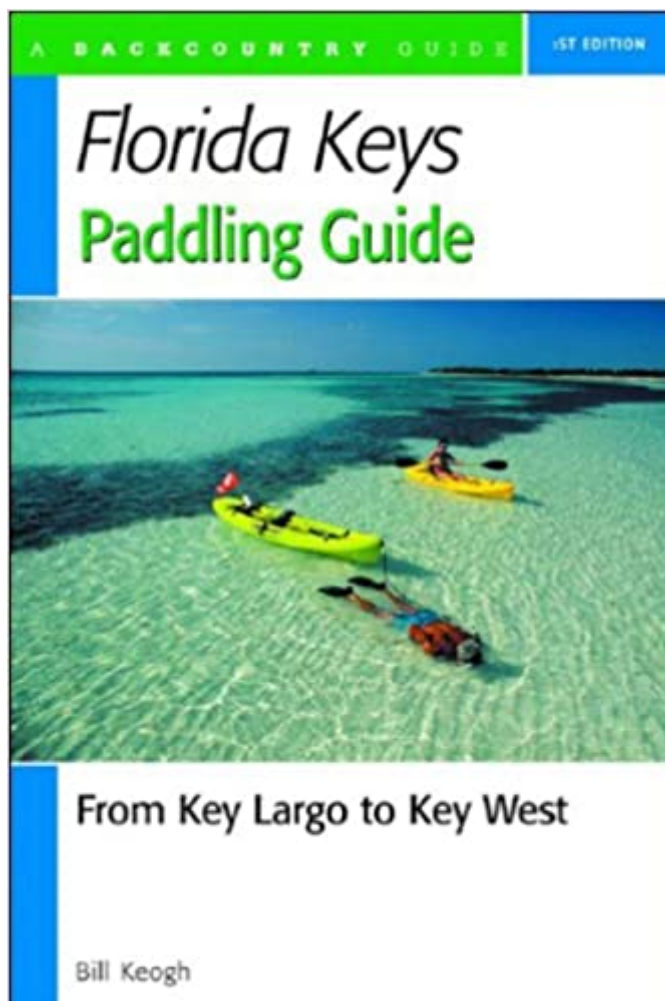


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# Florida Keys Paddling Guide: From Key Largo To Key West



## Synopsis

An all-new guide to sea kayaking trips throughout Florida's celebrated Keys. The region from the southernmost point of the Florida peninsula, stretching south and west to the Dry Tortugas National Park, is one of the most biologically diverse ecosystems in the continental United States, and there's no better way to explore it than by kayak. Here the freshwater temperate latitudes meld with a tropical marine environment to create unique paddling opportunities. In the nearshore waters, secret mangrove tunnels, unending beds of turtle grass, and colorful sponge flats contrast with the vibrant coral-studded waters found offshore. Bill Keogh is your guide to this paddler's paradise. Each trip in this new guide includes a chart, route suggestions, information on distance, tides, and winds, and safety tips. You'll also find information on the wildlife, habitats, and ecosystems that will be encountered, as well as historical and natural features of the area. 30 black & white photographs, index.

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## Customer Reviews

Bill Keogh is owner of Big Pine Kayak Adventures, Inc., a guide business that leads paddling tours in the Keys. His years of experience include providing photographs and leading backcountry paddling trips for many environmental organizations, including National Geographic, The Nature Conservancy, and World Wildlife Fund. He lives in Big Pine Key, Florida.

There have been at least four books written in the past decade about paddling in the Keys. All are

worth a read. What I find remarkable about Bill's book is he found his own niche by heavy coverage of the floral, fauna and marine life that paddlers can see if they pay attention to their surroundings. He is not the first to do so. Bruce Wachob another Florida Keys kayak guide SEA KAYAKING IN THE FLORIDA KEYS (1997) started the tide rolling in that direction.. Kathy Paton, KAYAKING THE KEYS, 2002 , covers it to a lesser extent and does a fine job on the lower keys... Bill Keogh's book covers all of this plus the best put in's and trips in the upper, middle and lower keys. From Mile post 125 to Mile Post 1 and is a must for anyone even half seriously contemplating paddling these waters. WARNING You cannot paddle the keys by driving down U.S. 1 and looking for places to put-in. Most of those are way off the beaten automotive track . Winds and tides are a real puzzle for visitors and even native guides. Bill's book will set you on the proper course for a good paddling experience.

We took this book with us for a paddling trip in the Florida Keys. The book definitely needs to be updated. We couldn't do some of the day trips we wanted to because the put-in sites listed in the guide were no longer available -- blocked by locked gates. When I ordered the book, I didn't realize that the publication date of the "all-new guide to sea kayaking trips" was 2004! Good descriptions of what you might see on each outing -- if you can get out on the water.

Great guide with a lot of details on places to stop in the Keys!! Looking forward to checking out spots next week!!!

After reading this book my friends and I went down to the Keys and got some kayaks from Bill. Not only was he a real nice guy but he knows just about every inch of good paddling water in the Keys. Detailed descriptions of islands and things like water depth can also help fishermen, A must buy for anyone wanting to do kayaking in the Florida Keys.

This is the most detailed and best organized guide I have ever seen. Overlaid photos of sections of the Keys from North to South in color. This guide makes sense and give you a lively feeling for what is an exciting sport. I really wish the writers would take on the rest of Florida starting with the Everglades.

If you want to kayak in the Keys, you need this book!

I would recommend to any kayaker or canoer in south Florida. You do however want to google map and zoom in for a little better view. Has been a great addition to our fishing trips.

helpfully, but more focus on wild life versus boating and camping

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