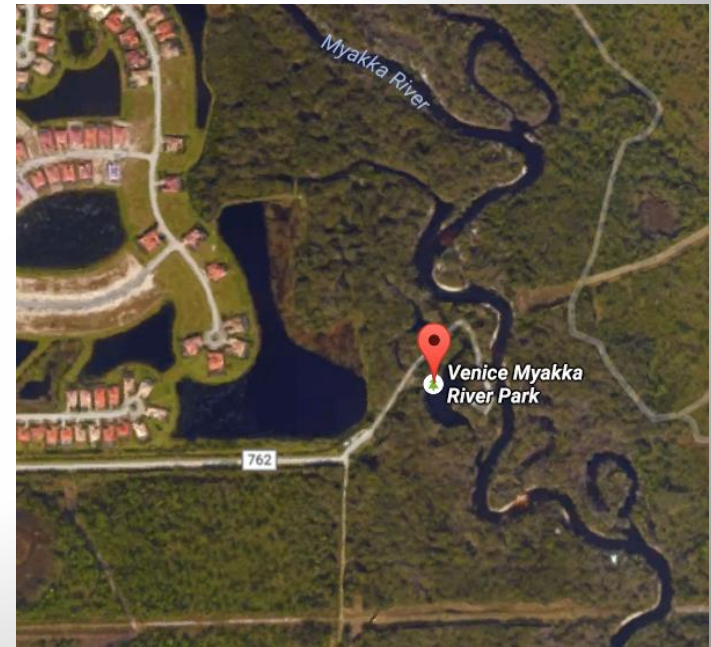


Kayak Launch Assist for Venice Myakka River Park

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Venice Myakka River Park

- Land provided by WCI to City of Venice
- Adjacent to Venetian Golf and River Club
- Park developed about 6 or 8 years ago



Venice Myakka River Park



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- Kayak Launch – Ramp and Dock



Venice Myakka River Park

- Paddling out to Myakka River



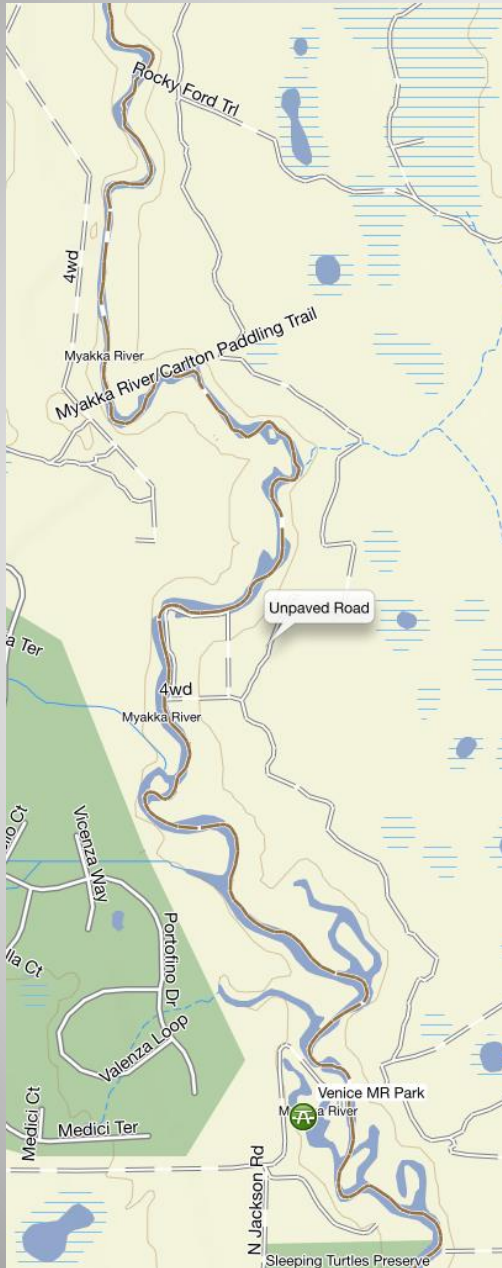
Out on the Myakka River

- Florida's Wild and Scenic River
- You'll see why the Park is important for water access

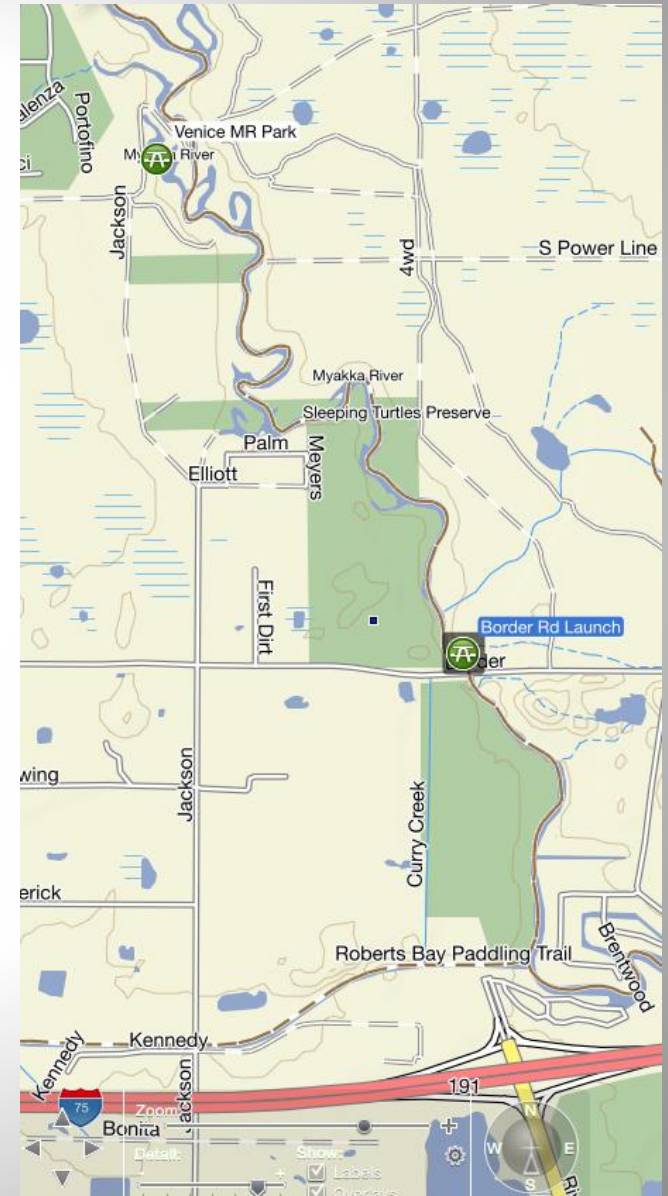


Northern-Most River Access south of State Park

Looking North



Looking South



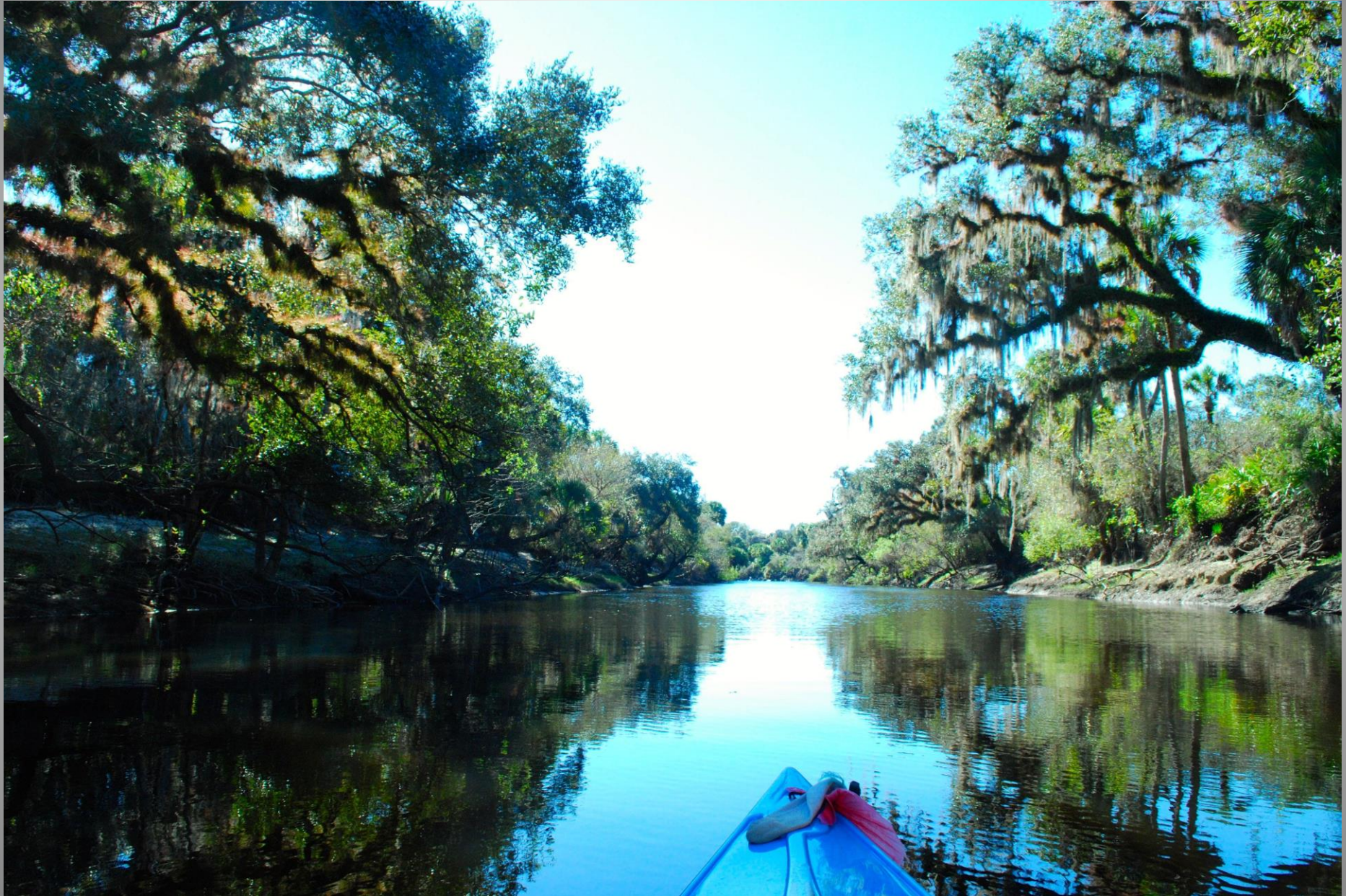
Out on the Myakka River



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Rocky Ford

North of
The
Park



Why We Need a Kayak/Canoe Launch Assist



Many Kayakers can use
help...



Let's look at the Existing Dock

8' Wide
24' Long

Piling to
hold in
position



Ramp and Pipe Stabilizers



One Solution

- Oscar Sherer State Park
- May require assistance, especially exiting water
- Would have to replace existing dock at Venice Park
- Manufacturer - Kay-aKcess (Kay-aKcess.com)



Oscar Scherer Florida State Park

A Better Solution for Venice Myakka River Park

- EZ Launch
- Seen and used at Camp Bayou in Ruskin
- Add-On to existing Dock
- Rollers make entry and exit very easy
- ADA bars provide equivalent function to Kay-aKcess
- Manufacturer – EZDock [ez-dock.com]

Let's take a look.....

The secret is rollers....and grab bars



Camp Bayou has a double unit

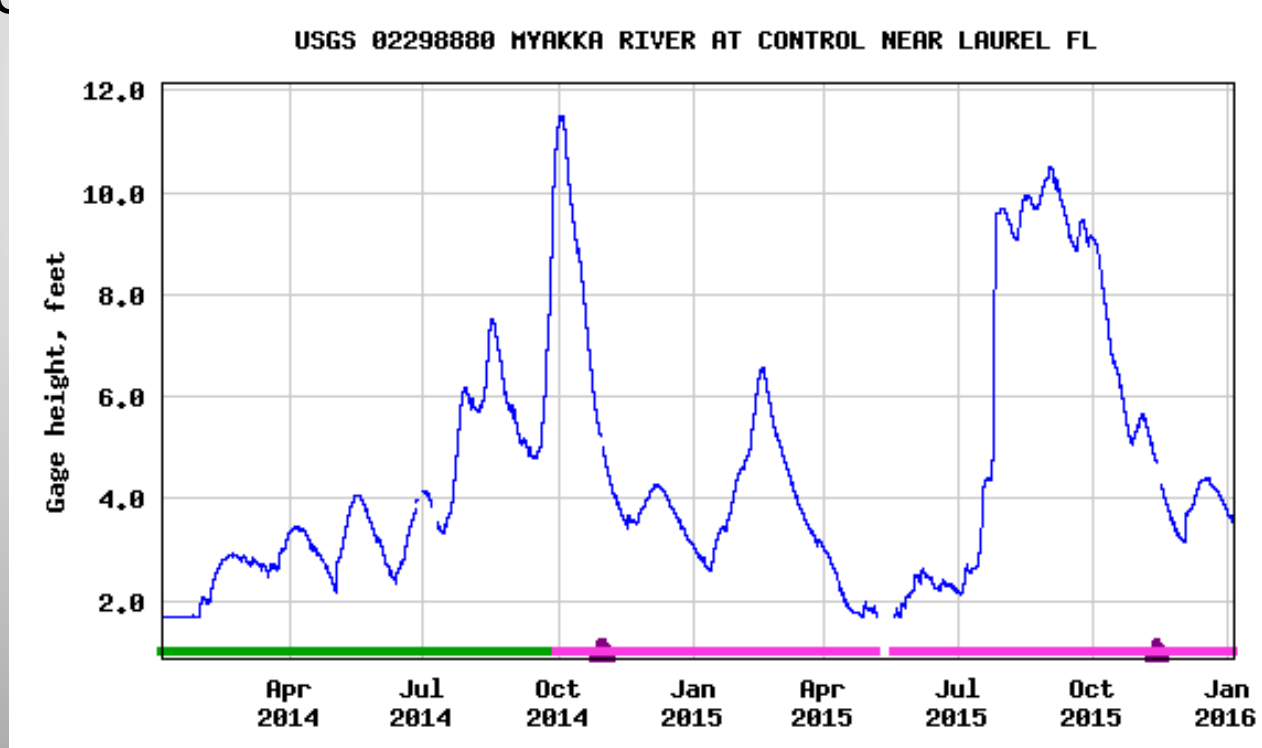


Getting in and out is a snap...

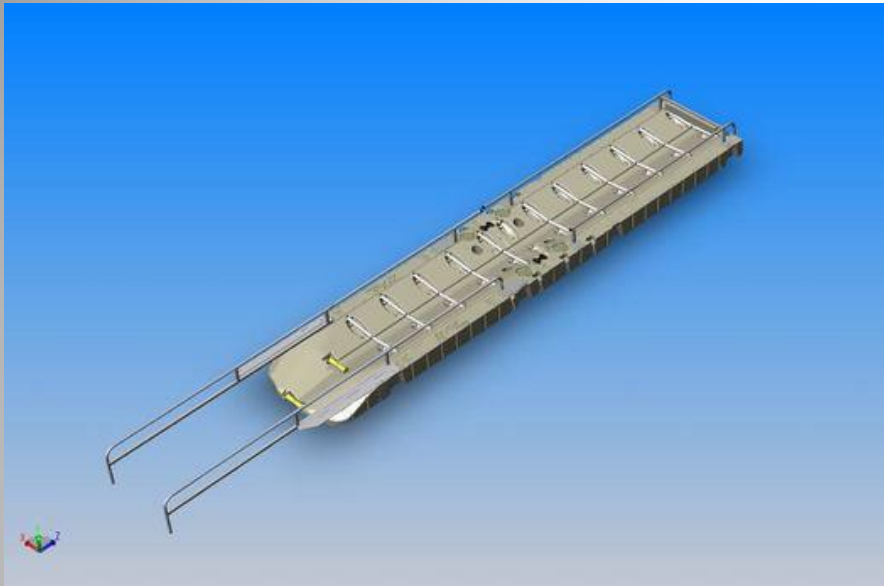


Considerations....

- That big piling – can't attach double unit to the end of our dock
- Use single units? Come in LH and RH models
- Verify that EZ Launch will attach to our dock – float heights
- Currents aren't a problem – but river rises and falls



Manufacturer Information



Double Unit

Manufacturer Rep is
In Tampa – they did
Camp Bayou
installation.

Single Unit
w/ADA bar



Acquiring the Launch Device

- Manufacturer's rep visit in May
- Pricing - \$11,500 for installed single unit
- Presenting to NGOs, City, County if necessary
- Fiduciary is Friends of Sarasota County Parks
- Grant cycles in early 2017
- Hopefully purchase and install 2H17

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

