



Blueway # 14

# Goose Creek Reservoir

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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>  <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!



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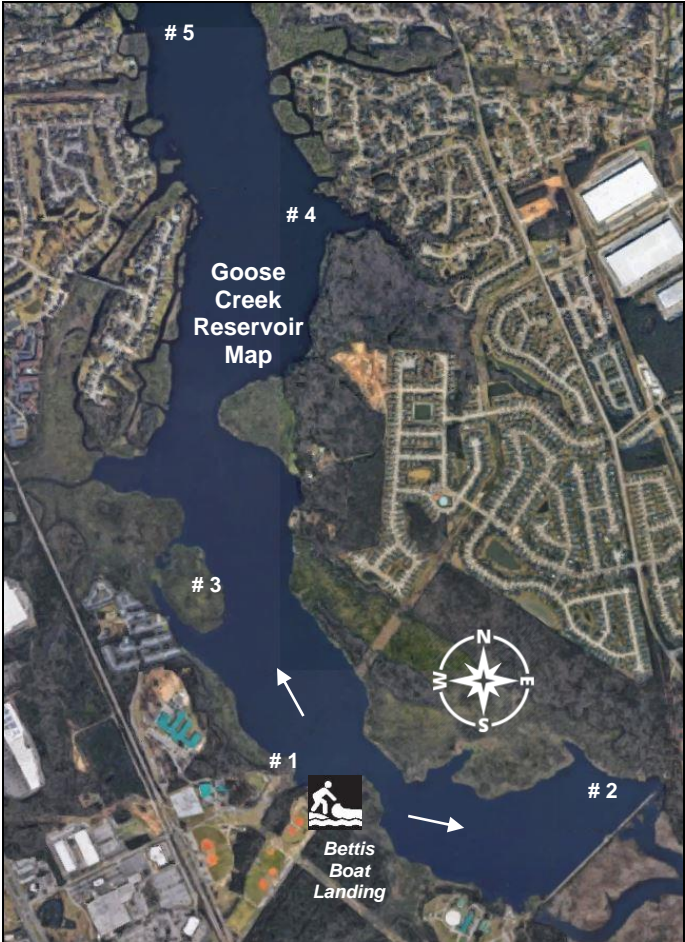


*Kayak fishing is fantastic at Goose Creek Reservoir.*

<b>Summary</b>	One of the most accessible paddles in the Berkeley Blueways program, Goose Creek Reservoir is in the middle of urban sprawl in the cities of Hanahan and Goose Creek. Extremely popular with boaters/anglers, you won't be alone on this 600-acre lake.
<b>Difficulty</b>	Easy to Moderate
<b>Distance</b>	2 - 4 miles, varies. Best suited as exploration.
<b>Time</b>	1 - 4 hours; take as little or as much time as you'd like.

<b>Crowds</b>	Heavy at times. Even on weekdays, there are always boaters and friendly folks fishing from the shore and dock.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 10-feet or longer, canoes. Paddle boards are not recommended.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	At the end of Bettis Boat Landing Road, Hanahan, SC.  GPS: 32.932889, -80.022594 32°55'58.4"N, 80°01'21.3"W  Directions: All GPS and mapping applications recognize this address.
<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**



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5 on page 6.

<b>Route Directions - see map on page 5</b>	
<b>1</b>	Begin at the boat ramp at the end of Bettis Boat Landing Road. This paddle is best suited as exploration. The reservoir is more than 4 miles in length. For this guide, we'll highlight some of the interesting areas of the reservoir.
<b>2</b>	By turning right, heading in a southeast direction, the reservoir's dam is only a 0.7-mile paddle away. This is a great place to fish for bluegills and speckled perch (crappie). You'll almost always find boaters in this area. About half-way back on the right/east side of the reservoir is a popular spot for waterfowl such as egrets, anhingas and larger gull birds.
<b>3</b>	By turning left, heading in a north direction, you'll reach a large peninsula on your left. It will look like an island. This is a great place to see nesting anhingas and herons.
<b>4</b>	Further north up the reservoir at approximately 1.5 miles, is one of the most popular spots for boaters/anglers - for a good reason. The cove off to the right offers some of the best fishing around!
<b>5</b>	Continue further up the reservoir as far as you'd like. The topography doesn't change much other than more housing development after mile 2. You'll encounter several small islands, peninsulas and coves, and the further north you paddle up Goose Creek Reservoir, the larger birds you're likely to see.  <b>Return the same way you came.</b>

*Photos -- Goose Creek Reservoir*



*It's easy family fun on Goose Creek Reservoir.*



*Sunning Anhinga at Goose Creek Reservoir. You'll see lots of these birds.*