

Everglades

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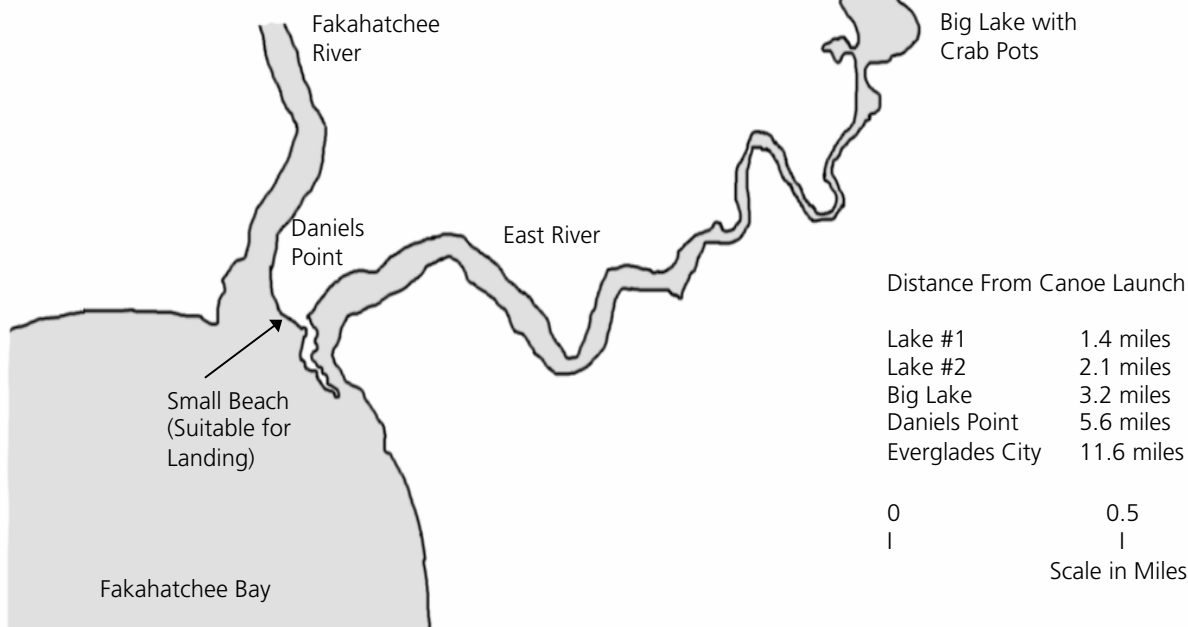
East River Canoe Route Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve

The East River flows through Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve, just west of Everglades National Park. It is a beautiful and varied creek, passing through a succession of small lakes and canopied mangrove tunnels before widening into a tidal river. The mangrove tunnels are particularly beautiful, becoming larger and more majestic with each passing mile. Alligators may be seen in the river's upper section, as well as a variety of birds.

The route is not marked, although paddlers may encounter flagging tape, spray paint, and other unofficial aids. Do not rely on these markers, as they can be found both on and off the route.

The river can be paddled as a day trip or as part of a longer, overnight trip to the Ten Thousand Islands. Good camping exists on Fakahatchee Island, 1.5 miles south of Daniels Point, as well as on the islands fronting the Gulf of Mexico. If camping in Everglades National Park, a permit is required. Please remember: **Leave No Trace** of your visit.

Paddling time to Big Lake and back from the Canoe Launch is 4 to 6 hours.



Canoe Launch → Unmarked Turnoff
5.2 Miles West of Highway 29

US 41

Mangrove Tunnel #1
(Entrance may be hard to Find)

Long Canal

Mangrove Tunnel #2

At small pond with prairie on the right, Look left for entrance to Mangrove Tunnel #3

A short distance later, at small opening with prairie on the left, bear right to continue through tunnel

Lake #1

Mangrove Tunnel #4

Lake #2

The "T" – Turn Left at Large Buttonwood Tree Draped with Air Plants

Mangrove Tunnel #5

Big Lake with Crab Pots

Fakahatchee River

Daniels Point

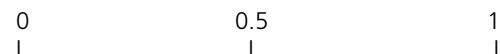
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Small Beach (Suitable for Landing)

Fakahatchee Bay

Distance From Canoe Launch To:

Lake #1	1.4 miles
Lake #2	2.1 miles
Big Lake	3.2 miles
Daniels Point	5.6 miles
Everglades City	11.6 miles



Scale in Miles

