

## Aardvark's Group Paddles for June/July 2008

DATE	DAY	TRIP	SKILL LEVEL	NOTES
June 8	Sunday	Shell Island	Intermediate	
June 15	Sunday	Circumnavigation Trail North	Advanced	Open H2O
June 22	Sunday	Bennett's Creek	ALL	Spoonbills
June 29	Sunday	Withlacoochee/Lake Panasofkee	ALL	
July 13	Sunday	Circumnavigation Ozello to Homosassa	Intermediate	
July 20	Sunday	Tsala Apopka / Floral City	ALL	
July 27	Sunday	Santa Fe	ALL	Shuttle \$

- First we have a Shell Island trip. From Ft. Island, we'll shoot over to the mouth of Crystal River and Shell island. After a stop on the "beach", the plan is to head south to Mullet Key and circle back through the outer islands. About 8 miles.
- This month we'll do 2 segments of the Circumnavigation Trail. The first will be the north end. This is rated an advanced paddle because of the length and the open water.. We'll need to set up a shuttle for this one. Plan is to leave from the ramp on the Cross Florida Greenway, check out the established camp site on the spoil islands, head offshore through the Progress Energy cut and end up at Ft. Island. About 9 miles (mostly open water).
- Next is an easy paddle on Bennett's Creek. The spoonbills are in. count on a gator or 2. About 6 miles.
- On over to the east side for the next one. We'll do the Panasofkee outfall a portion of the Withlacoochee. Another 6 miler.
- The short portion of the Circumnavigation Trail is next. We'll run the trail from Ozello to Homosassa. We'll need shuttle drivers for this one too. About 7 miles.
- Next comes a trip to the Tsala Apopka Lake Chain. We'll paddle the Florida City area. If the water is up, we may try the Orange canal toward the Withlacoochee. Anybody have any info on levels there? Distance unknown at this point. Guess at about 7.
- Finally a trip out of the area to the Santa Fe and Ginnie Springs. We'll use my friend Lars at Adventure Outpost as a shuttle. This is an easy downriver trip with time for some swimming. Cost should be around \$10