

8th Annual

HIDDEN COAST PADDLING ADVENTURE



Wednesday October 11th through Sunday October 15th,
2017

Come celebrate Steinhatchee/Jena's culture and wildlife!

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Hidden Coast Paddling Adventure

OCTOBER 11th - 15th, 2017

**THIS YEAR'S HIDDEN COAST PADDLING FESTIVAL
IS RESTRICTED TO PAID PARTICIPANTS ONLY.**

WRIST BANDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO PAID PARTICIPANTS AT CHECK-IN AND WILL BE
REQUIRED TO ATTEND ANY AND ALL EVENTS OR PADDLES

**JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S HIDDEN COAST PADDLING FESTIVAL
TO BE HELD IN STEINHATCHEE/JENA, FLORIDA.**

The Hidden Coast is embraced by the longest stretch of public coastline in the state making the surrounding conservation lands and waters ideal habitat for the abundant fish & wildlife that make the area home. The challenging Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail saunters along the coastline and miles of pristine waterways areas entice paddlers of all abilities to immerse in the natural beauty of the area. The Hidden Coast Paddling Adventure is a wonderful way to explore the natural beauty of the area, make some new friends, and enjoy an adventure-packed weekend.

Registration is only \$100 and is limited to the first 100 applicants. Look at all we offer!!

- Over twenty five guided paddling trips offering tours along the pristine coastline and meandering rivers.
- Pontoon Boat River Cruises.
- All events centrally located at Good Times Motel and Marina.
- 2017 HCPA T-Shirt
- Yoga for kayakers class
- Meal package includes: breakfast Friday and Saturday, delicious local-fare dinner Saturday night, and enjoy a catered brunch Sunday
- Thursday night 'happy hour' with hors d'oeuvres sponsored by Florida Paddling Trails Association
- Bonus features include a guided fishing trip Saturday and an 'early bird' overnight Sponge Point primitive camping trip Wednesday night.
- All paid participants of HCPA will receive a FREE digital edition to their choice of Rapid, Canoeers, Adventure Kayak or Kayak Angler Magazine.



LEGEND:

- ❶ Good Times Motel & Marina
- ❷ Spurgeon Cheek House
- ❸ Steinhatchee Community Center

Important Notice

Hidden Coast Paddling Adventure requires all participants joining guided paddling trips to wear a life jacket with safety whistle attached. It is the paddlers responsibility not to choose a paddling trip that exceeds his or her own capabilities. There are inherent dangers in any paddling trip. There are special hazards in the Steinhatchee/Jena area due to shifting tides, changing wind and weather, shallow waters and treacherous bottoms with soft mud and oyster bars. It is up to the registrant to be aware of these dangers, to accept and be prepared for the risks involved, and to be certain that the registrant has the skills necessary to safely paddle in such waters.

Please ask at the Check-in desk for Steinhatchee/Jena maps

Hidden Coast Paddling Adventure Schedule

Thursday Check-in - 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Good Times Motel and Marina, Jena, FL

Friday Check-in - 6:00 AM

Good Times Motel and Marina, Jena, FL

Check-in is mandatory to participate

Wednesday - October 11th, 2017

High Tide: 5:42 AM Low Tide: 1:09 PM High Tide 7:52 PM

Sunrise 7:32 AM Sunset 7:07 PM

Sponge Point Overnight Primitive Camping 11:00 AM



Launch at the Keaton Beach County Park Beach. Experience camping overnight on the Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail by joining a group paddling from Keaton Beach to Sponge Point, winding about three miles between oyster bars along the shallow coastline. Pitch your tent beneath a canopy of live oaks, palms and a rare stand of mature cedars which frame a stunning open vista of the Gulf. Wildlife viewing and fishing is excellent in this area along with memorable sunsets. Remember your fishing gear, binoculars, and a camera. Prepare for bugs if the wind drops and keep an eye out for poison ivy. All participants must be gear/food/water independent. Please note this is **primitive** camping. Cars will be left overnight at the Keaton Beach County Park.

Thursday - October 12th, 2017

High Tide 6:46 AM Low Tide 2:24 PM

Sunrise 7:33 AM Sunset 7:05 PM

Steinhatchee Falls to Jena Paddle - 1:00 - 4:30 PM -

8.3 Miles



Meet at Good Times Motel and Marina and get shuttle to Steinhatchee Falls. Enjoy a leisurely paddle downstream on the tea-colored waters of the Steinhatchee River. The upper stretch of the river is a shady, moss-draped tunnel that widens as it approaches the Gulf. Take out is at the Good Times Motel and Marina in Jena.

Steinhatchee Falls to Spurgeon Cheek 2:00 - 4:30PM



6.7 Miles

Drive to to Steinhatchee Falls to enjoy a leisurely 6.7 mile paddle downstream on the tea-colored waters of the Steinhatchee River. The upper stretch of the river is a shady, moss-draped tunnel that widens as it approaches the Gulf. Take out is at the ramp at the Spurgeon Cheek house, where we'll pick you up and take you back to your vehicle.

Sand Hill Creek Paddle - 3:00 - 4:30 PM - 1-2 Miles



Meet at Spurgeon Cheek House Ramp, and enjoy a short but sweet scenic paddle on this clear tidal stream with marsh and maritime hammock habitats. Paddle through mature cedars and cabbage palms to glimpse fascinating karst formations and visit an historical 'natural bridge'.

Meet and Greet - 6:00 PM at Good Times Motel and Marina

Happy hour with hors d'oeuvres.

Friday - October 13th, 2017 Water Events

High Tide 8:13 AM Low Tide 3:47 PM

Sunrise 7:34 AM Sunset 7:04 PM

Steinhatchee Falls to Jena Paddle - 8:00 - 12:30 PM -

8.3 Miles - *see previous description page 5*



Clay Creek Loop - 8:00 AM - Noon 5.8 Miles

Meet at Dallus Creek Ramp. Slither through the pristine salt marsh to Clay Creek, a meandering, narrow channel only accessible at high tide. We will join the Gulf coastline for a brief stretch and visit the Dallus Creek Campsite, part of the Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail. Bring binoculars and enjoy birding and wildlife viewing on this remote and pristine waterway. Return to Dallus Creek Landing. **Launch Site:** Take SR 400 north out of Steinhatchee, go approximately 5.5 miles and turn left on Dallus Creek Rd. Continue on Dallus Creek Rd 3.1 miles to the boat ramp.

Pine Log Creek Northern Loop - 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM -

2.8 Miles



Meet and launch from the Pine Log ramp and paddle out Pine Log Creek to the Gulf, where you turn north briefly along the coast to Porpoise Creek. From there, continue up Porpoise Creek and hang a right, heading back To Pine Log Creek ramp. **Launch Site:** See Above

Lazy Island Paddle - 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM - 5.5 Miles

Launch at Good Times Motel and Marina in Jena and paddle out to the mouth of the

Steinhatchee to a great view of the open expanse of the Gulf of Mexico. Paddle around the point on the left and head down the coast a little ways to Porpoise Creek. Take a left once in Porpoise Creek and wind your way back through the salt marsh to the Steinhatchee River. From there, head up river back to Good Times Motel and Marina



Upper Dallus Creek Paddle/Hike - 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM Paddle 1.5 Miles round trip Hike 1.1 Miles



This short trip is perfect for beginners and those seeking a laid-back, easy going trip along a sinuous, blackwater creek that winds through salt marsh and is home to abundant wildlife. We will take a mile-long hike with an FWC biologist through long-leaf pine restoration area that borders the creek's edge, and learn about the rich biodiversity of the Big Bend Wildlife Management Area. **Launch Site:** Take SR 400 north out of Steinhatchee, go approximately 5.5 miles and turn left on Dallus Creek Rd. Continue on Dallus Creek Rd 3.1 miles to the boat ramp.



Dallus Creek to Jena Paddle - 9:00AM - 2:00 PM - 11 Miles

Drive to Dallus Landing. Paddle a leisurely mile downstream from the boat ramp at Dallus Creek and then cruise along the Gulf coastline for an 8-mile jaunt back to Good Times Motel and Marina in Jena. Stop by the Dallus Creek Campsite, part of the Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail. Bring binoculars and enjoy birding and wildlife viewing on this remote and pristine waterway. Take out is at Good Times in Jena, where we will drive you back to your vehicles **Launch Site:** Take SR 400 north out of Steinhatchee, go approximately 5.5 miles and turn left on Dallus Creek Rd. Continue on Dallus Creek Rd 3.1 miles to the boat ramp.



Pine Log Creek Southern Loop - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM - 2.5 Miles

Meet and launch from Pine Log Ramp and paddle out Pine Log Creek to the Gulf. Head south passing Pine Log Island on your right and Howard Creek on your left and enter the next Creek. From there, it follows a winding creek through the salt marsh and small island hammocks back to Pine Log. **Launch Site:** Head SW .75 miles and take a right on Gentle Woods Rd. (SW 315 Ave.), then veer right on Sand Ridge Rd. Continue to launch area at end.



Steinhatchee Spoil Is. Paddle - 1:00 PM to 3:30 5 Miles



Launch from Good Times Motel and Marina and paddle out to the mouth of the Steinhatchee to a great open vista of the Gulf of Mexico. We'll paddle around Lazy Island and head back up river to our starting point.

Steinhatchee Falls to Jena - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - see previous description page 5

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Steinhatchee Falls to Spurgeon Cheek Paddle - 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM - *see previous description page 6*

Pontoon Boat River Cruise - 2:00 PM

Tired of paddling? Take a leisurely power boat tour of the scenic Steinhatchee River.

Pontoon Boat River Cruise - 3:00 PM - *see above*

Sand Hill Creek Paddle - 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM - *see previous description page 6*

Sunset Paddle 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM - 3 Miles

Start at Good Times Motel and Marina and paddle out to the mouth of the Steinhatchee to watch the sunset, then paddle back.

Friday October 13th, 2017 Land Events

Breakfast at Good Times Motel and Marina - 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM

Yoga for Kayakers - 9:00 AM

Asanas focus on stretching and strengthening hip, shoulders, core and lower back, at the Steinhatchee Community Center Bring your own mat.

Local Fishing Techniques and Tips - 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Learn what works well in local waters from Fishhead Charters Guide Brian Stauffer. At Good Times Motel and Marina

Yoga for Kayakers - 2:00 PM - *see 9:00 AM description above*

Little House Library/Museum 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Next to the Steinhatchee Community Center

Dinner On Your Own

Try one of our great local restaurants for a true taste of coastal Florida

Saturday October 14th, 2017 Water Events

High Tide: 9 :50 AM Low Tide: 5:02 PM

Sunrise 7:34 AM Sunset 7:03 PM

Guided Fish Trip - Part 2 - 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Anglers will be taught the use of live bait and artificial lures to target such species as red drum (redfish), spotted seatrout and summer flounder. FHKC's goal is that each angler leave this 2 day event with an increased knowledge of fishing knots, rigging tackle, reading tides and predicting weather along with the confidence to fish any location while targeting the more popular species using artificial lures.

Rocky Creek/Sink Creek Paddle - 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM 10 Miles

Meet at the Rocky Creek ramp and paddle about 5 miles to Sink Creek, one of the most remote and scenic campsites on the Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail. This is an enticing, shady picnic destination. A short hike reveals an eerie landscape of skeletal trees, perfect for black & white photography. We will also visit the freshwater spring boil a short paddle upstream from the campsite. Then return to Rocky Creek. **Launch Site:** Take CR 361 south out of Jena, continue about 5.6 miles from Casey's Cove Convenience Store to Rocky Creek Road on your right. Follow that road to the ramp.

Steinhatchee Falls to Jena Paddle - 8:00 - 11:30 AM - see *previous description page 5*

Shired Creek Paddle - 9:00 AM - to - Noon - 5 Miles

Meet at the Shired Island County Boat Ramp. Paddle upstream from the wide creek mouth, leaving behind the salt water of the Gulf of Mexico. As the creek narrows, the elevation of the land gradually rises, and the transition from salt to freshwater and from salt marsh to island hammocks is encountered. Turnaround is at the Dixie Mainline bridge. This paddle is one of the best ways to see the effects of rising sea levels on the area's different tidal habitats. For an easier paddle, try to time it so you can paddle up with the incoming tide and down the creek with the outgoing tide. **Launch Site:** From HWY 19 take CR 351 (Horseshoe Beach Rd.), turn onto CR 357 (Shired Is. Rd.) on left, continue on CR 357 to Shired Island County Boat Ramp on the right, just before the Campgrounds at the end of the road.

Cow Creek/Pepperfish Key Paddle 9:00 AM to Noon - 5.3 Miles

Meet at Good Times and we'll shuttle you to Cow Creek, a small meandering waterway at the end of the 'Road to Nowhere' that must be accessed on high tide. As the road name suggests, this is an exceptionally remote and undeveloped area, a true glimpse of wild Florida. A short 1.5-mile paddle to the Gulf and circling Pepperfish Keys offers a fantastic birding opportunity. We will keep at least a football field distance to avoid disturbing the myriad bird species so be sure to bring binoculars or camera with zoom lens.

Upper Dallus Creek Paddle/Hike - 9:00 AM to 11:30 - see *previous description page 7*

Clay Creek Loop - 9:00 AM to 12 - see *previous description page 7*

Lazy Island Paddle - 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM - 5.5 Miles *see previous description page 7*

Steinhatchee Falls to Jena Paddle - 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM - *see previous description page 5*

Steinhatchee Falls to Spurgeon Cheek Paddle - 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM - *see previous description page 6*

Steinhatchee River Pontoon Boat Cruise – 2:00 PM

Tired of paddling? Take a leisurely power boat tour of the scenic Steinhatchee River.

Steinhatchee River Pontoon Boat Cruise – 3:00 PM

Tired of paddling? Take a leisurely power boat tour of the scenic Steinhatchee River.

Steinhatchee Spoil Island Paddle - 3:00 PM to 5:30 5 Miles -

This is a short trip out to the mouth, around a spoil island and back to Good Times

Steinhatchee River Pontoon Boat Sunset Cruise – 6:30 PM

Tired of paddling? Take a leisurely power boat tour of the scenic Steinhatchee River.

Saturday October 14th, 2017 Land Events

Breakfast at Good Times Motel and Marina 6:30 AM to 7:30

Displays and Exhibitions at Good Times - 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Fishing Kayak & Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) Demo 3:00 PM

Springs to Sea at Good Times Motel and Marina

Yoga For All—2:00 PM

Post Festival stress reduction for body and mind at Good Times Motel and Marina.

Bring your own mat.

Dinner 7:30 PM

Dinner will consist of local fare with traditional local side dishes. Vegetarian dish available upon request. No one will leave hungry, at Good Times Motel and Marina.

Sunday - October 15th, 2017

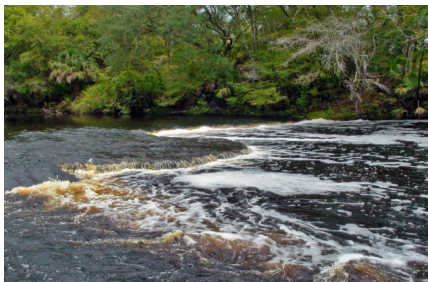
Land Programs

Buffet Brunch at Good Times Motel and Marina - 9 AM to 11:00

A LITTLE STEINHATCHEE HISTORY

Steinhatchee's long history of human habitation includes prehistoric man dating from 12,000 BC, pirates from the 15th through 18th centuries, loggers in the 1800s, sponge divers in the 1940s and 50s and commercial fishermen, shrimpers, and crabbers today.

Located at the mouth of the Steinhatchee River, Deadman Bay was on Spanish maps by the early 1500s. Timucuan Indians, Spanish Explorers, Seminole Indians and Civil War



troops passed through this area, crossing at Steinhatchee Falls. Spanish Conquistador Panfilo de Narvaez came through the area in 1529 followed by Hernando Desoto ten years later. Desoto crossed the Steinhatchee River at the "Falls". In 1818, General Zachary Taylor (1784 - 1850) was sent to put down the Seminoles during the Second Seminole War. Fort Frank Brook was established up the Steinhatchee River in the same year and abandoned in 1840.

In 1879, James Howard Stephens (1825 - 1906), a local pioneer, offered land for a Post Office changing the name from Deadman Bay to Stephensville. Stephens's objective was to establish a timber procurement operation to feed sawmills in Cedar Key and their steamboat transport of logs and lumber to ports in the northeastern states. The cypress and cedar logs were configured into large rafts for transport down the coast to Cedar Key. In 1931 the community was renamed Steinhatchee after the river.

Steinhatchee's most significant contribution to the Confederacy's Civil War efforts was the procurement of salt from seawater. The remains of these "salt works" are still evident along the mud flats and saltmarshes.

Aside from fishing and small plot farming, there were little ways to support the area settlers. Soon the collection, processing, and marketing of marine stores began to thrive. Commercial fishing gradually increased. It is unclear when the first sponge fisherman came to the area, but further south at Cedar Key and Tarpon Springs the industry was thriving. By the 1930s sponge fisherman were well established in Steinhatchee. Local residents during that period say it was common to see anywhere from 50 to 100 sponge boats anchored in the river. The industry declined and ended in the late 1950s as a result of red tide along the Gulf coast that killed the most sought after sea wool sponges.

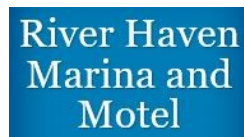
Commercial fishing was the mainstay for most residents. Many species of fish, particularly mullet and trout, blue and stone crab, scallops and sponges were harvested for markets around the country. In the 1940s through the 1960s, mullet and their roe were salted and sold throughout the southeast. Motors were uncommon for most residents until the 1960s. A gradual boom developed into what had been an area of unknown sales potential, the marketing of roe in the 1960s. The Steinhatchee commercial fishermen not only met this demand locally, but expanded by selling to Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and South Carolina.

By late 1995, new regulations for commercial fishing and a net ban heavily impacted the economy of Steinhatchee. The hospitality industry in Steinhatchee continues to expand. The fish camps, motor courts, motels and lodges are being replaced by rental apartments, condos and service industries such as boat rentals and storage, and restaurants. The total commercial seafood landings in Steinhatchee in 2009 totaled 710,314 pounds. The top three species of those landings were blue crab, black mullet and bait shrimp. More recently, Steinhatchee has become one of Florida's most popular areas for recreational scalloping.



Steinhatchee/Jena

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