



Bikeway # 21

# West Moultrie Flats Gravel Ride

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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

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| 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).<br>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.<br><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!



## West Moultrie Flats



*You'll bike along a long, flat and fast water impoundment.*

### Summary

Get ready for a fast and flat ride on a lightly used water impoundment on the west side of Lake Moultrie. You'll begin and end at the Department of Natural Resources' Hatchery Waterfowl Management Area (WMA). With wide sweeping curves, gorgeous panoramas of the lake, you're guaranteed to see osprey, egrets, cormorants, anhingas and even the occasional bald eagle! This ride is appropriate for the entire family; bike as little or as much as you want, but bring a bring sense of adventure!

### Difficulty

Easy to Moderate, depending on distance.

### Distance

Up to 19 miles of riding options.

### Time

1 - 2 hours.

## *Parallel a picture-perfect Waterfowl Management Area!*

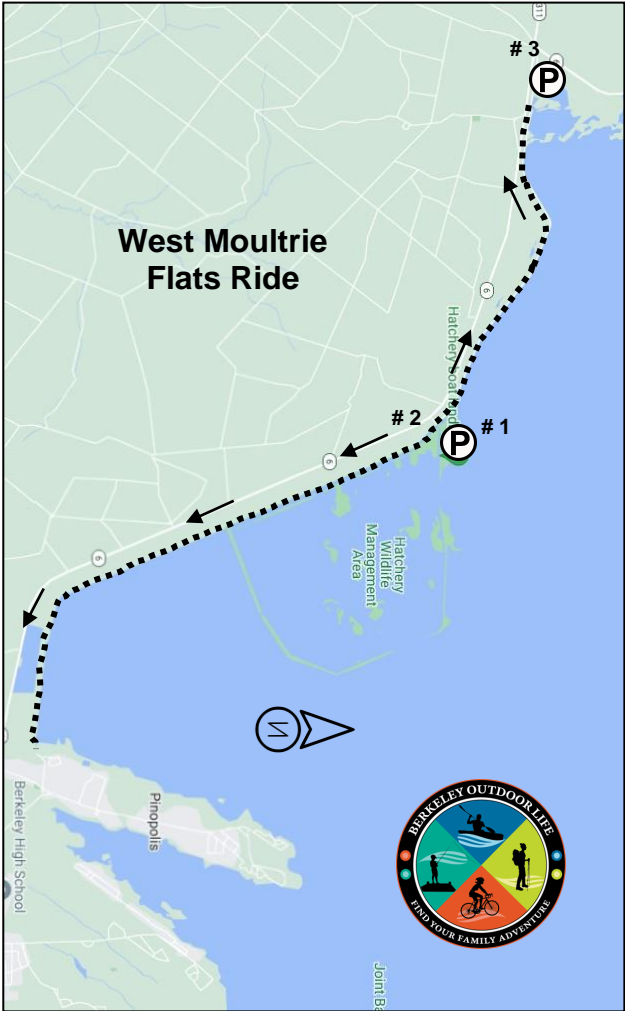
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| <b>Trail Surface</b> | Service road; small gravel, dirt.  |
| <b>Trail Marker</b>  | None, but this trail is easy to follow.  |
| <b>Bike Type</b>     | Nearly any bike type will work; road bikes (with tires over 28c), hybrid, trail/mountain bikes, “gravel” bikes and even kids’ bikes! |
| <b>Crowds</b>        | Almost none. You’re not likely to see many others.   |
| <b>Fees/Permits</b>  | None.  |
| <b>Precautions:</b>  | Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent.   |
| <b>Parking</b>       | Hatchery Waterfowl Management Area, State Road S-8-802, Pinopolis, SC 29469.   |

GPS: 33.267806, -80.105472  
33°16’04.1”N, 80°06’19.7”W

### **Weather on the Trail**

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This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 3 on next page.

| <b>Route Directions</b> |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>1</b>                | Park at the Hatchery Waterfowl Management area large parking lot.   |
| <b>2</b>                | <p>Ride 330 ft. back towards HWY-6 (on the road you just came in on) to the top of the small hill and you'll see a dirt road on either side of the asphalt road. There are gates on both sides.</p> <p>This is where you begin your ride. You can pick either direction. Turning left/south, parallels the Waterfowl Management Area (WMA). Turning right/north, moves away from the WMA and you have nearly instant panoramic views of Lake Moultrie.</p> <p>Return the same way you came.</p> |
| <b>3</b>                | Alternatively, you can park at the far western terminus of the dirt road that makes up this bikeway. This "trailhead" is located 3.8 miles northwest from The Hatchery on HWY-6. GPS: 33.281722, -80.168417 or 33°16'54.2"N 80°10'06.3"W.   |



*Osprey pairs are a common sight on Lake Moultrie for over the year.*



*The riding surface is small gravel; smooth and fast!*