

## **Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail Camping Permit Application Instructions- Section 5**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge  
P.O. Box 68  
St. Marks, Florida 32355

Primitive campsites have been established on the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) for use by through paddlers on the Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail. Paddlers must possess an approved permit from the St. Marks NWR to use these sites. The permittee must have the permit in their possession while camping on the St. Marks NWR.

- An applicant may apply for no more than one trip per month.
- Separate applications must be submitted for each trip.
- A \$1/person per night fee will be charged for the permits. Checks or money orders made out to the "U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service" must accompany the application.
- Applications may be submitted up to 6 months in advance and must be submitted no less than two weeks prior to desired camping dates.
- Permits will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- You may call 850/925-6121 to verify availability and reserve your traveling dates.
- To hold your reservation and receive your permit, a signed application must be received with payment within seven days of your phone reservation.
- You can find specific maps and see a Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Guide online at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/paddling/saltwater.htm>
- Please call 850/925-6121 to cancel your reservation if you are unable to make your trip.
- Permit is nontransferable.

### Permit Provisions:

1. Camping is allowed only for one night on the date specified on the camping permit. Camping will only be permitted in sequential order of campsites from the starting date forward. All sites are limited to a capacity of 8 people and 4 tents.
2. All campsites are located on offshore islands, no water or toilet facilities are available. Solid human waste must be removed from campsite in appropriate bags or receptacles. Also, pack out all toilet tissue and hygiene products.
3. The Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail traverses a remote area of Florida with limited road access