Blueway encompasses three distinct regions of the Gulf you locate amenities along the trail. Highlights of these protected waterways while also helping the Caloosahatchee and its tributaries.

Shay) Pass. A third leg of the trail takes paddlers inland to on Pine Island Sound and Matlacha (pronounced Mat-la- through Estero Bay, while the second segment centers of Mexico coast. The first portion of the trail meanders to beach and shoreline funded with tourist development dollar specifically dedicated to beach and shoreline enhancement projects.

Inspired by the indigenous Calusas, the Great Calusa Blueway encompasses three distinct regions of the Gulf of Mexico coast. The first portion of the trail wades through Estero Bay, while the second segment centers on Pine Island Sound and Matlacha (pronounced Mat-la- through Estero Bay, while the second segment centers of Mexico coast. The first portion of the trail meanders to beach and shoreline funded with tourist development dollar specifically dedicated to beach and shoreline enhancement projects.

As you explore the Great Calusa Blueway, we remind you to preserve this paddling paradise by leaving nothing behind and taking only photos. Remember to respect the ecosystem. It is an environment that is as beautiful as it is fragile. It is a wonderland that has sustained life for many millennia. Please paddle safely.

We urge paddlers to avoid the powerboat channel, which is busy and used by recreational and commercial vessels. Powerboats are also listed on the map and Web site. These signs serve to let paddlers know they are at a location that Blueway Paddling Trail Access signs at various shore-access points. These signs serve to let paddlers know they are at a location that is also listed on the map and Web site.

Maps are shown of all three regions, but covers only the Caloosahatchee River and its tributaries in detail. We map shows all three regions, but covers only the Caloosahatchee River and its tributaries in detail. We hope it will serve as your guide to the natural and historic highlights of these protected waterways while also helping you locate amenities along the trail.

Navigation:

The ecological map of the Caloosahatchee River shows tributaries that are suggested routes and destinations for canoeists and kayakers. There is no marked trail on the river, but as an exploratory tool. It’s calculated by paddler to add to the powerboat channel. A list of parks, visit www.FortMyers-Sanibel.com.

Lee County invites paddlers from around the world to explore the fabled bays, rivers, backwaters and shorelines of Southwest Florida. The Great Calusa Blueway paddling trail has been developed by Lee County Parks at Recreation and funded with tourist development tax dollars specifically dedicated to beach and shoreline enhancement projects.

Play It Safe:

• Use caution at passes, strong currents exist.
• Watch for motorboats; stay to the right and turn your bow into the wake.
• Use caution at passes; strong currents exist.
• Paddle in a group or with a buddy.
• Secure your car and take keys with you.

Recommended Safety Gear:

• PFD or life preserver (worn by all occupants under age 6).
• Extra paddle
• Sunglasses, sunscreen, covering and hats
• Binoculars, GPS system
• Flashlight and whistle
• First aid kit
• Bow and stern line
• Cell phone
• Map or chart
• Water shoes, dry bag
• Extra paddle
• Row or oar
• Life jacket and/or personal flotation device (PFD) for each occupant. PFD must be worn by all occupants under age 6.

Paddling Trail - www.CalusaBlueway.com

For More Information:

239-533-7275
3410 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33916

Play It Safe:

• Use caution at passes, strong currents exist.
• Watch for motorboats; stay to the right and turn your bow into the wake.
• Secure your car and take keys with you.
• Paddle in a group or with a buddy.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.
• Access to property should be by permission only.
• Let someone know your plans - where you are going and when you plan to be back.
• Be careful with camping; sea could move whenever possible.