

DENNIS CREEK TRAIL

Description: Paddle this tidal creek as it meanders through the pristine saltmarsh and isolated island hammocks. It starts off as a narrow winding creek and progresses to more open bays and vistas. Marsh vegetation consists primarily of black needlerush with some smooth cordgrass, and in the hammocks, southern red cedar, pines, and cabbage palm.

Distance/Time: 4.1 Miles/Approximately 2 to 3 hours

Skill Level: Intermediate due to occasional strong tidal flows and open bay passages. Navigation around oyster and sand bars on low tides may be a concern.

Indigenous Wildlife: eagles, ospreys, various shorebirds and waterfowl, mullet, redfish, black drum, spotted sea trout, raccoons, otters, bottle-nose dolphins, blue crabs, and horseshoe crabs.

Launch Site: Small bridge about 1/2 mile before Shell Mound on County Road 326. There is a small launch area on the southwest side of the bridge.

NOTE: Great care has been taken to ensure this guides accuracy, but weather, tides, and water conditions can change rapidly and create hazardous conditions. Routes may change due to weather considerations. Users should have all proper safety equipment and check conditions before departure. All participants are required to wear PFDs while on water based events .

