

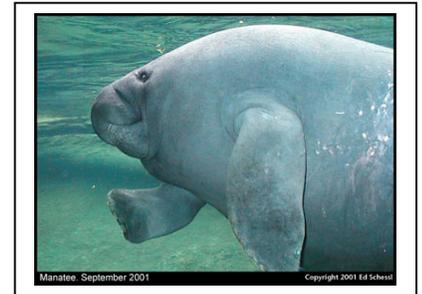
Florida Paddling Trails
Paddler's Environmental Toolkit Training (PETT)
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“Paddle With a Purpose”

This is a way to give back while
enjoying Florida's natural beauty.



What is it?

Paddler's Environmental Toolkit Training (PETT) is a course taught by the Florida Paddling Trails Association to enable paddlers to “recognize environmental & wildlife problems – to solve the small problems and report the large ones”. It consists of two half day sessions: a four hour class work session in the evening followed by a three hour paddle the next day to reinforce things learned in class.

Why should you take this training?

We all enjoy Florida's beautiful water trails and the nature which makes them so enjoyable and keeps us coming back for more. In paddling Florida's waterways, we become part of the environment. We need to give back or pay it forward by helping to ensure this paddling paradise is here for our children and future generations. This training provides some tools to help make this vision/dream happen.

What are the topics of the training?

During this training we will be discussing topics such as:

- Florida's ecology
- Plant & animal wildlife – native, exotic & invasive species
- Ethical lifestyle – interacting with nature
- Toolkit
 - Tools to take with you on a paddle
 - Identifying problems and taking action

What does it cost?

The cost is only \$10/ person for a FPTA member or \$20/ person for a non-member. This includes the following:

- A laminated wildlife guide for Florida's plants and animals (\$6 value).
- A laminated “Who Do You Call List” for problems you might encounter (\$5 value).
- Key class notes and a page of references to look up your questions. (\$5 value)
- Learning ways to help protect our environment & wildlife (priceless).

Who do you contact to take the class?

To make it worthwhile, we would like to have a minimum class size of eight. If interested in taking this class contact Hank Brooks at hbrooks@floridapaddlingtrails.com

Are you looking for instructors?

Yes, we would like to have several qualified instructors for each FPTA Region. Instructors should have had some naturalist training (U.F. Master Naturalist training is ideal). If interested contact Hank Brooks at hbrooks@floridapaddlingtrails.com