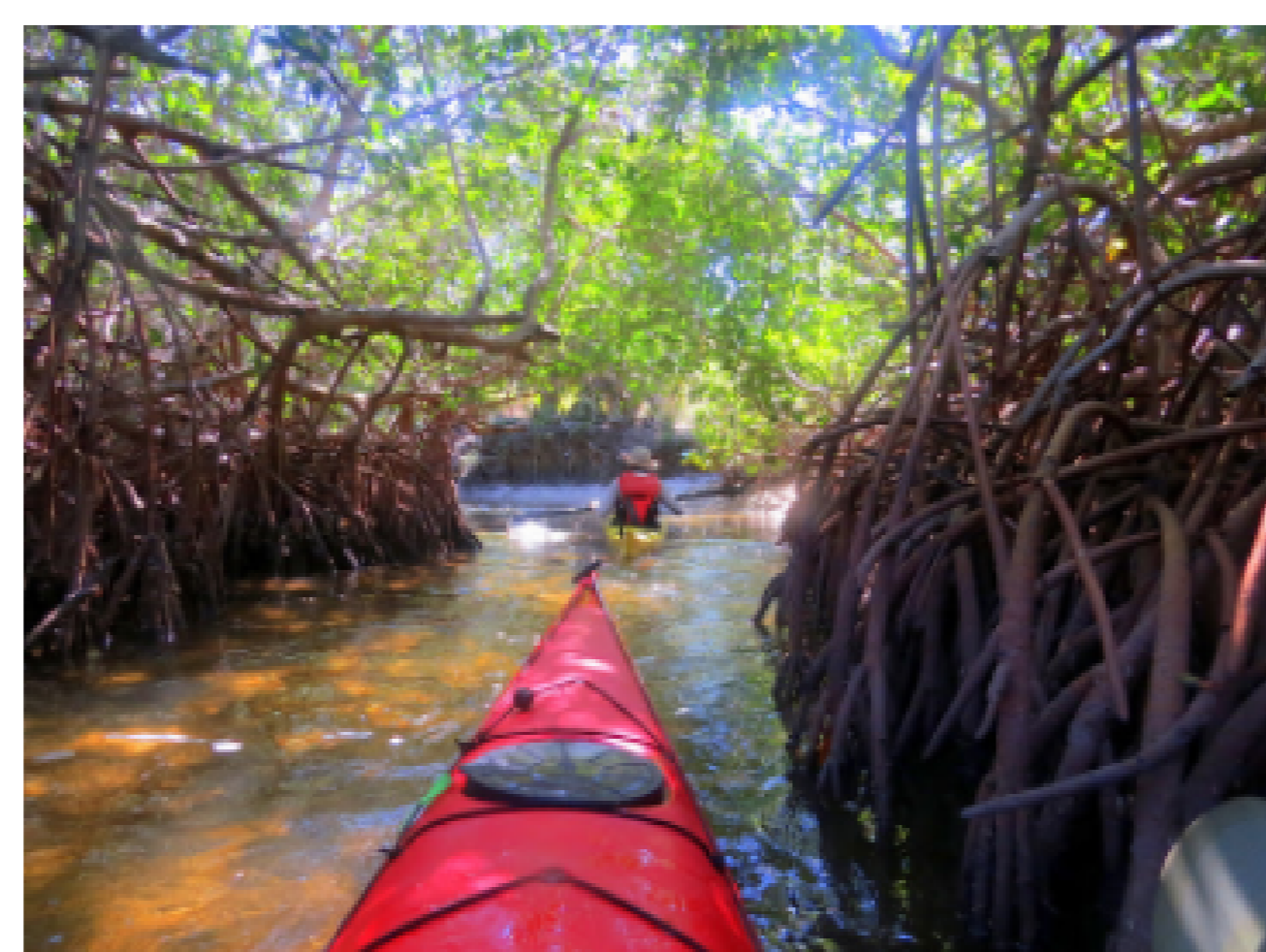
Flori-Bama Expedition on the Perdido River March 10-15, 2019 Paddling the Florida/Alabama border, enjoy beach camping along a cozy meandering river...

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...

We are currently entertaining proposals and ideas about where to host paddling events next season. Contact us with your suggestions!

Top 11 Kayaking Tips from 2018

By Kayak Hipster, Paddling.com



We're closing out the year, so here's my top 11 tips of 2018.

A couple of these tips are new things I picked up this year, that I'm going to be working on moving forward, and then a couple are oldies but goodies.

DRESS FOR IMMERSION

The first one, and I don't think I'm going to get tired of saying this one, is dressing for immersion. Making sure people around you that are going to be paddling with you also dress for immersion.

More Than Three Months After Michael, Florida's State Parks Still Dealing with Damage

By Craig Pittman, Tampa Bay Times



Photo: Aerial of St. Joseph Peninsula State Park (U.S. Geological Survey)

Hurricane Michael was so powerful that when it hit the Florida Panhandle last fall, it tore a state park in two.

The storm surge that pushed through T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park in Cape San Blas sliced open two inlets, cutting through the park and connecting St. Joseph Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

More than three months later, state park officials are still trying to figure out what to do about that as they work to reopen all of St. Joseph Peninsula and three other state parks that remain closed because of all the damage caused by the hurricane.

How To: Plan for a Kayaking Trip



Click here to view an update from state officials on the parks affected by Hurricane Michael.



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Flora & Fauna Spotlight

Record Number of Manatees Killed by Florida Boaters

By Amanda Castro



Photo: Florida Springs Institute

Florida boaters killed a record number of manatees in 2018, and the state reported a near-record of manatee deaths overall.

TCPalm.com reported that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission recorded 119 manatees killed by boat strikes last year, breaking the record of 106 set in 2016 and tied in 2017.

Patrick Rose, the executive director of Save the Manatee Club, said on average, there are up to 500 manatee deaths a year.

"That is nearly the high record of 2013, which we believed would never be broken, so it's really a tragic year for the manatees," Rose said.