PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

Florida Kayak Packing Checklist

Your paddle, life vest and whistle arrive with the kayak. Everything else here is what you bring. Print it and tick it off.

Comes with your rental

- [x] **Paddle** (one per seat. Pedal kayaks include the pedal drive)
- [x] **Life vest** (one per paddler. Wear it the whole time)
- [x] **Safety whistle** (clip it to your vest)

Dry bags are included when we have them, but not with every rental. Pedal kayaks have built-in dry storage. For a paddle kayak, bring your own.

Sun

- [ ] Sunscreen and SPF lip balm
- [ ] Hat with a chin strap or clip
- [ ] Polarized sunglasses with a strap
- [ ] Sun hoodie or UPF long-sleeve shirt

Wear

- [ ] Quick-dry shorts or pants (skip jeans and heavy cotton)
- [ ] Water shoes or sport sandals with a heel strap

Water and food

- [ ] Water in a bottle you can reach
- [ ] Electrolytes and a salty snack on hot days
- [ ] Small soft cooler (optional, if it fits behind the seat)

Phone and valuables

- [ ] Your own dry bag or waterproof pouch (a must on paddle kayaks)
- [ ] Charged phone, sealed inside it
- [ ] Lanyard or float for the phone if you take photos
- [ ] Text someone your plan and return time

Small extras

- [ ] Bug spray (dawn and dusk, near mangroves)
- [ ] Waterproof bandages
- [ ] White flashlight or headlamp if near sunset
- [ ] Sealed bag for trash
- [ ] Towel and dry shirt left on the dock

If you are fishing

- [ ] Florida saltwater fishing license (a kayak is a vessel. Check myfwc.com)
- [ ] Rod leash and a small tackle box
- [ ] Pliers, hook remover and measuring tape

If you are bringing a dog

- [ ] Dog life vest with a handle
- [ ] Collapsible bowl and fresh water
- [ ] Text us first so we can confirm what works

Leave these at the house

Glass bottles · alcohol (Florida's boating under the influence law covers kayaks) · flip-flops · big hard coolers · good watches and loose jewelry · anything not clipped or bagged · food for wildlife (feeding manatees is prohibited).

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