

Steinhatchee River Kayak Trip

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Sixteen kayakers braved a chilly 40 degree morning and traveled to meet at Kathi's Krab Shack in downtown Steinhatchee, Florida. We turned things around a bit and had an early lunch before the trip down the river. By the time we launched at the Steinhatchee Falls Park, the weather was warm and pleasant.

We put in just below the "falls" which appeared to be 1 to 2 feet and traveled about 6 miles to the edge of town, avoiding most of the river that could accommodate power boats. As far as we could tell we had the upper part of the river to ourselves.

Les had a bit of a tumble as we launched, but the rest of the trip was uneventful although a ride through some small rapids and several areas where most of us got stuck on some rocks at least once added some excitement. Along the way, we saw a lot of birds, mostly pelicans, hawks and buzzards, manatees, fish and perhaps a dolphin.

After an enjoyable 3 hours on the river, we found our take out point with no problem. It was late afternoon when we arrived and were greeted by swarms of sand flies. Thanks to these little buggers we will be reminded of this pleasant day for the next week or so. We stowed our kayaks, and half of the group returned to Hudson. The rest of us stayed over at the Good Time Motel and enjoyed an evening meal at Roy's Restaurant.

Check out the website (www.myhbyc.com) or the club's Facebook page for pictures posted by some of our fellow paddlers ([Link](#)).

This was our last outing of the year and my last in two enjoyable terms as kayak director. I have appreciated the opportunity to get to know so many of the members better and appreciate the willingness of so many to help out when needed. I look forward to next year and know Mike Lewis will do a great job as kayak director.

George Spiggle
Kayak Director