



Blueway # 9

# Cross Coves

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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.	<b>LOOK →</b>  <b>Click on individual route directions to bring up map of exact location!</b>
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. <b>Return the same way you came.</b>	
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!

## Cross Coves – W. Lake Moultrie



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*Cross Coves is a birder's and photographer's paradise! Pictured: Osprey.*

### Summary

The Cross Coves Blueway kayak trail is located on west Lake Moultrie between two popular boat ramps. It consists of miles of beautiful and interesting coves. There are numerous rookeries of Egrets, Great Blue Herons, Anhingas, Cormorants and Bald Eagles. You are nearly guaranteed to see an abundance of wildlife on this paddle. This adventure, more than any other on the Berkeley Blueways, is a birder's and photographer's paradise!

### Difficulty

Moderate to Strenuous, depending on distance.

### Distance

9 - 11 miles, one way, varies based on exploration

### Time

4 - 5.5 hours

**Crowds** Moderate. This area is popular with boaters/anglers.

**Boat Type** Kayaks or canoes 12 feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.

**Requires staging 2 vehicles or arranging pickup!**

**Put In** Fred L. Day Boat Ramp, Boat Landing Way, Cross, SC 29436.

GPS: 33.295429, -80.156345  
33°17'43.5"N, 80°09'22.8"W

**Take Out** Angel's Landing Marina, 1556 Viper Rd., Pineville, SC 29468.

GPS: 33.381196, -80.091654  
33°22'52.3"N, 80°05'30.0"W

**Fees/Permits** \$5.00 parking fee at Angel's Landing. No fee for the Fred L. Day Boat Ramp.

**Current** Negligible, generally south direction

**Tidal Influence** None

**Precautions:** If winds are above 10 MPH expect some waves and whitecaps on the paddle to the area.

There are many of tree stumps just inches below the water's surface. These can flip a paddler if a boat gets wedged on top. **Tip:** these stumps can usually be seen with polarized sunglasses.



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 7 on page 6.

<b>Route Directions -- see map on page 5</b>	
	<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> Doing the entire paddle in one day requires staging two vehicles or arranging pickup. However, this trip is best suited as a slower exploration paddle and completing the adventure in at least two trips; paddling north from the Fred L. Day Boat Ramp, and then paddling south from Angel's Landing Marina.</p> <p>For the purposes of this guide, the route directions describe paddling north from the Fred L. Day Boat Ramp.</p>
<b>1</b>	Turn left from the Fred L. Day Boat Ramp. After approximately 500 feet, turn left again, following the shore/treeline in a generally north direction.
<b>2</b>	At 1.0 mile, come to large cove that is nearly 2,000 ft. wide. This cove is rich with birds and wildlife. Historically, there are several rookeries on the northwest side of the cove.
<b>3</b>	At 3.3 miles, there is another cove (going back to Johnston Landing). 1,000 ft. into the cove and to the right is an opening into a tributary. This area is worth exploring for beautiful vegetation and more wildlife.
<b>4</b>	Cross by the entrance of the Diversion Canal at 5.7 miles.
<b>5</b>	At 6.4 miles, there are more, deep coves to explore. Again, this area is known to have several rookeries.
<b>6</b>	Come to an area with homes. This is the entrance to another series of large coves. This area is another opportunity to see many waterfowl and other wildlife.
<b>7</b>	At 9.9 miles, come arrive at Angel's Landing Marina to end your paddle.



*Juvenile egrets in one of the many rookeries of Cross Coves.*



*Leaving the Fred L. Day Boat Ramp in early morning to paddle Cross Coves.*



*Cross Coves is a birder's and photographer's paradise!*



*Juvenile ospreys in late Spring on the Cross Coves kayak adventure.*