



Kayak with the staff of the USF St. Petersburg Waterfront through the Shell Key Preserve. The trip will be about eight miles from start to finish. During the trip we will be making a stop on Shell Key to relax, walk the beach, swim in the surf, and gather shells. As an added bonus, due to the predicted high tide, we'll be able to paddle through the mangrove tunnel!

Trip Date Sunday October 25, 2009

We will meet at USF St. Pete at 12:30pm and carpool to the launch site near Fort Desoto. We expect to arrive back on campus by approximately 7:30p Sunday evening. Kayaks, PFDs, seats, and paddles are included in the cost of the event and will be provided for everyone who registers for the trip.

Shell Key is an undeveloped barrier island located in the Gulf of Mexico near Fort DeSoto. This natural and extraordinary type of ecosystem is rare in Florida and is critical to the survival of a number of wildlife species that depend on coastal systems. There are no roads leading to or on Shell Key, the only access to the key is by water. The Preserve is comprised of mangrove islands, sea grass beds, sand bars, and mudflats. The preserve protects our natural resources while providing opportunities for recreation

This trip is for people who have kayaking experience. We will travel as a group. The entire trip will be lead by USFSP staff. Previous kayaking experience or a lesson, such as our SmartStart program, is highly recommended.

What to bring:

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| Sun screen (30+) | Granola bars/Snacks | Swim suit |
| Sunglasses | Water | Hat |

You may also wish to bring a waterproof camera, towel, water shoes, bug spray and dry cloths – to change into upon your return.

Costs for Kayak Adventure:

- \$10.00 for USF Students
- \$20.00 for USF Faculty and Staff
- \$20.00 for Alumni and Affiliates
- \$30.00 for Audit Students
- \$30.00 for the General Public

We are unable to issue refunds

Contact The Waterfront at 727-873-4597 or water@spadmin.usf.edu for more information.