



Bikeway # 9

Ultimate Gravel 20

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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.

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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 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.

Return the same way you came.

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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Aerial view of the Rediversion Canal that you'll ride.

Summary

Bike Lake Moultrie's scenic Rediversion Canal, atop water impoundments and on a charming forest service road for the ultimate gravel/dirt 20-miler. You're likely to see osprey, egrets, herons and the occasional alligator. The panoramic vistas alone are worth the effort! The non-paved route is appropriate for nearly any bike and cyclist. In the warmer months, you can even visit the Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area. Pack a sense of adventure and ride the Low Country's ultimate 20 mile gravel trail.

Difficulty

Moderate, only due to distance.

Distance

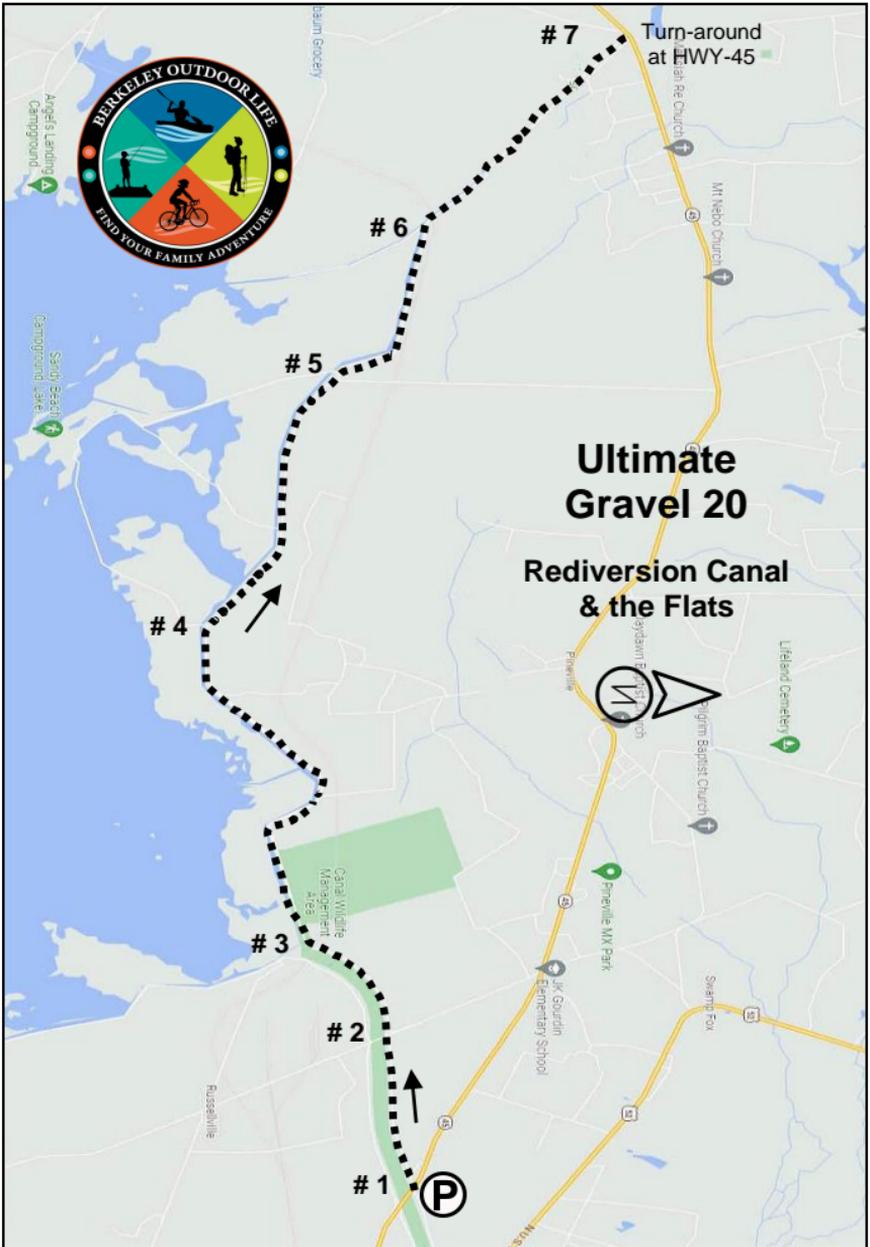
20.6 miles, round-trip.

Time

Plan 3 hours for the ride and looking around.

Surface	Gravel and dirt.
Trail Marker	Part of this route is shared with the Palmetto Trail's Lake Moultrie Passage.
Bike Type	Nearly any bike type will work; road bikes (with tires over 28c), hybrid, trail/mountain bikes, "gravel" style bikes and even kids' bikes.
Crowds	You're likely not to see anyone else on this side of the lake.
Fees/Permits	None.
Precautions:	There is no protection from the sun. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended. Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent.
Parking	The Rediversion Canal access on the west (Pineville) side of HWY-45, Berkeley County. Use GPS coordinates to find. GPS: 33.414762, -79.962389 33°24'53.1"N, 79°57'44.6"W
Weather on the Trail	Click HERE





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

Route Directions	
1	<p>From the Rediversion Canal / Canal WMA / Dove Hunt parking area, go through the gate and begin your ride on the gravel/dirt service road. Once you reach the road, turn right, heading west.</p> <p>This road is easy, flat and enjoyable with fantastic views of the Rediversion Canal.</p>
2	Pass under HWY-35 at 1.1 miles.
3	<p>Pass under train trestle at 2.0 miles.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: After another 500-ft. you'll begin paralleling the water impoundment ("dike") for Lake Moultrie. For the next 6 miles, you'll have the choice to either ride on the lower dirt road that you've been on so far, or ride on the higher water impoundment road. We recommend you ride on the higher road. You'll see more lake vistas and wildlife from this higher vantage point.</p>
4	At nearly 5 miles, come to one of the entrances (on the left) to the Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area. You'll pass two more entrances in the next 2 miles. This is a great area to explore. The area is CLOSED from November 1 st through February 8 th .
5	<p>Come to a set of railroad tracks and bridge at 8.5 miles. This bridge crosses the top of the original Santee Canal, which dates to 1790s and is one of the earliest canals built in the U.S.</p> <p>After exploring the canal, continue straight on the gravel/dirt road for another 700-ft, go around the metal gate and continue what is now "Old Canal Road."</p>
6	At 9.0 miles, the road curves to the left and merges with another road. After the curve, bear right , continuing west.
7	<p>At 10.3 miles, reach the end of the dirt road at HWY-45.</p> <p>Return the same way you came.</p>



Cycling the beautiful canopied Old Canal Road towards HWY-45.



On the water impoundment near the Sandy Beach WMA.