

Directions to Beacon 42 Launch Site



Launching from Beacon 42 Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge

Beacon 42 Launch Site is 22 minutes east of Titusville on the Merritt Island Refuge 1.65 miles N of Haulover Canal.....

From Titusville

1. Take SR406/402 (Garden Street) across the Max Brewer Causeway and the Indian River to the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.
2. Approximately 2 miles after crossing the Causeway **turn left** as SR 406 veers left off of SR 402 the main road, towards Black Point Wildlife Drive. Continue to follow SR406 past the **gravel road** entrance to Black Point Wildlife Drive to the stop sign where SR 406 ends at Kennedy Parkway (Old SR3). Take a **left** at the stop sign; travel and approximately 3.5 miles on SR3/Kennedy Parkway to the draw bridge over Haulover Canal. You may pass signs to our Haulover Launch. Please continue to the Beacon 42 launch site if that is where your confirmation directs.
3. After the drawbridge continue 1.65 miles to the giant golf ball (radar tracking station) and take a right to the launch area.
4. Follow that road east all the way to the end. That is where we will meet and launch the kayaks. This road is a gravel/dirt road that is several hundred yards through the trees before reaching the launch area on Mosquito Lagoon. Park facing west along the tree line away from the water.

From Universal Orlando area:

Take the Beachline (SR528) East to I-95 North. From North I-95 take the SR 406/402/Garden St. (exit 220) and take a right/East through town to the Max Brewer Causeway then follow the directions "From Titusville above."

From Central Orlando

Enter Titusville via SR 50 and take I-95 North one exit to SR406/Garden St. (exit 220). Then follow the directions From Titusville above.

From North Orlando, Lake Mary, Apopka, Sanford

Take 17/92 north or south depending on your location to SR 46; Take SR 46 East to I-95
Take I-95 North to County Road 5A (exit 231). Follow the direction below from Daytona Area.

From Cocoa Beach, Cape Canaveral, Merritt Island, Melbourne and South Florida:

Enter Titusville from I-95 North to Exit #220 (directions above) or US 1 North through Titusville to SR 406/402 Garden St. and follow the directions From Titusville above.

From Daytona, New Smyrna, Edgewater, Ormond Beach Area

Take I-95 South to County Road 5A (exit 231). Follow 5A East 1 mile to US1. Take a left/North on US1 travel approximately 5 miles till you intersect SR3/Kennedy Parkway on your right. (Marked by the big brown sign for Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge) Take Kennedy Parkway South 7 miles till you see the a giant golf ball (satellite tracking station). Take a left on the gravel road as you pass the tracking station. If you reach Haulover Canal drawbridge, you have missed your turn and come too far south. Follow the gravel road several hundred yards east through the trees to Mosquito Lagoon and the Beacon 42 ramp. Park facing west along the tree line away from the water.

Be sure to stop and use the restroom in town before coming out on the Refuge. Unfortunately there are no facilities at the launch site....

Please Note:

SR 406 closes 2-4 days prior to Shuttle launches. As an alternate route to kayak launch site follow the instructions above for Daytona, entering the refuge from the North entrance.

If you have any difficulty finding us you may reach us at one of the following numbers...

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