

RIVER OF GRASS CANOE EXPEDITION

January 2-7, 2010

The Facts

WHAT:

The River of Grass Canoe Expedition 2010 is a 6-day, 78-mile adventure to kick-off The Year of the Everglades in Palm Beach County

WHEN:

Saturday, January 2, through Thursday, January 7, 2010

WHERE:

+ Starting Point:

Where the Kissimmee River flows into Lake Okeechobee - 8 a.m. on January 2

+ The Route:

-- From starting point to Sand Cut/L 8 Canal = 36 miles +/-

-- From Okeechobee Dyke at Sand Cut to the M Canal = 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles

-- From M Canal / L8 Canal to Control #2 on the M Canal = 3 miles +/-

-- From Control #2 to Control #3 on the M Canal = 9 miles

-- From Control #3 to Grassy Waters Preserve via the Loxahatchee Slough = 5 miles

+ The Grand Finale Flotilla of Kayaks and Canoes:

Launching from the City of West Palm Beach boat dock, accessed from the extension of 60th Street North, at the beginning of the Grassy Waters / Loxahatchee Slough - noon on January 7

+ The Arrival Reception:

At The Bingham Nature Pavilion at Grassy Waters Preserve at 8264 Northlake Boulevard in West Palm Beach - 4 p.m. on January 7

WHO:

The Marshall Foundation is seeking a group of Core Paddlers to participate in the River of Grass Canoe Expedition, including interested naturalists, environmental activists, scientists, educators, writers and more.

Deadline for Core Paddler Applications - October 15, 2000

The arrival reception at 4 p.m. on January 7 at Grassy Waters Preserve will include West Palm Beach Mayor Lois Frankel and a representative from the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners who will proclaim 2010 as The Year of the Everglades. Delegates to the 25th annual Everglades Coalition Conference are also expected to attend.

WHY:

The multi-purpose mission of the River of Grass Canoe/Kayak Expedition is:

- + To draw attention to the invaluable role that the Everglades plays in the ecology of Florida
- + To emphasize the need to conserve and respect this key resource
- + To document the current state of its health and well-being
- + To celebrate both the 25th anniversary of The Everglades Coalition Conference and the Florida Friends (of the Everglades) Conference, as well as kick-off The Year of the Everglades, a commitment to recognizing, protecting and respecting this most unique and crucial resource

HOW:

Interested participants are encouraged to access River of Grass Canoe Expedition sign-up forms at www.artmarshall.org.

EXPEDITION PARTNERS INCLUDE:

- + The Arthur R. Marshall Foundation
- + Palm Beach County
- + The City of West Palm Beach
- + Grassy Waters Preserve Foundation
- + Friends of the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
- + Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County
- + Everglades Area Tours