



Blueway # 29

# Goose Creek Reservoir NORTH

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# Convenient Functionality Built into This Guide

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>  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. <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!

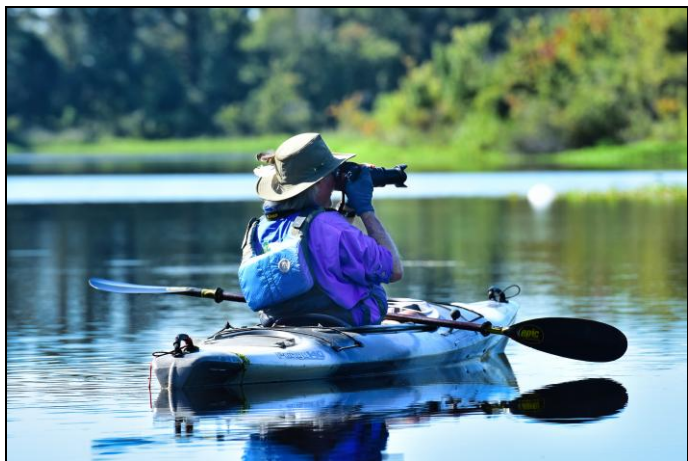
## On Route Direction Pages:

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



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*Goose Creek Reservoir is a birder's and photographer's paradise!*

### Summary

Calling all birders! If you like viewing or photographing herons, egrets, ospreys, ibis and even bald eagles, then this is the Blueway for you! This reservoir, which sits in the middle of the cities of Hanahan and Goose Creek, is home to many rookeries and migratory birds. It's also so much more than a large "lake." You'll find beautiful coves with picturesque cypress and tupelos, tributary waterways, and there's a smaller lake you can explore on the north side of the reservoir. This is an easy-going paddle appropriate for all skill levels!

### Difficulty

Easy

### Distance

2 - 5 miles, varies, best suited as exploration.

### Time

3 hours minimum.

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<b>Crowds</b>	Moderate at times. You're likely to see motorized boats in the reservoir, especially on the weekends.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 10-feet or longer.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	<p>There is not an exact street address, however, mapping programs recognize “Venice Avenue Park,” Hanahan, SC 29410.</p> <p>GPS: 32.960194, -80.032333 32°57'36.7"N, 80°01'56.4"W</p>
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None
<b>Current</b>	Negligible, generally south direction towards the dam.
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	Winds above 10 MPH can be tough for a paddler on Goose Creek Reservoir. There is a lot of open water for wind to intensify and cause waves/whitecaps.

**Map – Goose Creek Reservoir NORTH**



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

<b>Route Directions – see map on page 5</b>	
<b>1</b>	This paddle is best suited as exploration. The reservoir is more than 4 miles in length, but this Blueway will explore the northern part. For this guide, we'll highlight some of the interesting areas.
<b>2</b>	At less than an eighth-of-a-mile south from the kayak launch, you'll find some interesting tributary paths on the reservoir's west side. These wind near homes and you'll see beautiful cypress and tupelo trees. This area is also known for having a bird rookery or two.
<b>3</b>	North of the kayak launch on the west side, you again find some tributary paths, tall grasses and beautiful blooming water lilies and water hyacinths in warmer months.
<b>4</b>	<p>Paddle under the Goose Creek Road Bridge (this can provide some relief from the hot summer sun!) and enter a small lake. This is approximately 1.4 miles from the kayak launch. This lake has the same blooming aquatic plants, cypress trees on its northern end and a railroad crossing/bridge. You cannot continue past or under the railroad bridge; it is too low and the other side is blocked by years of vegetation growth.</p> <p>Return the same way you paddled out from the kayak launch area.</p>

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*There are many small tributaries and coves on Goose Creek Reservoir.*



*Paddling under the Goose Creek Road bridge to access the small north lake.*