



Bikeway # 10

Russellville Flats

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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 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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Aerial view of the Lake Moultrie dike you'll ride.

Summary

Ride atop a flat and fast, well-maintained water impoundment with gorgeous views of east Lake Moultrie. This adventure has miles of blooming aquatic plants in the warmer months, a guarantee to see large birds (egrets, herons, osprey and bald eagle are common sights!), and impressive panoramic views of the lake. Bonus: at the end / turn-around point, there are rare restrooms and shaded areas with picnic tables! This is 4 miles of the Palmetto Trail's Lake Moultrie Passage.

Difficulty

Moderate, but only due to distance.

Distance

8.4 miles, round-trip, out-and-back ride.

Time

1 hour.

Take an adventure on a Lake Moultrie water impoundment

Trail Surface	Service road; small gravel, dirt.
Trail Marker	Signs on vertical posts for the Palmetto Trail. This route is very easy to follow.
Bike Type	Nearly any bike type will work; road bikes (with tires over 28c), hybrid, trail/mountain bikes, “gravel” style bikes and even kids’ bikes.
Crowds	Light.
Fees/Permits	None.
Precautions:	Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. There is no protection from the sun on the dike. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended.
Parking	Beginning of Ride: Dike Rd., Bonneau, SC 29431.



GPS: 33.353176, -79.971053
33°21'11.4"N, 79°58'15.8"W

End of Ride: Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp,
Russel Store Rd., St. Stephen, SC 29479

GPS: 33.401999, -79.992471
33°24'07.2"N, 79°59'32.9"W

Weather on the Trail

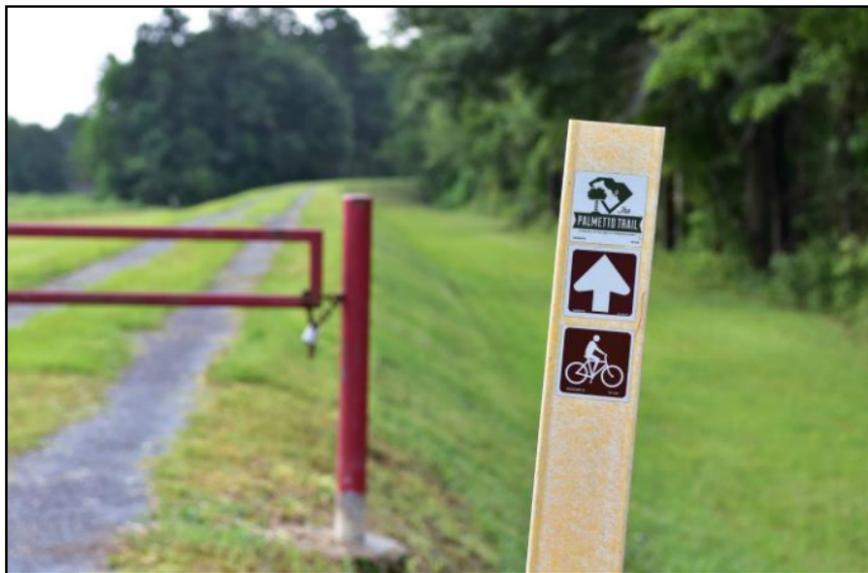
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This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 4 on the next page.

Route Directions	
1	<p>From the Dike Rd. Boat Ramp & Campground, ride back on road you drove in on approximately 600 ft. to the raised straight road running north-south. This is the dike. There are gates on both sides.</p> <p>Begin your bike ride by turning LEFT on the dike, going around the gate, and riding the long, flat and straight dirt/small gravel “road.”</p> <p>Almost immediately, you’ll begin paralleling the water to your left. This is sometimes called a “way ditch.” This area is beautiful with thousands of blooming water lilies in spring and summer, and many large wading birds.</p>
2	<p>At 0.9 mile, the road curves to the left (in a general northwest direction) and continues this direction for the remainder of the bike ride. The impressive views of the way ditch continue.</p>
3	<p>At 3.6 miles, the view to the left opens to a panoramic vista of the way ditch and lake. Stop here, take a few photos and enjoy the scenery!</p>
4	<p>Come to a gate and Russel Store Rd. at 4.1 miles. Walk your bike around the gate, turn left on the road and continue another 300 ft. until you reach the Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp parking area. This is the end of the ride. Across the large parking lot are restrooms, covered picnic tables, and there are more picnic tables on the beach/swimming area to the left.</p> <p>Return the same way you came.</p>



This route shares part of the Lake Moultrie Passage of the Palmetto Trail.



Panoramic views of the lake at the end of the ride.