



Blueway # 31

Chimney Island on Lake Marion

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Map 1 of 2 - Santee Canal N. Moultrie



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5, and 8.

On Map Pages:

Using your phone (or touch-screen enabled device), tap any of the route numbers to bring up a map of the exact location!



Route - Santee Canal N. Moultrie

Route Directions	
1	From the boat ramp at Angel's Landing Marina, turn left, heading in a northeast direction. LOOK →  Click on individual route directions to bring up map of exact location!
2	At 0.1 mile, pass by island of tall grass. It's best to pass on the left side, closest to the mainland. Continue in slight northeast direction.
3	Pass by tip of island at 0.6 miles. Begin to turn even more northeastern direction towards another large island 0.3 mile away.
4	At 0.9 mile, paddle around southern tip of island, head into center of bay, paddling towards upper right corner of bay. This is where the canal opening is located.
5	Enter Santee Canal at 1.4 miles. This is a narrow, shallow waterway (no more than 20 yards wide and maintains a depth of 4-5 feet). Enjoy the calm waters of the Santee Canal. Keep an eye out for wildlife, including alligators, deer, wild boar and a variety of waterfowl.
6	Come to railroad crossing over the canal at 2.8 miles. The canal will begin to narrow shortly after the railroad crossing.
7	At 3.2 miles, come to the obvious end of the canal. Return the same way you came.
8	Option: Turn a hard left when leaving the canal and head into a field of lilies. This is picturesque and worth the extra 20-30 minutes, particularly when everything is in bloom!

On Route Direction Pages:

Tap anywhere in the individual direction boxes to bring up a map of the exact location!



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Camping on Chimney Island in late Fall.

Summary

Get ready for the absolute **BEST** kayak and canoe camping on Lake Marion and Lake Moultrie! That's right, Chimney Island has long been known by the locals as the unrivaled place to pitch your tent or hammock for the night. Located just a couple miles north of Spiers Landing, it's an easy and stunning paddle. You'll cross through cypress and tupelo thickets, see thousands of blooming aquatic plants in warmer months, and the wildlife never disappoints with an abundance of egrets, herons, osprey and the occasional bald eagle.

Difficulty

Easy

Distance

4.4 miles, round-trip, best suited as exploration.

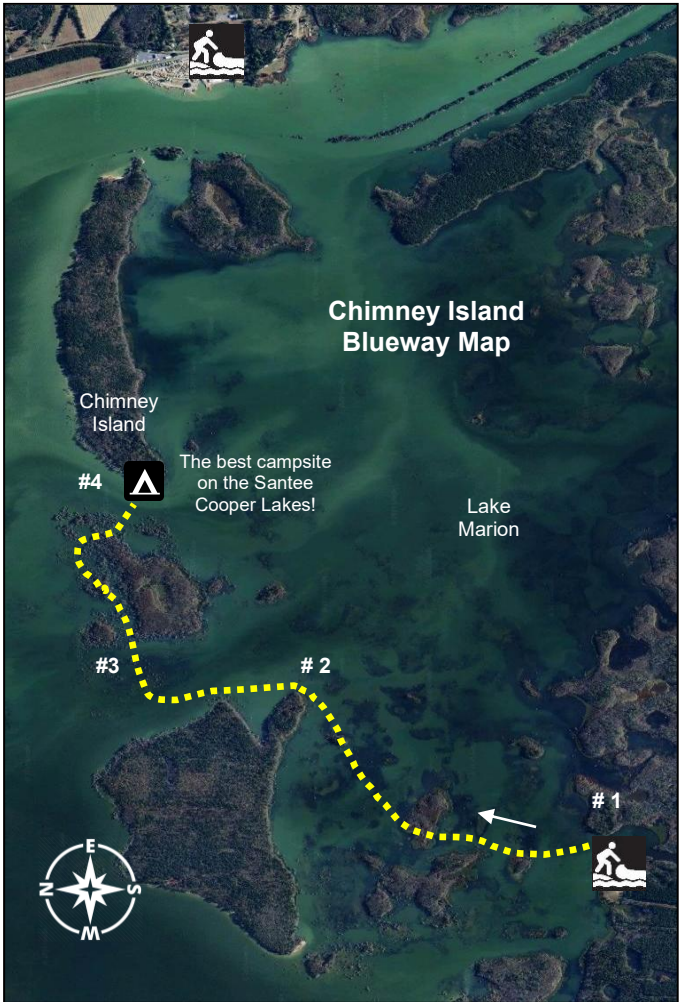
Time

2 - 3 hours.

The absolute BEST kayak/canoe camping around !!!

Crowds	Can vary from light to heavy depending on motorized boat traffic.
Boat Type	Kayaks or canoes 10-feet or longer.
Put In / Take Out	Spiers Landing Boat Ramp, 1550 Spiers Landing Road, Cross, SC 29436. GPS: 33.395937, -80.197160 33°23'45.4"N, 80°11'49.8"W
Fees/Permits	None
Current	Could be a small current in the south direction towards the Diversion Canal.
Tidal Influence	None.
Precautions:	You'll have some protection from some winds with the islands, however, there is a lot of open water for wind to intensify and cause waves/whitecaps.

Map – Chimney Island



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 4 on page 6.

Route Directions – see map on page 5	
1	Leave the boat ramp and head in a general north direction towards the islands.
2	At 1.0 mile, pass by the far southeast tip of Church Island and continue heading in a slight northeast direction towards a close by island of cypress/tupelos.
3	At approximately 1.5 miles, once you reach the northern area of the island with cypress/tupelos (at the end of step # 2), bear east, paddling among the stunning trees on the north side of this island.
4	Paddle approximately 0.5 mile through the beautiful trees on the north side of the island, and at 2.1 miles, cross 650 ft. east of open water to arrive at the western tip of Chimney Island. This is where the best camping on the Santee-Cooper Lakes is found! Return the same way you paddled out from the kayak launch area.

Chimney Island



Cattle egret near Chimney Island.



Kayakers heading to Chimney Island for a day trip.