

# MIDDLE ECONFINA CREEK

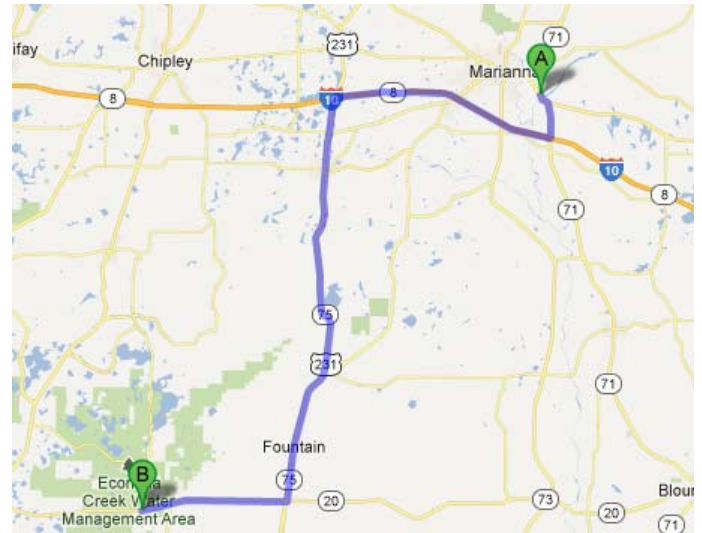
## Canoe Livery to Highway 388

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Spring-fed Econfina Creek is cool and fast-moving, with several springs on offshoots of the creek. The upper parts can be very challenging, but the middle part is easygoing.

**From the Campground:** Turn left out of the campground on to US 90, head east, and turn right on SR 71, heading south toward the Interstate. Head west on I-10 about 11 miles. Take the US 231 exit and go south 23 miles, toward Panama City. At State Road 20, we'll turn right and head west again, toward Econfina Creek.

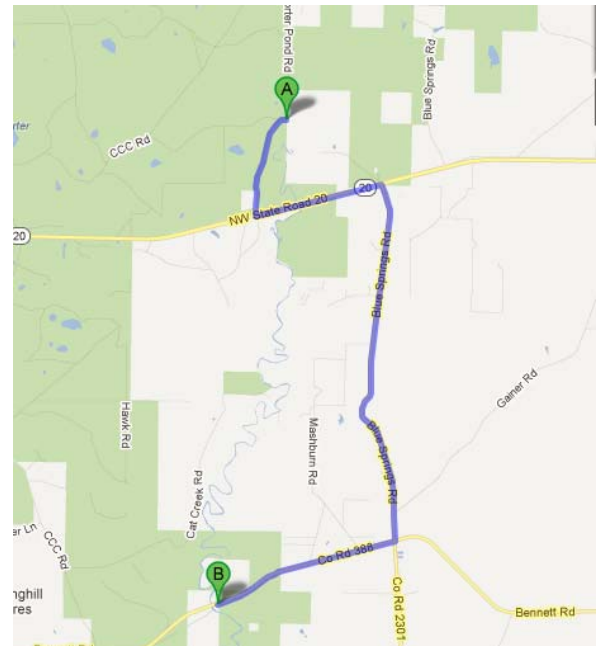
For small trips, people put in from the public landing on State Road 20. But we're going to have large groups, and we'll be putting in farther upstream, at the local canoe livery. Go 7.4 miles from US 231, cross the creek, and be prepared to slow and turn right on Strickland Road. In 1 more mile we come to the Econfina Creek Canoe Livery. Because we're getting some better parking and getting some better facilities for a larger group, there will be a fee for the put-in here.



**Shuttle:** Go back out the dirt road, turn left on Highway 20 (watch for cars!) and go across the creek again. About a mile up the road, on the uphill, turn right onto Blue Springs Road. Go south 3 miles. Turn right on Highway 388, go about a mile, and there is a boat ramp on the right, just after the bridge. No facilities here except some trash cans. Then, drivers will shuttle us back to the put-in.

**On the Creek:** Once you get on the water, you'll sense the current. We'll also pass some cold and clear springs. Some of them can create the photographic illusion that a kayak is floating in the air! The creek will be narrow as we start out and pass the public boat ramp, and then go under the Highway 20 bridge, so don't bunch up too much.

The creek is also crossed by the Florida Trail hiking trail, and runs through sculpted limestone banks.



**Going Home:** The take-out is on the right as we meet the Highway 388 bridge. After you get your boat and gear loaded, turn left onto Highway 388, and go straight back to US 231, about 7 miles. You'll come out on US 231 south of where we turned off of it, but no problem. Just turn left and go north through Fountain and Compass Lake back to I-10, and head east toward SR 71 at Marianna. There's also a handy convenience store on your right as we come out to US 231 in case you're feeling famished.

**Emergency Information / Local Information:** Our trip will be largely Bay County, which is bordered by Highway 20, where we will be starting. Bay County has 9-1-1 service if needed.