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## Fort Desoto County Park Kayak Trip - Thursday, May 15, 2008

**Start Time: 8:15am at Convention Center.** Meet in Convention Center parking lot #2.

Carpool caravan will leave at 8:15am SHARP

– or arrive on your own: Start time **at field trip location: 9:00am.** Meet at Kayak Outfitter in the park. Turn right at the entry intersection (a dead end at the large flag pole). The outfitter is on the right hand side of the road.

**End Time: 1:00pm**

**Degree of Difficulty:** Easy      **Handicap access:** no

**Guide:** Jane Williams – Retired amateur naturalist, Treasurer of the Pinellas Chapter FNPS, and avid kayaker. Contact info: 727-447-7394 (hm) or [jwilli56@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jwilli56@tampabay.rr.com)

**Plant Expert:** Jan Allyn – avid kayaker and plant expert

**Description:** Launch from the outfitter's landing and follow the kayak trail toward Boca Ciega Bay. The trip is mostly inland waters with little wind and wave action. Salt water flora will dominate the scene including underwater sea grass beds. The largest park within the Pinellas County Park System, Fort Desoto consists of 1,136 acres of five interconnected islands. The property was first purchased from the federal government in 1938. In 1941 the property was sold back to the federal government to be used as a gunnery and bombing range during World War II. The best feature of Fort DeSoto Park is the absence of development.

**Notes: Sunshine Skyway bridge is a toll road (\$1.00)** Park entrance is free

**DON'T FORGET:** Water, sun screen, hat. Please place optional binoculars & cameras in water proof bags.

**Nearest Restrooms:** There are restrooms available within Fort DeSoto park at the ranger station (entry point at the flag pole) and at the concession building (right turn at the T intersection where the flag pole is located)

Nearest gas station if remote: no gas stations after the turn onto the BayWay.

Cell phone reception: partial

**Contact number** for the day of the event: 727-631-2263

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GPS 3500 Pinellas Bayway S, Tierra Verde, FL



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Palmetto, FL 34221**  
End **Pinellas Bayway S  
St Petersburg, FL 33715**  
Travel **22.0 mi – about 29 mins**



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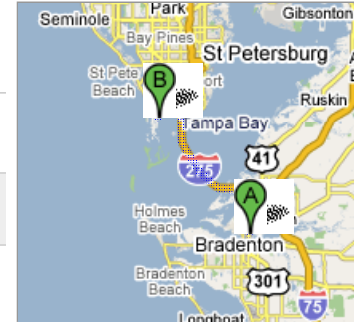
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| 1. Head <b>north</b> on <b>US-301 N/US-41 N</b> toward <b>7th St W</b><br>Continue to follow US-41 N                      | 2.5 mi<br>4 mins   |
| ← 2. Slight <b>left</b> at <b>US-19 N</b> (signs for <b>US-19 N/St Petersburg</b> )                                       | 2.4 mi<br>3 mins   |
| 3. Take the ramp onto <b>I-275 N/SR-55/US-19 N</b><br><b>Partial toll road</b>  | 12.8 mi<br>12 mins |
| ← 4. Take exit <b>17</b> on the <b>left</b> for <b>SR-682 W/US-19 N</b> toward <b>St Petersburg Beach/Pinellas Bayway</b> | 0.4 mi<br>2 mins   |
| ← 5. Turn <b>left</b> at <b>54th Ave S</b><br><b>Partial toll road</b>  | 1.2 mi<br>2 mins   |
| 6. Continue on <b>Pinellas Bayway S</b>   | 1.1 mi<br>2 mins   |
| ← 7. Turn <b>left</b> to stay on <b>Pinellas Bayway S</b>   | 1.6 mi<br>4 mins   |
| 8. Make a <b>U-turn</b> at <b>1st St E</b>  | 256 ft             |

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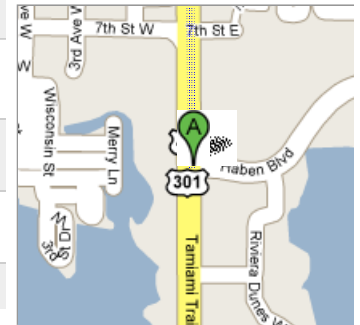
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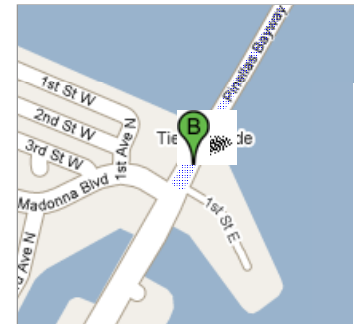
**Overview**



**Start**



**End**



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