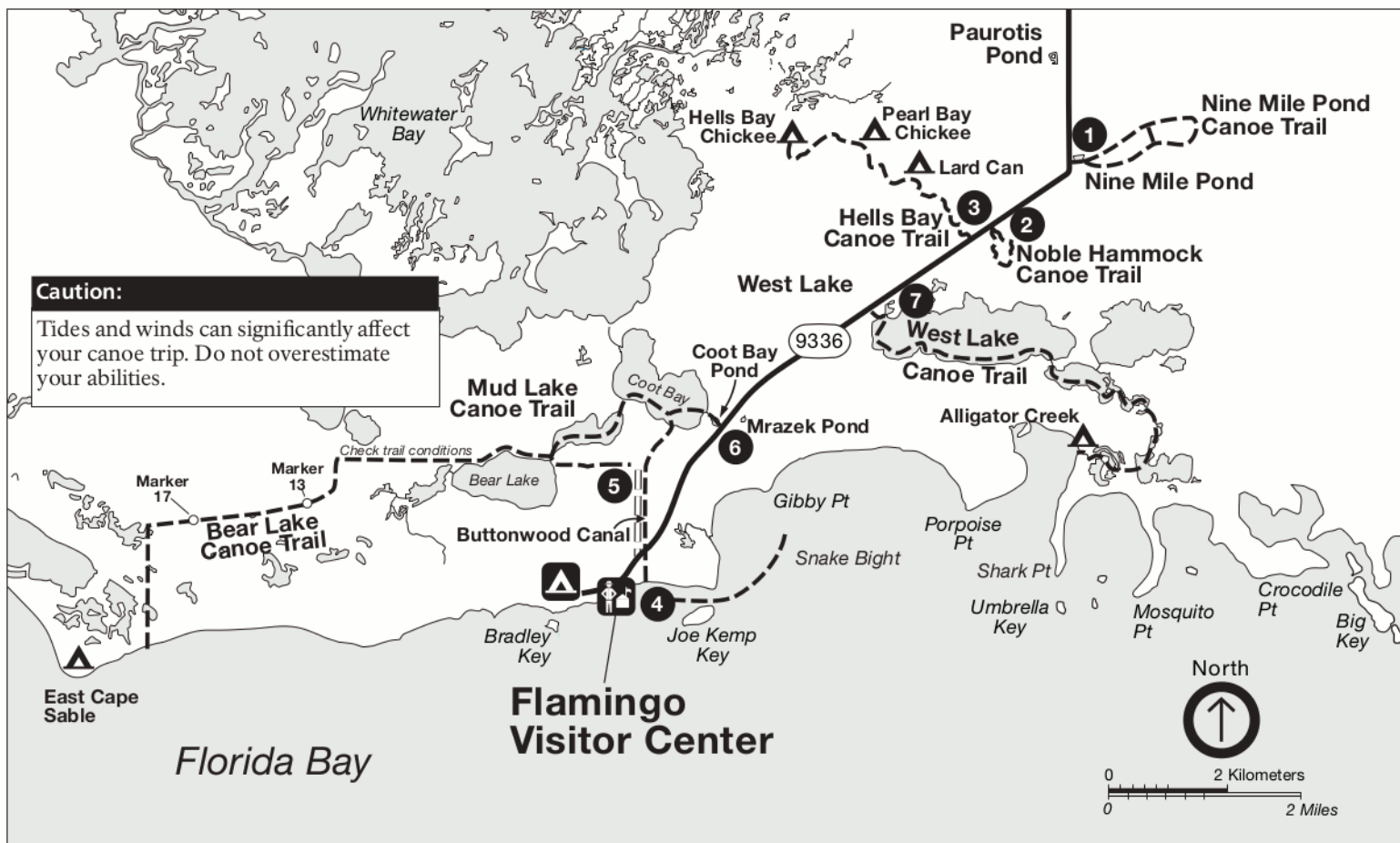


Flamingo Canoe Trails



① Nine Mile Pond

5.2 mile loop

This scenic trail passes through shallow grassy marsh with scattered mangrove islands. Watch for alligators, wading birds, and an occasional endangered snail kite. The trail is marked with numbered white poles. A more detailed trail map is also available. Motors prohibited.

② Noble Hammock

2 mile loop

Winding through a maze of shady mangrove-lined creeks and small ponds, the sharp turns and narrow passageways require good maneuvering skills. Enjoy a “crash” course. Check for low water levels during the dry season. A calm trail on a windy day. Motors prohibited.

③ Hell's Bay

3.0 miles to Lard Can Campsite
3.5 miles to Pearl Bay Chickee
5.5 miles to Hells Bay Chickee

“Hell to get into and Hell to get out of,” or so the old timers claimed. This sheltered route weaves through mangrove creeks and ponds to a series of small bays beyond Lard Can.

The trail is marked with more than 160 poles. A more detailed trail map is also available. Motors are prohibited from the trailhead to Lard Can. A wilderness permit is required for overnight camping.

④ Florida Bay

Distance varies

Opportunities for fun abound! Watch mullet jump and birds feed (particularly in Snake Bight during medium to high tide), do some fishing, or just enjoy the scenic bay. Explore Bradley Key (during daylight hours only), the only nearby key open to landing. The open waters of Florida Bay are relatively mosquito-free, even in the summer. Not recommended on windy days due to open, rough waters.

⑤ Bear Lake Canal

1.6 miles to Bear Lake
11.5 miles one way to Cape Sable

Impassable as of October 2005 due to the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma. Check any Everglades Visitor Center for current status.

⑥ Mud Lake

7 miles round trip from Coot Bay Pond

Venture inland through the mangroves on this trail connecting the Buttonwood Canal, Coot Bay, Mud Lake, and Bear Lake. Birding is often good at Mud Lake. Accessible from the Bear Lake Trailhead (note Bear Lake Canoe Trail is Impassable) or Coot Bay Pond. Motors are prohibited on Mud lake and Bear Lake.

⑦ West Lake

7.7 miles one way to Alligator Creek

Paddle through a series of large open lakes connected by narrow creeks lined with mangroves. Look for alligators and crocodiles. West Lake is closed to vessels with motors greater than 6 h.p. Motors are prohibited from the east end of West Lake through Alligator Creek. Not recommended on windy days due to open, rough waters. A wilderness permit is required for overnight camping.