



Blueway # 30

The Outer Banks at The Hatchery

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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.
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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Crossing open waters in between islands of The Outer Banks.

Summary

Circumnavigate Lake Moultrie's largest historical impoundment project by paddling next to remnants of decades-old barriers. In this exciting blueway, you'll travel "The Outer Banks" of The Hatchery Waterfowl Management Area. This fish hatchery was contained by a series of old dikes, small islands, sandbars and two enormous concrete gates (which still exist to this day!). Bring your sense of adventure for this longer and challenging paddling route. **PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE PRECAUTIONS!!**

Difficulty

Moderate to Strenuous

Distance

7.4 miles, round-trip

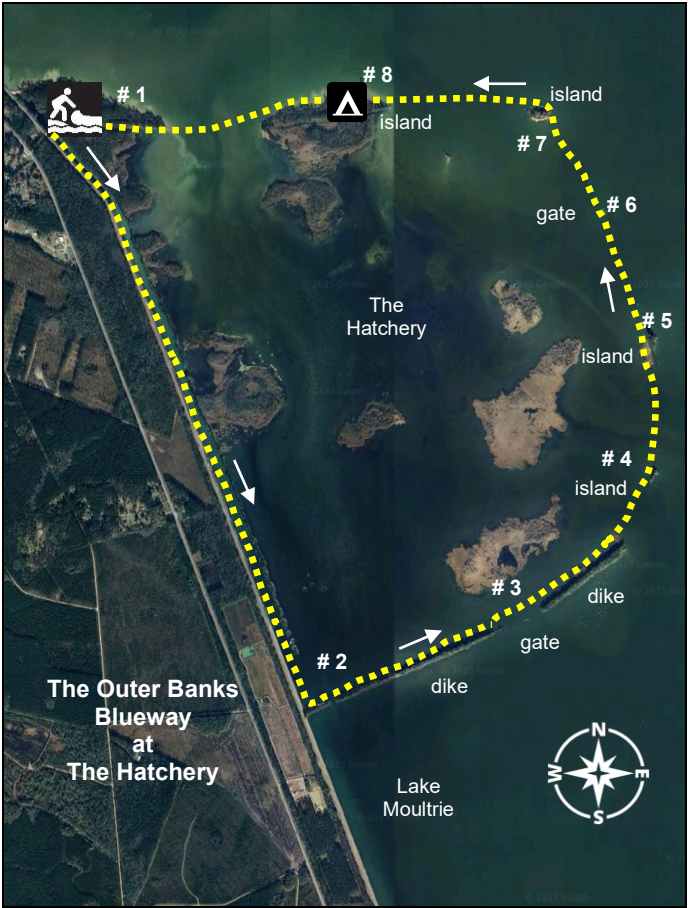
Time

3 - 4 hours.

Paddle the historical boundaries of a fish hatchery!

Crowds	Very light this far out in The Hatchery. You're guaranteed to see boaters/anglers in the area.
Boat Type	Kayaks or canoes 12-feet or longer.
Put In / Take Out	Hatchery Waterfowl Management Area, State Road S-8-802, Pinopolis, SC 29469. GPS: 33.268503, -80.103042 33°16'06.6"N, 80°06'11.0"W
Fees/Permits	None
Current	Could be a small current in the south direction.
Tidal Influence	None.
Precautions:	The biggest concern on this Blueway is wind. You'll have protection from some winds with a few islands and dikes, however, there are plenty of open spaces at The Hatchery where wind can intensify resulting in waves. VERY IMPORTANT: Do not attempt this Blueway when winds are predicted above 5 MPH !! Navigation skills are important for this route. It's highly recommended that you use a handheld GPS unit or a GPS app for your phone (download the GPX file on the website). You can do this route by sight-only navigation, but you must study the map in this guide.

Map – The Outer Banks at The Hatchery



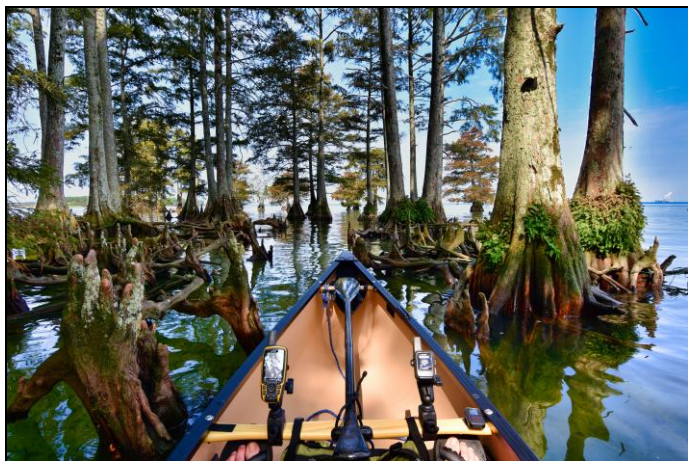
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Route Directions – see map on page 5	
1	Leave the boat ramp and begin paddling south down the long canal in between the two water impoundments.
2	At 2.1 miles, you'll arrive at the first of two water impoundments (dikes) that create the far south boundary of the original Hatchery. Begin paddling up this dike in a northeast direction.
3	At 3.2 miles, reach the first of two historical gates! This is worth exploring and photo worthy. After exploring, continue paddling northeast, paralleling the next dike.
4	At 4.0 miles, reach a small island. On this island's southwest side is a great place to get out and stretch your legs. Even at full pool, you can stand in ankle deep water.
5	Reach another, larger island at 4.4 miles. On this island's western (left) side, there's a beautiful pathway paralleling tall grasses. This is recommended.
6	At nearly 5 miles, come to the second historical gate. This is another photo worth spot!
7	Continue paddling northwest and in another 0.3 mile, you'll come to a charming island that has a small beach on its southern side. Tip: be sure and paddle around the island's northern side to experience a 400-ft. long cypress strand!
8	Paddle 0.5 mile west and arrive at The Hatchery's largest island. There are two large beaches; one on its east side and the other on the north side. Paddle this island's 2,500-ft. long north side and then continue west for 0.4 mile. Enter the canal that leads back to your launch point in another 2,000 ft.

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Arrival at one of the historic gates of the original Hatchery on this route.



Beautiful cypress trees at one of the islands of The Outer Banks.