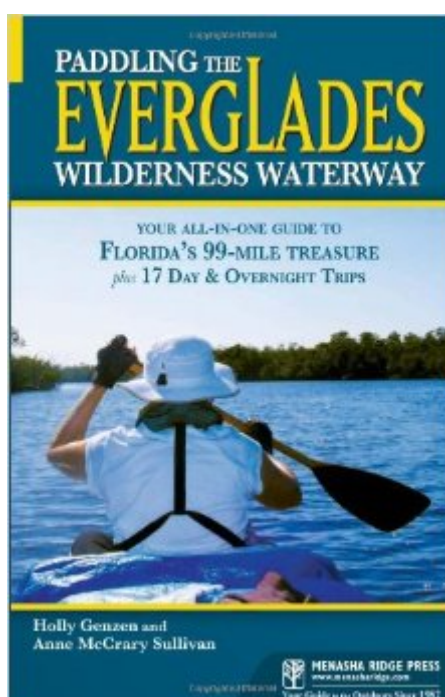


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# Paddling The Everglades Wilderness Waterway: Your All-in-One Guide To Florida's 99-Mile Treasure Plus 17 Day And Overnight Trips (Menasha Ridge Press Guide Books)



## Synopsis

For anyone who has ever dreamed of truly experiencing America's unique Everglades National Park, there is only one way: by canoe or kayak. And *Paddling the Everglades Wilderness Waterway* is the all-in-one guide for safe adventure on this spectacular 99-mile route. No time for such days-long expeditions? No matter. Authors Holly Genzen and Anne McCrary Sullivan entice with their favorite day- and overnight trips from various Everglades departure points. Having spent years exploring this maritime labyrinth, the authors now share their intimate knowledge of historic Everglades rivers and bays, the endless horizon of its Gulf Coast, the eerie beauty of its mangrove forests, and the secrets of ancient tribes and early-American pioneers who left their distinctive traces. Descriptions of wildlife abound (the birds! the alligators!), as do the details of exquisite flora that flourishes here. But Genzen and Sullivan do not skimp on practicalities nor on threats to this environment. Safety, weather, insects, food, fresh water, and camping on rustic "chickee" platforms stilted above the rivers all earn many pages here. As does what lies in store for the timeless but fragile Everglades ecology. This book is a treasure trove for all paddlers—from novices to champions.

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An excellent book covering all aspects of paddling the Wilderness Waterway. The writing style is always informative and keeps the reader's interest. Being somewhat familiar with the Wilderness Waterway, from having made one north to south transit, I expected to scan the references to places

of special interest to me and leave the rest for use as needed. Instead I found myself drawn to read each entry until suddenly I had finished the book. And, having read the book, I realize how much more there is to experience along the Wilderness Waterway. Their reports stir the imagination. The course instructions will be invaluable as you paddle. Their route descriptions ingeniously couple specific guideposts for either a north or south approach on the same page. Things always look different from the other direction. Along with the ever present charts and GPS coordinates, their notes resolve the confusions you are likely to encounter and get you to your intended destination. The book is presented in sections, making for easy reference whether you seek information on route, camp site, park life, technical preparation, or even the assistance of related businesses. They cover it all in detail. And, through it all, wafting off the pages, is an unmistakable affection for the place. A wealth of information is shared to make the journey safe and comfortable. Essential, complete and up-to-date. That's the how, the subtle presentation of the why you should go there is what makes the book stand out. Each revelation leaves you eager to learn more about the special place that is the Everglades.

I purchased this book because I took freestyle canoe classes with one of the authors, Anne McCrary Sullivan, this March. I just wanted to add her book to my library. When I got the book I was totally impressed. The organization and detail defy description. This is not an easy reading armchair book. This is a detailed textbook. It provides all the information you would need on outfitting for Everglade paddles, including links to outfitters, checklists, etc. It then gives detailed descriptions and maps on all of the available campsites and landing. An invaluable tool if you are considering paddling the Everglades.

The Everglades is the only place of its kind on earth. It is obvious that the authors, Holly Genzen and Anne McCrary Sullivan have great love and respect for this unique National Park, and want to make sure that visitors enjoy their time there also. This book is everything a travel guide should be. There is an overview of the history and ecology of the Everglades, and information on the National Park Service rules and available amenities. The authors provide detailed suggestions for necessary supplies and practical ideas for food. (Even a couple of recipes!) The maps and directions are clear and thorough, and GPS coordinates are provided for each waterway marker. The historical anecdotes and observations on plant, bird, fish and mammals to look out for in different parts of the Waterway were my favorite parts of the book. I was left with the desire to read much more about the Everglades, and of course, to pay a visit there someday soon.

This is the best guide I know of for the Wilderness Waterway. I brought it along on a canoe trip last winter, and the book was right on in every respect. It even predicted where there would be insects!

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This is the one, it covers all the safer routes for paddling the area. It has very good maps and accurate times/descriptions.

Really a nice guide & well written. I find the writing style helpful in learning. This will be my first time paddling the WW. Lots of great tips & resources in this book. Recommend!!

Best guide I've found, so far, and still doesn't give me all the information I want. Maybe nothing could.

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