



BSA TROOP 77

DECEMBER

2020

CAMPOUT

LEADER/SCOUT

INFORMATION PACKET

DECEMBER 11TH – 13TH, 2020
WERNER BOYCE SALT SPRINGS
PORT RICHEY, FL
SEMI-PRIMITIVE CAMPING

POC: DOUG HOWLETT- PHONE (727)-729-0792
PHIL ABTS - PHONE (727)-534-7655

MERIT BADGE THEME – ACTIVITIES

FISHING, HIKING, KAYAKING, CANOEING

DECEMBER 2020 CAMP OUT LOCATION

WERNER-BOYCE SALT SPRINGS STATE PARK –CAMPGROUND
9130 OLD POST RD, PORT RICHEY, FL 34668

CONTINUE STRAIGHT ONTO DIRT ROAD AT NORTH END OF OLD POST ROAD,
500 YARDS THEN RIGHT INTO PARK UTILITIES AREA.

CONTACT PERSON:

PARK RANGER ADAM BELK (727) 816-1890
ASSISTANT RANGER MIKE FAUSTINI (727)-638-6397

TRANSPORTATION

Due to Covid, Scouts will need their own transportation to and from the campout. coordinate to combine in a vehicle if necessary. Note, if anyone in a vehicle shows signs of being sick, everyone in that vehicle will need to be sent home.

DEPARTURE POINT AND DATE / TIME

DROP OFF AND PICK UP AT CAMPSITE LOCATION ABOVE
FRIDAY DECEMBER 11TH, 2020 **5:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

PICKUP POINT AND DATE / TIME

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2020 ***PICKUP AT 10:00 AM***
DROP OFF AND PICK UP AT LOCATION ABOVE

REMINDERS

*** BRING YOUR LIFEJACKET (IF YOU HAVE) AND FISHING POLES/TACKLE**

*** SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE DETAILS**

<https://myfwc.com/license/recreational/saltwater-fishing/>

➔ SHORELINE IS FREE, ***BUT*** YOU STILL NEED TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE

➔ OFFSHORE BY KAYAK, CANOE, **\$17 FOR A 1 YEAR LICENSE**

<https://license.gooutdoorsflorida.com/CustomerLicense/AvailableLicenses>

ATTENDANCE

CAMPOUT LEADERSHIP (SM/ASM/CM) CONTACT INFORMATION:

Abts, Phil (727) 534-7655
Davis, David (727) 871-1911
Howlett, Doug (727) 729-0792
Noel, Mike (727) 453-8253
Robinson, Ty (727) 267-6232
Santoli, Jim (727) 365-1791
Smyth, Kevin (Sat/Sun) (845) 537-6301
Hill, Jim (727) 479-7713
Johnson, John (727) 638-0988
(AOL) Dunning, Chris
(AOL) Swartz, Dave
(AOL) Stocker, Kathleen

Total Adult Leadership Attending: 12

SCOUTS ATTENDING:

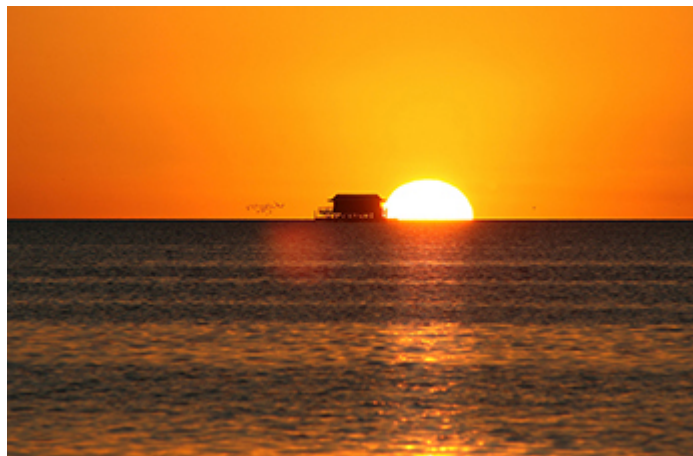
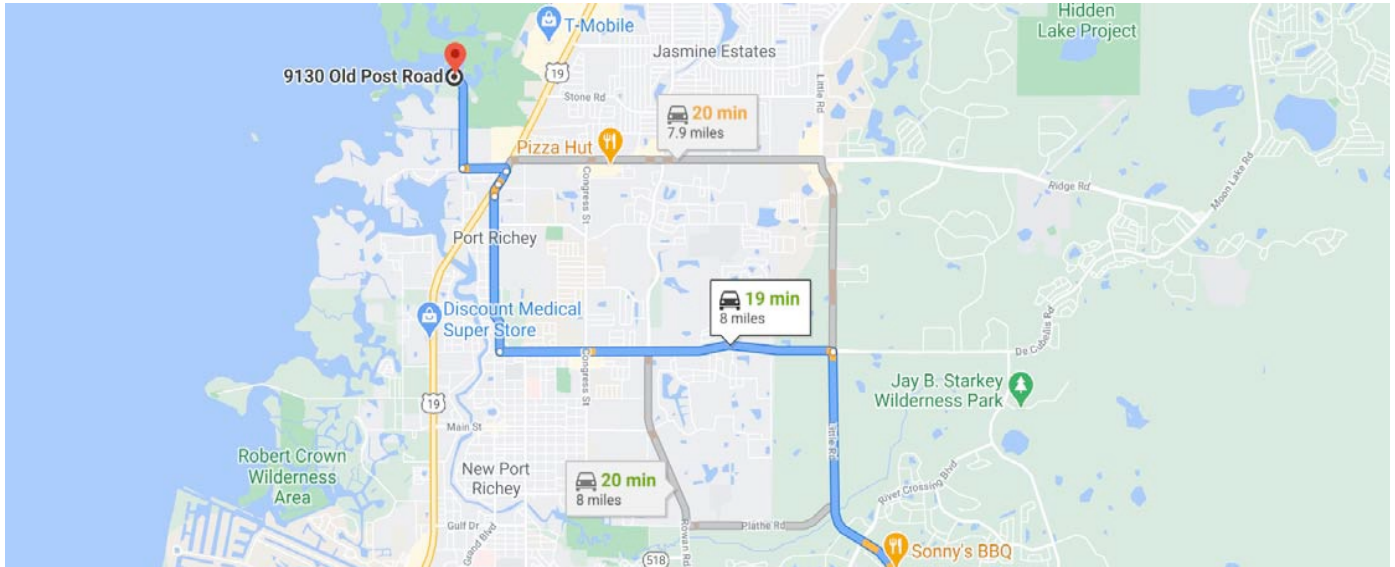
(L) Blankenship, Brent
(L) Burden, Cooper
(S) Davis, Jackson
 Carson Davis (maybe?)
(V) Greenwald, Dylan
(L) Hill, Ben
(S) Howlett, Brody
(S) Johnson, Parker
(S) Jones, Ethan
(V) Noel, Jake
(S) O'Brien, Chase
(V) Reyes, Elijah
(L) Robinson, Cole
(L) Santoli, Chuck
(V) Smyth, Brady (Sat/Sun)
(L) Smyth, Jack (Sat/Sun)
(S) Taylor, Zachary
(S) Williams, Ethan
(AOL) Liam Dunning
(AOL) Landon Swartz
(AOL) Liam Murphy

TOTAL SCOUTS ATTENDING (21)

DIRECTIONS:

MAP FROM TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SEVEN SPRINGS TO
WERNER-BOYCE SALT SPRINGS STATE PARK
9130 OLD POST RD, PORT RICHEY, FL 34668

**CONTINUE NORTH ONTO DIRT ROAD AT END OF OLD POST ROAD,
500 YARDS THEN RIGHT INTO PARK FACILITIES AREA**



CONTACTS:

NEAREST TOWN: PORT RICHEY FL

CLOSEST POLICE LOCATION: 6 MINUTES

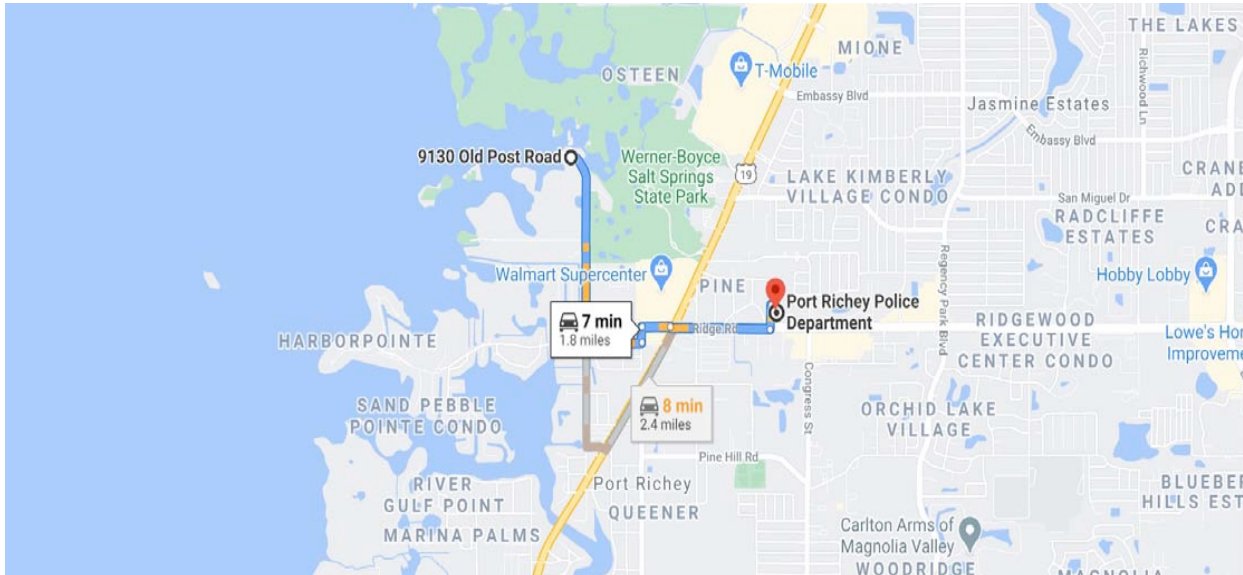
PORT RICHEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

6333 Ridge Road, Port Richey, Florida 34668

ANY EMERGENCY 911

NON-EMERGENCY # TO REQUEST A DEPUTY:

727 816-1919

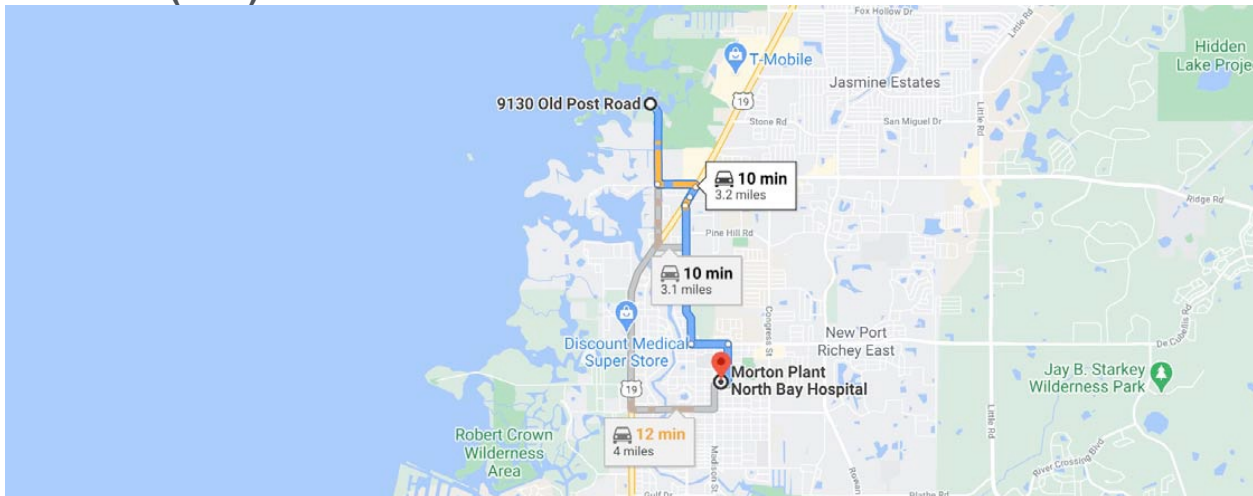


NEAREST MEDICAL FACILITY: 10 MINUTES

NORTH BAY / MORTON PLANT MEESE HOSPITAL

6600 MADISON ST, NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34652

PHONE: (727) 842-8468



AGENDA:

Friday, December 11th, 2020

5:30 pm - Site open for Arrival, Setup Camp
8:00 pm - Cracker Barrel
11:00 pm - Lights Out

Saturday, December 12th, 2020

6:30 am - Cooks Up to Prep Breakfast
7:00 am - Scouts Up: Breakfast / Cleanup
9:00 am - Work on Merit Badges
Kayaking, Canoeing, Fishing, Hiking
12:00 pm – 2:00pm - Prepare/Eat Lunch
2:00 pm – 5:00pm – Working on Merit Badges
Kayaking, Canoeing, Fishing, Hiking
5:00 pm - 7:00pm Prepare/Eat Dinner
9:00 pm - Cracker Barrel
11:00 pm - Lights Out

Sunday, December 13th, 2020

7:00 am - Scouts Up: Breakfast
8:00 am - Cleanup & Pack-up
9:00 am - Vespers
9:30 am - Depart Camp
10:00 am – Pickups at Werner Boyce

The Salt Spring looks small, but it is an amazing 351 feet deep. Gray fox, gopher tortoises and dolphins inhabit the park and its waters.

Birdwatchers can enjoy sighting bald eagles, roseate spoonbills, the elusive black rail, a leucistic red-tailed hawk (named Lue), as well as other raptors, wading birds, shore birds and migratory songbirds.

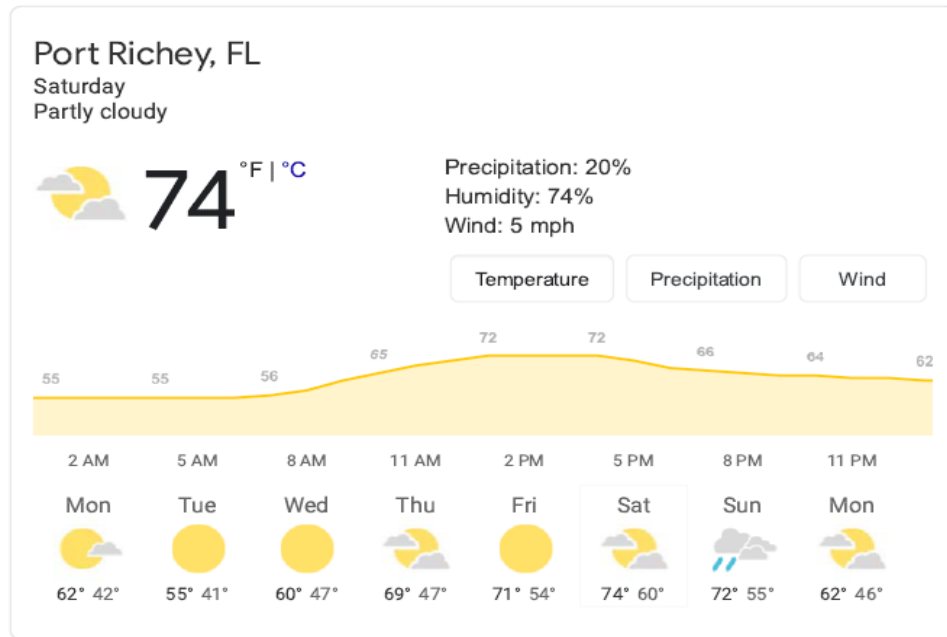
CAMP SITE:

TENT ASSIGNMENTS: (BY SPL)

Bring a small tent to sleep individually or with a sibling if wanted. If you need to borrow a tent, there are plenty available between the troop equipment and other scouts.

CONDITIONS TO BE AWARE OF: SNAKES

WEATHER:



Duty Roster: (BY SPL)

COOK – Each Patrol Will Prepares Their Own Meals

SITE CLEANUP – Pick Up & Discard any Trash in the Camp Site.

FIRE – Gather firewood and start fires. Care for and refuel. Put out fire.

WATER – Get drinking water and all water needed for any fires.

DISH WASHERS – Wash all dishes, clean-up kitchen and eating tables, put away all leftover food and all clean dishes and utensils.

MEALS:

Lightning

Friday Cracker Barrel – Oreos, Grapes

Saturday Breakfast – Breakfast Sandwiches (Croissants, Eggs/Sausage, Hash Browns, Strawberries, Orange Juice)

Saturday Lunch – Tacos (Ground beef, tortillas, cheese, lettuce, etc., Doritos Chip bags)

Saturday Dinner – Spaghetti & Meatballs (Garlic bread)

Saturday Cracker Barrel – Smores

Sunday Breakfast – Pop Tarts, Orange Juice

****Everyone brings their own water bottles (drink mix).**

Scorpion

Friday Cracker Barrel – Cosmic Brownies, Grapes

Saturday Breakfast – Yogurt Parfaits (Granola, Fruit), Nutri-grain bars, Orange Juice

Saturday Lunch – Roast Beef Sandwiches, Assorted Chip bags

Saturday Dinner – Homemade Chicken Strips, Assorted Chip bags

Saturday Cracker Barrel – Pound Cake, Strawberries, Whipped Cream

Sunday Breakfast – Baby Yoda Cereal, Frosted Flakes Cereal, Milk

**** Everyone brings their own water bottles (drink mix).**

Viking

Friday Cracker Barrel – Oreos, Grapes

Saturday Breakfast – Pancakes, Sausage Patties, Bananas, Apple Juice

Saturday Lunch – Cheesy Pigs (hotdogs)in a Blanket, Assorted Chip bags, Apples

Saturday Dinner – Pan Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Strawberries

Saturday Cracker Barrel – Ritz Crackers, Sliced Cheese, Pepperoni, Cutie Oranges

Sunday Breakfast – Pop Tarts, Orange Juice

**** Everyone brings their own water bottles (drink mix).**

Adults *(Scout of the Month gets to eat adult meals if he wants)*

Friday Cracker Barrel – Phil A.

Saturday Breakfast – Jim H.

Saturday Lunch – Doug H.

Saturday Dinner – Ty R./Jim S.

Saturday Cracker Barrel – Mike N.

Sunday Breakfast – John J.

Coffee – Mr. Covert

Drinks – BYO

PACKING LIST:

Troop Equipment List

- Tarps/Tents
- Hand soap/sanitizer
- Propane Lanterns/trees/hoses
- Ice Chest/Jugs and Gatorade
- Duct Tape
- First Aid Kit
- Axe / Rope
- Garbage Bags
- Troop Banner, Patrol Flags, Troop Flag
- BSA Medical Forms and Copy of Insurance Cards
- Fire Wood

Optional Items:

- Camera (not a mobile device)
- Book of Faith
- Pocket Knife
- Fire'm Chit Card & Totin' Chip Card
- Rope
- Medications
- Sunglasses
- Small Fan
- Watch

NOTE: Label EVERYTHING with your name!

SCOUT PACKING LIST

- BSA Field Uniform – (class A)
- BSA Activity Uniform – (class B)
- Sweatshirt (cool nights)
- Hiking Boots or Sneakers
- Fishing Rod and Tackle
 - o Onshore Saltwater Fishing License (Free)
 - o Offshore by Kayak Saltwater Fishing License (Cost \$17)
- Life Jacket (if you have one)
- Personal Tent (if you have one)
- Extra clothes and towel in case you get wet kayaking
- Sleeping Bag & pillow
- Sleeping Mat
- Personal First Aid kit
- ** Sunscreen, Insect repellent**
- Rain Gear
- Toiletries – soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.
- Mesh Kit
- Flashlight/Lantern/Headlamp
- Scout Hat
- Shower Sandals
- Water Bottle
- Shower Towel
- Merit Badge Booklets
- Scout Handbook
- Pens/Pencils/Paper
- Folding Chair

Hiking Trails



CANOEING/KAYAKING, HIKING & FISHING

HIKING: [HTTPS://SALTSPRINGSALLIANCE.COM/PAGE-1818162](https://saltspringsalliance.com/page-1818162)

Springs Trail

The Springs Trail takes you on tour of two springs in Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park - Cauldron Spring and Salt Spring. This is the most scenic of all the trails, and is about a mile for the entire trip.

1. Trail head for the Springs Trail is at the northeast corner of the main parking area.
2. Cross over the creek whose primary source is Cauldron Spring. The outlet of the spring is under the culvert at the west side of the path.
3. The Springs Trail splits into a west and east branch. The east branch is shorter and is currently the only way to hike to Salt Spring. The west branch is more scenic, but is presently closed just after observation point 5 where it crosses a marshy area. A boardwalk is planned for this area.
4. A good observation point just downstream from Cauldron Spring.
5. View of Cauldron Spring Run. From here you can see a mix of fresh water grasses and salt water needle rush - both able to survive here because of the fresh water discharge of the spring and the tidal flow from the Gulf.
6. This is the point where Cauldron Spring Run joins Salt Spring Run. The current here can be swift during tide changes.
7. A scenic overlook of Salt Spring Run to the west and north.
8. A low lying tidal marsh to the north of this point may be wet at times. A boardwalk is planned at this point.
9. Overlook of Salt Spring. The spring flows from a cavern system that has been explored to a depth of 320 feet. After emerging from Salt Spring, the water flows through two limestone arches just downstream that are only visible at low tide. Please note that swimming and scuba diving is prohibited in the spring. All visitors must stay on the marked trail.
10. The east branch of the Springs Trail heads south to the parking area.

MAPS: [HTTPS://SALTSPRINGSALLIANCE.COM/PAGE-1818104](https://saltspringsalliance.com/page-1818104)

KAYAK GEOCACHING TRAIL

Hidden along the path of this kayak trail is a series of 12 geocaches.

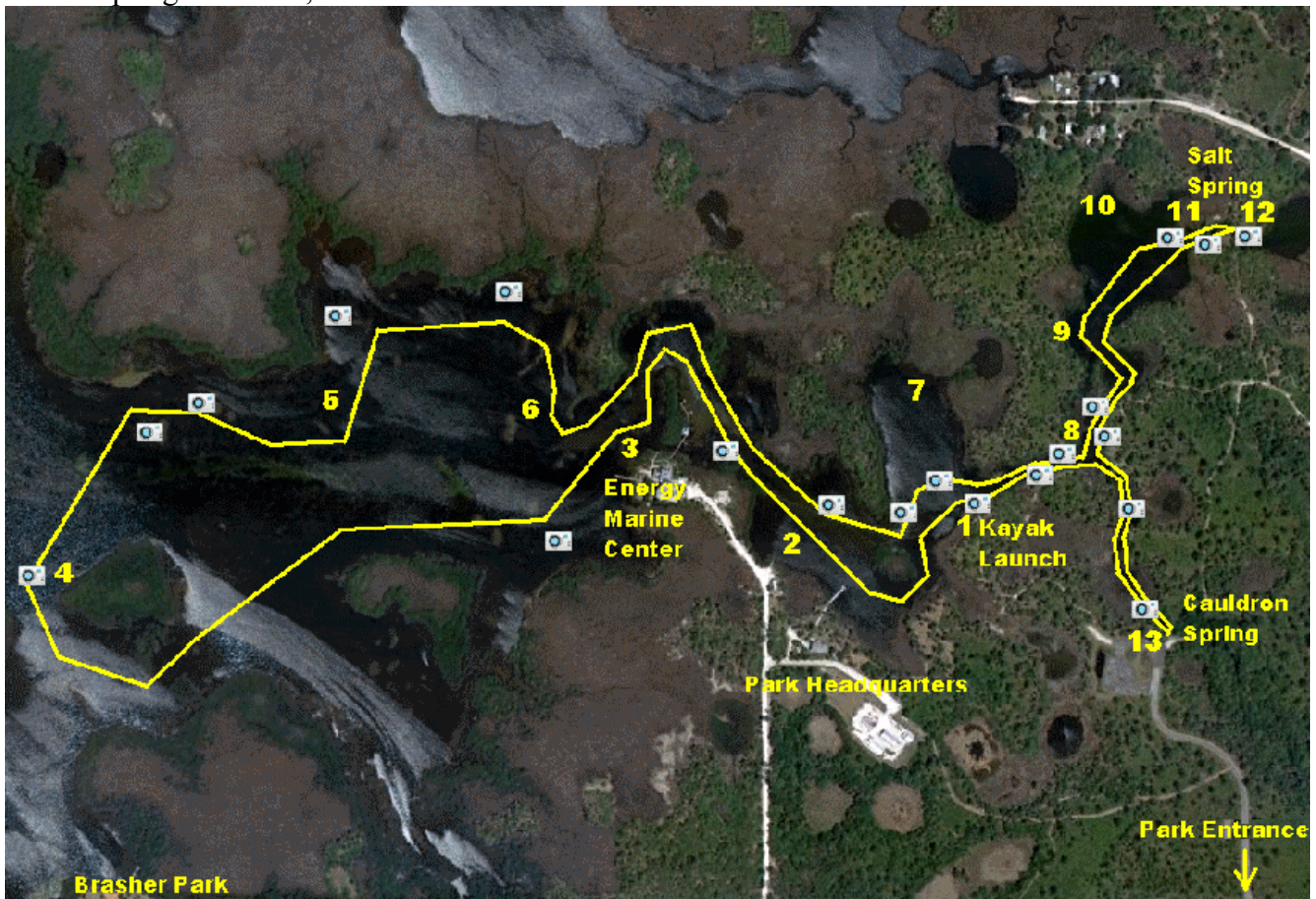
This paddle is approximately 3 miles round trip. Plan your paddle for a medium to high tide.

1. The kayak launch area is at a rocky outcropping by a channel cut by flow from the springs during the Oligocene era (18,000 years ago).
2. Launch point for Salt Springs Alliance sponsored paddles, and for park-owned service boats. Look for jumping Mullet in the lagoon, and great fishing at high tide.

3. Energy Marine Center - A research and classroom area operated by Pasco County Schools. Classes may be learning of the Salt Springs Run ecosystem near the docks or marshes, or journeying by kayak to learn about an oyster bar.



4. Cow Key is the large island to the west.
5. Salt Spring Run north bank - tidal grassy area attracts a variety of wading birds including frequent sightings of Roseate Spoonbills.
6. Look for pods of Dolphins in the open water of Salt Spring Run.
7. Paddle just north of a small mangrove island. Black, Red and White Mangroves can be found throughout the park. At the north side of this lagoon is Needle Rush marsh - found on approximately 1,000 acres of the Park's 4,000 total acres. Rare Rails, Wrens and Seaside Sparrows reside here.
8. The joining of two streams from the two known springs nearby. The eutrophication, or filling-in of soil and nutrients, make this spot rich in plants and mammal trails. Look up to see the common Osprey, and if you're lucky, one of our resident Bald Eagles.
9. Stumps of trees from the Turpentine era can be seen in the maritime hammocks. After the "Naval Stores" ran out, cattle roamed here and on islands at the mouth of Salt Spring Run.
10. Salt Spring fishing village cabins (privately owned) can be seen to the north. Earlier, native Americans lived here hunting, fishing and gathering shell fish. The Park has 19 cultural sites registered so far.
11. Hidden entrance through the mangroves to Salt Spring.
12. At high tide, you can paddle to Salt Spring and into the lake beyond. The cavern is below water and not evident from the surface - but it extends some 300 feet below the surface. At medium to low tide, your passage will be blocked by two limestone arches under which the water flows. To help preserve this fragile area, if you arrive at low tide *PLEASE* do not portage over these geological features.
13. Caldron Spring flows from a cavern under the culvert. River Otter and Alligators have been seen in this area.



TIDE TABLE — COTEE RIVER-US 19 BRIDGE

11	04:22 AM	-0.1	-3
	10:12 AM	2.5	76
F	04:23 PM	0.8	24
	09:38 PM	3.1	94

12	05:19 AM	-0.6	-18
	11:17 AM	2.7	82
Sa	05:16 PM	0.9	27
	10:22 PM	3.3	101

13	06:11 AM	-0.9	-27
	12:12 PM	2.7	82
Su	06:04 PM	1.0	30
	11:04 PM	3.4	104

The Double Hammock Creek South Branch Paddle Trail

Takes you along a 5-1/2 mile round trip journey that may be challenging for novice paddlers. You will paddle through open Gulf waters and through narrow winding streams, and you might encounter strong tidal currents.

If you plan to complete the entire trail as shown, timing your trip will be essential. Some parts of the trail require a moderately high tide of about 2 feet for passage. Consult a tide table and plan to launch on a rising tide. If the tide has already crested, you are too late to launch. Another consideration for this trip is the wind. Part of your trip will be through open Gulf waters. So if the wind is blowing more than 10 mpg, plan to get wet. If the wind is from the east, a windy day is probably okay since you will be hugging the shoreline. But even then, you could encounter whitecaps at the wide mouth of Salt Springs Run.

Hidden along Double Hammock Creek is a series of 18 geocaches. See [HERE](#) for more information.

1. Access to the launch site is provided by the Kayak Launch Trail that runs from the main parking area in the Park. Another convenient launch point is Brasher Park at the west end of Koons Drive in Port Richey.
2. The large building here is the Energy Marine Center - a research and classroom facility owned by Pasco County Schools.
3. This is the mouth of Salt Springs Run. Check the trail maps for another paddle trail that takes you to the two springs that are the source of Salt Springs Run. If you look into the Gulf from this point, you'll see a number of houses on stilts about a mile offshore. Some of the nine that remain were first constructed nearly a hundred years ago, and have been rebuilt periodically after hurricanes.
4. The south entrance to Double Hammock Creek is too shallow for larger motorboats at low tide. Just east of here you'll join the Westport Channel, dredged to accommodate boaters who live in the Westport subdivision. The main channel exits to the Gulf to the north.
5. A typical lake - common to the Park area. Sometimes finding the entrance to these lakes through the mangroves, or along airboat paths, can be challenging. This one is easy to find and makes an enjoyable sidetrip. Watch for Great Egrets, Herons and Wood Storks in the trees, and mullet jumping in the lake.
6. Navigate through a narrow rocky outcropping. Easy for canoes and kayaks - but watch out for motorboats who must stay in the channel to prevent running aground.
7. A tricky area to paddle known as Aligator Pass. If you timed your trip properly, you will breeze through this section and quickly arrive in the southern branch of Double Hammock Creek. Our paddle trail shows you another way out - but if the tide is not high enough for that route, you will need to be a strong paddler to go back the way you came.
8. You are now entering a serpentine creek running to the north. This is when you wish you brought the short paddle. Just take it slow and easy and you will make it through. This area of Needle Rush marsh is characteristic of a large part of the Park.
9. The winding stream you just navigated is the result of runoff from the land to the east. But it is also fed by an underground source called "Gar Spring", located near this point. The houses on the north side of this canal are in the Westport subdivision - a development of houses and apartments with an entrance off Scenic Drive in Port Richey.
10. The houses you see are located at the west end of Salt Spring Road, behind the Gulfview Square Mall. Some are remnants of a fishing village that has existed here for many years. Centuries ago, native Americans lived, hunted and fished here - the Park is home to many registered cultural and historic sites.
11. Now it's time to make a quick return to Salt Springs Run through what is referred to as "High Tide Pass". Some also call it "the chute" because of the rapid water flowing in on a

rising tide. Finding the entrance may be a challenge for newcomers - here's a hint: N28 17.650 W082 43.553. This small waterway is appropriately named - you will need about 2 feet of tide to paddle through unscathed. Less than that and you will need to get out and pull your watercraft or risk scraping the bottom. While the northern part of the Pass isn't all that pretty, it turns into a winding labyrinth with low-hanging mangroves as you proceed to the south.

12. Now back in Salt Springs Run, it is pretty much a straight shot back to your launch point. If there is a strong wind from the east or south, just paddle past the Energy Marine Center and hug the southern shore. Having just come through High Tide Pass, you will have enough water to return by any path you choose.

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