



Paddle Punta Gorda

Tour our Scenic Waters
Saturday, November 23, 2024

Pick Your Paddle Tour

- 1. Peace River at NAV-A-GATOR Bar & Grill**, 9700 SW Riverview Circle, Arcadia.
This paddle is slow moving tidal water with a wide-open paddle around woody and marshy islands. There are interesting flora and fauna surrounding the waterway as well as many species of birds. Suitable for all skill levels. The launch is located to the west of NAV-A-GATOR Grill. Adequate parking is available. This is one of the two rental kayak sites.
- 2. William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park**, 20499 Edgewater Dr, Port Charlotte.
Try out the brand-new kayak launch site located at the far right (west) end of the park. The kayak launch takes the paddler into *Little Alligator Creek/Sunrise Waterway*. This is a protected water paddle suitable for all paddlers. As you paddle among the many mangrove islands, there is a good chance to see several bird species. This paddle may involve a portion of Florida's Blueway Trail system. The park features a dedicated kayak launch, restrooms, and abundant parking.
- 3. Webb Lake Babcock**, 29200 Tuckers Grade, Punta Gorda. This is a freshwater paddle that meanders around many small islands. Pine trees, wildflowers and wildlife dominate the landscape. The abundance of fish attracts many birds. Sighting eagles and alligators is common. Restrooms available on site. From US 41 or I-75, take Tuckers Grade to the east. Tuckers Grade runs into Babcock Webb.
- 4. Ponce de Leon Park**, 3400 Ponce de Leon Parkway, Punta Gorda. This paddle meanders through beautiful mangrove tunnels. It is tidal and borders Charlotte Harbor. Birds, crabs, and other wildlife are abundant. Occasionally dolphins and manatees have been spotted. Restrooms available on site.
- 5. Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC)**, 10941 Burnt Store Rd, Punta Gorda.
Explore Alligator Creek where wildlife and nature make the journey out to Charlotte Harbor. While paddling through estuaries, you will encounter mangrove rookeries, seagrass nurseries, and oyster bars. This tour is suited for all skill levels but especially enjoyable for beginning kayakers. This is one of the two rental kayak sites.

Launch times:

- 8:30AM NAV-A-GATOR Bar & Grill
- 8:30AM Wm R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park
- 9:00AM Webb Lake
- 9:00AM Ponce de Leon Park
- 9:30AM Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC)