

Trip Report HBYC Kayak Trip to Santa Fe River, High Springs Florida.

Nine HBYC members and two guests participated in our paddle in the Santa Fe River on March 9. Everyone had single kayaks.

Some of us met in Hudson at the Beacon Woods Café for breakfast before we drove to Santa Fe River Canoe Outpost. Two paddlers stayed the night before at the Moonshine Acres RV part in Fort White and met us there. We offloaded the boats at the Outpost and then took cars to the Highway 27 Boat Launch. The weather was warm and windy. We had a bit of a late start and rain was forecast to arrive in the afternoon, so we shortened the paddle. Unlike last year, the outpost didn't have a shuttle service, so we had to shuttle our own cars. My GPS logged the paddle for about 4 miles between our put in at the outpost and take out at Highway 27 Boat Launch.

Like last year, the river was shallow, clear, and scenic. We had a nice current pushing us down the river. Paddlers report counting over 300 turtles and a few small alligators.

After we loaded up the boats, we drove to Sam's Pizza and Subs. The food there was fine.

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