

Friday Oct 13, 2023

Fri-NB Newman's Branch Kayak Paddle

Leaving from FWC Youth Conservation Center, 6650 Dickman Rd, Apollo Beach, FL

Time: 9:00 am to 11:30 am.

Limited to 15 participants. No parking fees.

Leaders: Stan Kroh 813-293-6869

Bring water, snacks, hat, insect repellent. Wear shoes that can get wet and muddy.

Leaving from the Youth Conservation Center, you will paddle Newman Branch, through mangrove tunnels into Seneca Sound, a small embayment that is part of Hillsborough and Tampa bays. You will learn about the species of mangroves and their adaptations for a salty environment and also visit the restored wetlands and uplands of the Newman Branch Restoration project. Possible sightings of birds include night-herons, Little Blue and Tricolored herons, and Reddish Egrets.

Directions from Brandon area:

Take I-75 South to Gibsonton/Riverview Exit 250.

Go West 1 mile on Gibsonton Dr to redlight at Rt 41. Turn Left/South.

Go south for 3 miles. At light, turn Right/West onto Big Bend Rd. Follow road as it turns left/south at the Manatee Viewing Center. After you cross the small bridge turn right into YCC.

If front parking is full, continue south on Dickman Rd to Estuary Shores Rd.

Turn right, then take first right into larger, grassy parking area.

Walk to the rear of the Expo area to the kayak pavilion to meet your leaders.

From the south: Take I-75 north to Exit 246.

Exit onto Big Bend Road West. Go west about 2.5 miles, crossing Rt 41 and under the overhead conveyor.

The road makes a sharp left turn and becomes Dickman Road. Continue south on Dickman, over a small bridge, to the YCC on the right.

Follow directions above if front parking is full.

