

SHELL MOUND LOOP

Description: Circumnavigating Hog Island, this paddle is on the edge of the Gulf and has both protected and open water. Native vegetation consists primarily black needlerush with some smooth cordgrass in the marsh, and southern red cedar, slash pines, and cabbage palms in the island hammocks.

Distance/Time: 3.1 Miles/ Approximately 2 Hours

Skill Level: Intermediate/Advanced due to open water passage.

Indigenous Wildlife: ospreys, bald eagles, brown pelicans, white pelicans, black mullet, bottlenose dolphins, various shore birds and waterfowl

Launch Site: Take SR 24 from US 19 to CR 347 (approximately 18 miles), turn right on CR 347, proceed to CR 326 and take a left to Shell Mound. Continue to the ramp at the end of CR 326.

NOTE: Great care has been taken to ensure this guides accuracy, but weather, tides, and water conditions can change rapidly and create hazardous conditions. Route 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.

