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Summer 2008 Newsletter

Apalachicola Paddling Trail Receives National Recognition

The Apalachicola Paddling Trail System, located in Franklin County in the Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area, is one of 24 trails designated by the US Secretary of the Interior as a National Recreation Trail. Managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), this network of paddling trails was developed by the FWC's Office of Recreation Services. It features approximately 100 miles of scenic waterways accessible to boaters, canoeists and kayakers with all levels of experience.



The shortest trails are 2 miles long, while others are 4 to 16 miles and offer pleasant half- or full-day paddling trips. Paddlers, anglers and birders can explore the quiet, calm creeks meandering through cypress-tupelo swamps or enjoy vistas of the open bay and salt marsh. Those who wish a more extended backcountry experience can combine trails to create two- or three-day trips. Suggested primitive campsites are shown on the waterproof trail map available from the FWC. No fees or permits are required. This paddling trail system was also named one of the 12 most

Summer Events

July 3rd Apalachicola Independence Day Parade and Ice Cream Social Join the fun at Lafayette Park in Apalachicola at 6:30 in your red, white and blue attire. Ride your bike, pull your wagon, drive your golf carts or sport your skates. Streamers and supplies to decorate will be on hand. The parade winds through the historic district down Avenue B to Bay Avenue ending downtown at Veterans Park for ice cream and entertainment! Call (850) 653-9419 for info.

SGI 4th of July Parade The St. George Island Yacht Club is sponsoring the annual 4th of July parade on St George Island. Starting promptly at 11:00 am at the lighthouse the boy scouts will lead off with the Color Guard followed by floats from Harry A's and Fisherman's Headquarters which will give out trinkets to onlookers. Uncle Sam and the Statue of Liberty will be there along with other parade participants. The SGI Merchants Association has purchased 700 American flags and Oyster Radio will be on hand. All are welcome to participate in the parade. No water balloons, please, but do bring your water guns! Call (850) 927-3100 for info.

July 12, 2008 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Veterans Memorial Park

Make plans to attend the dedication ceremony for Apalachicola's Veterans Memorial Park on July 12, 2008 at 10:30 am. The park features the

recommended water trails in the United States for 2006 by The American Canoe Association and Paddler magazine. To receive a free copy of the Apalachicola Paddling Trail System map, call 850-488-5520 or click [here](#) to download copies of individual trip options.

bronze replica sculpture of the Three Servicemen Statue. The original stands on the National Mall in Washington D. C. The public is invited to attend this dedication, which is Apalachicola's home-grown tribute to the men and women who went off to war from the many towns throughout the southeastern United States. Three Servicemen Statue South, Inc. is a non-profit organization that obtained permission from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) more than seven years ago to bring a bronze sculpture of the famed Three Servicemen Statue to Apalachicola, Florida. <http://www.threeservicemenstatuesouth.org>.

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