

WaterTribe Covid-19 Plan

Everglades Challenge and Ultra Marathon 2021

Please note that the plan details will change as necessary for our North Carolina events in June and our Minnesota events in August/September.

1. We have reserved all three pavilions in the East Beach section of Fort Desoto Park. You will be assigned to a specific pavilion for check-in and lifejacket inspection. This is being done to spread us out for social distancing. We have these shelters reserved for both Friday and Saturday, so we are the only group in the entire East Beach area.
2. Everyone will have their temperature scanned as part of the lifejacket inspection. This will include any family or friends you have with you. We encourage as few additional people as possible, but we are not saying you cannot have people with you.
3. I am working on getting most of our documents setup for online signing. Probably can't do that for the ACA form, but everything else -- probably. Still working on this.
4. You must wear a mask when in or near the pavilions and the Fort Desoto restrooms or offices. You will need one or more masks with you on your Challenge to use anytime you land your kayak or boat.
5. **Captains Meeting:** At this time, we plan to have the captains meeting optional for WaterTribers that have completed any WaterTribe Challenge in previous years. Folks who are doing this for the first time or have not completed a challenge before must attend this meeting. Depending on the final numbers, we may have multiple meetings using our three pavilions. This will keep the numbers manageable for social distancing. You will be receiving an email with your assigned pavilion shortly after registration closes.
6. **Checkpoint/Finish Cape Haze Marina:** We strongly recommend that Everglades Challenge participants camp before or after CP1. If you must camp at CP1 or this is your finish, maintain social distancing and wear your mask when moving around or dealing with other people such as Checkpoint Captains, employees of Cape Haze Marina, and other participants. Follow all rules setup by Cape Haze Marina.
7. **Checkpoint Chokoloskee:** Again, we strongly recommend that you camp before or after Chokoloskee. If necessary, we do have room for social distancing to setup a brief overnight camp. When at Choko, you must follow all local rules regarding facemasks and distancing. Also, remember that you must reserve Everglades Park campsites ahead of time. They have new rules so go online and follow them.
8. **Checkpoint Flamingo:** Again, we strongly recommend that you camp before or after Flamingo. (Notice how we say this for every checkpoint!) If you need to take a break while waiting for the tide or weather, there are special rules for CP3. Of course, the special rules of social distancing and face masks are also in effect.
9. **Finish Key Largo:** We are still going to have a lot of fun at Key Largo. But we do have to be responsible and respect all Covid-19 guidelines, maintain social distancing, and wear masks. Who knows, we may all be vaccinated by then. Keep your fingers crossed. We are still working on details and will update this plan when necessary. At this time, we will probably handout awards as you arrive. The award dinner might be a "box lunch" or something to avoid a large gathering in an enclosed space.