

Turtle Creek



Turtle Creek Launch Site #2

Access: From Interstate 10, exit 56, at Crestview, FL, drive south on Hwy 85 11.4 miles to the intersection of Hwy 123. Bear right onto Hwy 123 and continue 5.0 miles to the intersection of Hwy 85. Bear right onto Hwy 85 and continue 0.7 miles to the intersection of Gen. Robert M. Bond Blvd on the right. Turn right onto Gen. Bond and continue 1.4 miles to the intersection of Lewis Turner Blvd. Bear right onto Lewis Turner and continue 1.3 miles to the intersection of Eglin RR234 on the right. Turn right onto RR234 and continue 4.9 miles to the creek access road on the left; just east of the creek bridge. N30 30.551 W86 40.217 The first half of RR234 is paved but has many large pot holes. After that it is red clay which becomes quite sticky when wet. There are 2 launch options. The first is just a few hundred feet down the access road. N30 30.467 W86 40.234 The other is approximately .25 miles from RR234. N30 30.340 W86 40.318 The first launch site has a log across the creek that will have to be negotiated after launching. The second site is easier to launch from but requires driving through three rather deep depressions that will be filled with water after a rain. This is an out and back paddle since the creek flows into a closed area. Also be aware the area above the RR234 Bridge is a closed area.

Map: <http://www.google.com/maps?q=30.505667,-86.671967&hl=en&z=16&ll=30.505667,-86.671967>

Parking: Launch #1 will accommodate 4 vehicles as most. Launch site #2 has a large unpaved parking area and may be crowded on weekends and holidays.

Fee for use: Eglin Pass required. Frequently closed for military operations. Contact Jackson Guard in Niceville for status.

Facilities: No

Security: Patrolled by Jackson Guard. You may be ticketed for having a dog in an area used for swimming.