

Kayak Launch Assist for Venice Myakka River Park

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Why I'm here:

- Kayak launch device for Venice Myakka River Park
- Difficulty entering / exiting kayak off of floating docks
- Solutions available:
 - Oscar Sherer State Park, Nokomis, FL
 - Camp Bayou, Hillsborough County, Ruskin FL
- Provide accessibility features - limited ADA compliance
- Best solution in my opinion is Ez-Launch
 - Attach to existing dock vs dock replacement
- Accessible kayaking for all persons including those with disabilities
- Least effort required to use - has rollers
- Other installations: Camp Bayou; (Jiggs Landing, Bradenton; Volusia County

Process:

- Identify recommenders and decision makers ☺
- Engage manufacturer's local distributor for design and pricing ☺
- Parks Advisory Board recommendation ☺
- City Public Works concurrence ☺
- Fiduciary - Friends of Sarasota County Parks ☺
- Venice City Council approval
- County approval (maintenance)
- Funds from NGOs, County, State, private
- Proposed one single unit on existing dock - \$11,500

Benefits:

- Safety for users
- Accessibility
- Ease of use
- Enhancement to Venice Myakka River Park

Local Distributor:

- Manufacturer - Ez-Dock Web: www.ez-dock.com
- Ez-Dock local representative: Web: www.ezdockfl.com