

***Trip Report HBYC Kayak Trip
to Robert Rees Park (Green Key),
New Port Richie, FL***

At 9 o'clock on Saturday morning, 18 eager paddlers dropped their boats along the road approaching the park, found legal parking spaces and headed out into the water for another one of Gary Welcher's special mangrove trails.

We had 15 club members and three guests, paddling several different styles of kayaks and a canoe, which turned out not to be as much fun as had been anticipated.

This trip turned out to be a lesson in "***always expect the unexpected***" as we paddled through a very narrow mangrove trail that was supposed to dump into a nice lagoon area. But, thanks to mother nature, we ended up having to maneuver 180° and exit out- a large tree had fallen across the trail and prevented us from continuing.

We continued paddling around the area and then over to Robert Rees Beach, for a picnic lunch.

No one seemed to be super disappointed about our trail and was more inclined to believe that a picnic with friends and any day on the water is a great day.

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