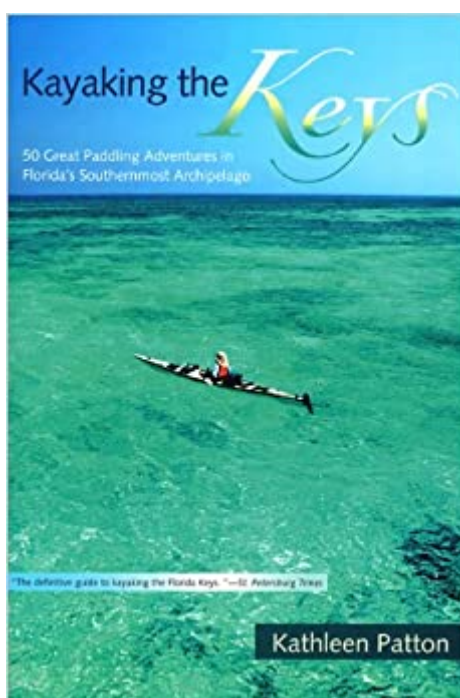


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# Kayaking The Keys: 50 Great Paddling Adventures In Florida's Southernmost Archipelago



## Synopsis

"The definitive guide to kayaking the Florida Keys."--Jeff Klinkenberg, St. Petersburg Times  
"The author has gone to great lengths to provide the necessary details to make kayaking in the Keys easy."--James Bell, Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuge  
Spanning the 200-mile stretch of the Florida Keys, this field guide to the entire island chain highlights 50 paddling adventures, many for canoeists as well as kayakers. Trips include short paddles suitable for beginners and children, half-day trips as well as day-long and overnight excursions. Kathleen Patton provides an overview of the region's environment, describing its terrestrial and marine habitats. She covers equipment needs, safety concerns, weather patterns, and adapting tide tables for specific areas. Trips are arranged geographically, beginning near Miami at the top of the Keys in Biscayne National Park and stretching 73 miles past Key West to Dry Tortugas National Park. Each profile includes directions to the launch site, estimated paddling time, kayak rental availability, a detailed itinerary, and a route map. Icons mark each route's particular strengths: for example, great snorkeling, historical interest, camping, and appropriate trips for canoeists and for children. Patton also directs paddlers to the best reefs, swimming holes, and pristine sandbars for wildlife viewing--birds, manatees, dolphins, tropical reef fish, coral heads, sponges, sea stars, and huge spotted eagle rays. Clear, concise trip descriptions and detailed maps make Kayaking the Keys the most complete guide for paddlers of all ages and abilities who want to explore the only tropical waters in America that are accessible by automobile. Kathleen Patton is program coordinator for Florida Keys Discovery, a nonprofit community education project.

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Kathleen Patton is program coordinator for Florida Keys Discovery, a nonprofit community education project. She is a resident of Key West and paddles the waters there every week.

Ms Patton surely has vast experience paddling the keys!!! The information is a great guide that will assist in knowing and understanding the ins and outs of paddling all sides of the keys and related considerations. I wish there was more information on legal camping sites and locations! State parks seem to be the most viable options for through kayakers but availability and pricing need very careful scrutiny! Ms Pattons experince seems to be more aligned with driving from her residence, paddling a particular area then heading back to her residence. My personal outlook is to find a way to start in the everglades and make my way down through the keys using my kayak . Ending in key west and maybe a day on the western island from there. Reasonable camping and or other low budget accomodations is what i am looking for in terms of good info! In all a wonderful book with a personal touch and very exacting details pertinent to ALL aspects with the exception of overnight accomodations.

kayak the keys and this is perfect for the hidden spots

Book is awesome but there are some launch site errors specifically you cannot launch from the Florida Keys Community College

Great book for exploring with our kayaks in the keys.

Great informative guide book, reading it is like listening to your best friend, (who lives in the keys) sharing their best places to kayak the keys!

If you, like me, are a deep lover of nature and someone who likes discover new adventures in the natural world this book is a prize! It's prose excited me about the wonders waiting for me in the Keys, and it's information gave me the confidence to take those three free days I had in South

Florida while on a business trip and rent a kayak, throw it on my rental car, and explore. Wow! What a trip. Thank you Kathleen Patton for your passion and attention to detail.

Nice book, engagingly written. Unfortunately, it lacks a good naturalist section, which is indispensable for answering those "ohmigod, what did I just see?!" questions. Bill Keogh's book has got all the trips, with better maps and precise GPS coordinates, plus a comprehensive "about the flora and fauna" section with fun animal facts and drawings that make it easy to identify your quarry.

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