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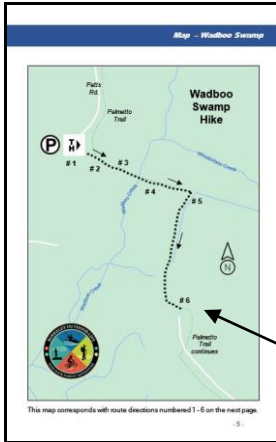
# **East Moultrie Flats**

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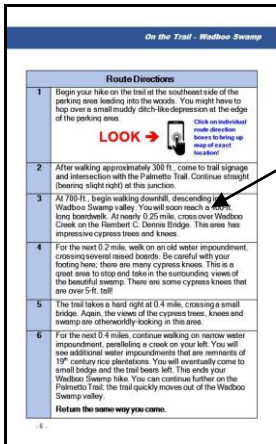


# Convenient Functionality Built into This Guide



## 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!



## On Route Direction Pages:

Tap anywhere in the individual *On the Trail* route boxes to bring up a map of the exact location!



## East Moultrie Flats



*Beautiful views for relaxing or lunch are your reward on this hike.*

### Summary

Hike 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 hike.

### Time

3 - 4 hours.

## ***Take an adventure on a Lake Moultrie water impoundment***

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Service road; small gravel, dirt.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	There is no protection from the sun on the dike. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended. Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent.
<b>Parking</b>	Beginning of Hike: Dike Rd., Bonneau, SC 29431.



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

End of Hike: 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.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p>From the Dike Rd. Boat Ramp &amp; Campground, walk 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 hike by turning <b>LEFT</b> on the dike, going around the gate, and walking 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>
<b>2</b>	<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 hike. The impressive views of the way ditch continue.</p>
<b>3</b>	<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>
<b>4</b>	<p>Come to a gate and Russel Store Rd. at 4.1 miles. Walk 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 your hike. 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><b>Return the same way you came.</b></p>



*95% of this hike is on the service road atop the Lake Moultrie dike.*



*This is part of the Palmetto Trail's Lake Moultrie Passage.*