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Cape Fear Basin

Black River

Section 2, page 41

Update: Danny Baldwin (910-990-6234) has a campground at Mossy Log, just upstream right of the NC 41 bridge. It is about 300 feet from the Mossy Log boat ramp. Rates are \$18 for full hookup, \$15 for electric and water hookup only, and \$10 for a tent site. A bathroom is available. The campground is closed during January and February.

Section 5, pages 42–43

Update: The campsite [GPS: 34° 35.284' N, 78° 35.284' W] managed by Cape Fear River Watch can be difficult to locate from the river without a GPS.

Section 6, page 43

Update: Channels have been shifting, causing the Narrows to require increasingly more water to paddle. In late 2006, the Narrows was too low even at 1,000 cfs (7.6 ft). The preferred route has become through the swamp forest to the right (mi 6.3). It is partially marked by flagging tape. This route meets the Narrows near the high bank of Haw Bluff.

Update: This section was paddled June 24, 2007 at very low water. USGS gauge *Black River near Tomahawk* was 30 cfs, 1.49 feet. The gauge across the river from the ramp at Henry's Landing was 0.7 feet. There was enough water for paddling until where the Narrows goes left and the swamp forest route goes right. No water was flowing into the Narrows. The swamp forest route had enough water to paddle except for a few areas requiring walking. Total distance walked was a few hundred feet.

Update: A private ramp is 300 feet downstream right of the NC 53 bridge. The entrance is the first driveway off Longview Road. There is a sign saying Newby's and requesting \$3 per boat paid to the honor box.

Update: Canoe rental is no longer provided at Henry's Landing. Boat ramp, camping, and shuttle assistance are still available. The launch fee is \$5 per boat.

Sections 7–8, pages 44–46

Update: The Borough access, near the confluence of Moores Creek and the Black River, is closed. The nearest public access is at the put-in for Moores Creek Section 1 (pages 111–112).

Cape Fear River

Sections 3–4, pages 51–53

Update: A new riverside park at Erwin is open and offers easy access to the river, upstream left of the NC 217 bridge.

Sections 7–12, pages 54–58

Update: The three locks on the Cape Fear River are not open to paddlers during weekends. There is a portage path around each lock. The portage path at Lock # 2 is the longest at about 300 yards. The other two locks are about 100 yards. Potable water, restrooms, and picnic tables are available at each lock. Camping is not allowed. A private campground, H to H Camping (910-520-5756), is adjacent to Lock # 1. See: <http://www.htohcampground.com/>. Robin Hall has been lockmaster at Lock # 1 for eighteen years. He is helpful with information on current conditions and can be reached at 910-655-2605.

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Section 13, pages 58–59

Update: The boat ramp at Dram Tree Park is closed for renovation. A canoe and kayak launch is being added. It is expect to reopen mid-2010.

Deep River

Section 3, page 69

Update: At the take-out, park on the road shoulder, downstream right of the NC 42 bridge. The gate to the drive leading to the river is locked, but the landowner has been allowing paddlers to walk in.

Sections 7–8, pages 72–73

Update: The Carbonton Dam has been removed. A park allows access is at the old dam site. Removal of the dam has dropped water levels in Section 7 and exposed several Class I rapids. The boat ramp at the Wildlife access area is above normal river level. After rains, the bank between the ramp and the water is muddy and slippery.

Great Coharie Creek

Sections 4–5, pages 82–83

Update: Lumber River Canoe Club trips during May 2004 reported many trees down from recent storms. Paddlers had to get out of their boats for downed trees about a dozen times on each section.

Haw River

Sections (all)

Update: River Run Outfitters, located in Burlington, offers guided trips and canoe and kayak rentals for all sections of the Haw River and many other rivers. Call 336-212-2697.

Section 1, pages 86–87

Update: River access is available 300 feet downstream left of the old stonework dam (mi 6.6) at Burlington's Indian Valley Golf Course. The golf course is off Indian Valley Drive (Alamance Co. 1677). From Greenwood Drive (Alamance Co. 1597), turn onto Indian Valley Road. Go 0.3 miles to a 25 mph road sign. A small gravel area behind the sign allows for a few cars to pull off the road. There are steps with a handrail leading down to the river. Park cars at the lot near the club's pro shop.

Sections 1–4, pages 86–90

Update: Haw River Outfitters (<http://www.hawriveroutfitters.com/index.html> or 336-212-0124) offers trips, rentals, and shuttle services on river sections in Alamance County.

Sections 1–2, pages 86–88

Update: Property upstream of the gate at Glencoe Mills Dam is owned by Alamance County and is the future site for Glencoe River Park. A portage trail for the dam begins 200 feet upstream left of the dam. To end the trip after portaging, go another 200 feet to the gate. To continue downstream, cross the small steel bridge over the mill sluice and go down the bank to reenter the river.

Update: At NC 62 and River Road, upstream left of the NC 62 bridge, a small Alamance Parks & Recreation park allows for paddling access. The entry drive is 100 feet up River Road from NC 62.

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Section 2, pages 87–88

Update: Burlington Parks and Recreation has opened Town & Country Access (mi 3.4) on the right bank. To drive to the access from US 70, turn north onto Sellars Mill Road. Go 0.5 miles and turn right onto Hyde Street. Go 0.8 miles to the T-junction at Riverside Drive. Turn right, go about 400 feet to the end of Riverside Drive, and park in the small lot. Walk down the trail to the left about 200 yards to reach steps at the riverbank.

Update: Red Side Park is 800 feet upstream right of the NC 49 bridge. Lang Street leads from NC 49 to the park. Steps to the river provide paddling access, about 100 feet upstream of the old, broken dam at Cone Mills.

Section 3, pages 88–89

Update: The alternative access (mi. 1.9) at Swepsonville off Boy Wood Road (Alamance Co. 2116) has been improved and is now Swepsonville River Park. It is about 500 feet downstream of the bridge at Swepsonville. A trail leads downstream about 300 feet to the remains of the old dam.

Update: A Burlington-Swepsonville River Park access is upstream right of the confluence with Alamance Creek (mi 2.5) off Boy Wood Road (Alamance Co. 2116). It has parking, boat ramp, and tent campsite. A walking trail connects to the Swepsonville River Park mentioned above. The parks have a total of three tent campsites.

Update: The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company in Saxapahaw offers boat rentals and shuttle services for trips ranging from Cone Mills (Section 2) to Saxapahaw as well as other sections. See: <http://www.hawrivercanoe.com/>

Sections 4–5, pages 89–90

Update: East Greensboro-Chapel Hill Road (Alamance Co. 1005) is named as a put-in and take-out on the upstream right of the bridge. It is very overgrown now. Upstream left offers better access. The road name here is Old Greensboro Road (Orange Co. 1005). There is parking space on the road shoulder and a path to the river leading off a driveway. The riverbank is fairly steep and can be slippery.

Section 5, page 90

Update: Where there are many islands near the end of this section, more water is required to paddle than upstream or downstream of the islands. The minimum on the USGS gauge Haw River near Bynum is 390 cfs (3.6 feet). It is about 13 miles downstream of the put-in. The minimum on the USGS gauge Haw River at Haw River is 220 cfs (2.2 feet). It is about 16 miles upstream of the put-in.

A good reference for the tombstone-like rocks mentioned is the power line crossing (mile 3.8).

Section 6, pages 90–91

Update: A new parking lot is available at the US 15/501 bridge on upstream left.

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Sections 7–8, pages 92–94

Update: The road leading into the canoe access at the US 64 bridge is now sign-posted as “River Access” (Chatham Co. 1992). The road connecting to US 64 is now sign-posted as “Foxfire Trace” (Chatham Co. 1991), and there is a large “Haw River Canoe Access” sign near the intersection with US 64.

Update: The relationship between the Paddling Gauge at US 64 and the USGS Bynum Gauge is in the table below. The table will be revised as more data is available.

Paddling Gauge at US 64	USGS height	USGS flow
- 1.0 ft	3.4 ft	250 cfs
-0.5 ft	3.7 ft	400 cfs
0.0 ft	4.5 ft	900 cfs
0.5 ft	5.2 ft	1,600 cfs
1.0 ft	5.9 ft	2,400 cfs
1.5 ft	6.4 ft	3,200 cfs
2.0 ft	7.3 ft	4,750 cfs
2.5 ft	7.8 ft	5,650 cfs
3.0 ft	8.5 ft	7,100 cfs
5.0 ft	10.9 ft	13,450 cfs

Lower Little River

Sections 2–3, pages 107–108

Update: Paddlers from two different trips reported many downed trees between Manchester Road (Cumberland Co. 1451) and Elliott Bridge Road (Harnett Co. 2045).

Sections 3–4, pages 107–108

Update: The campground, shuttle service, and canoe rental (operated by Denton Ridge) are no longer in business.

Moore's Creek

Section 1, pages 111–112

Update: Moore's Creek National Battlefield is open from 9a.m.–5p.m. An easier put-in is available inside the park. After entering the park from NC 210, take the first right and continue to the parking lot. Moore's Creek is about 50 feet from the end of the lot. This put-in is 0.8 miles upstream from the NC 210 bridge.

Update: The Borough access, near the confluence of Moore's Creek and the Black River, is closed. Moore's Creek must be paddled as a round trip.

Northeast Cape Fear River

Sections 4–5, pages 119–120

Update: A new Wildlife boating access is at Chinquapin, upstream left of the NC 41/50 bridge.

Section 5, page 119

Update: The contact for permission to camp at Wayne's Landing is now Duff's Hardware & Small Engine Supply (910-285-8483) at 106 Northeast Road, Wallace, NC 28466.

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Rocky River

Sections 1–2, pages 131–133

Update: The gauge Rocky River at SR 1300 near Crutchfield Crossroads was indicating higher than expected flows for several months. Flows have been 50–100 cfs. This is too large for a drainage area of only 7.4 square miles. Historical flows during dry times have been 1–5 cfs. The USGS said that beaver dams have been affecting the gauge, and the gauge is now indicating the correct flow.

South River

Section 7, page 144

Update: Change Green Sea Road (Bladen Co. 1503) to Green Bridge Road (Bladen Co. 1503).

Town Creek

Section 1, page 151

Update: Town Creek Pottery is closed. The building is now an art studio. Parking, canoe access, and canoe rentals are no longer available.

Section 2, pages 151–152

Update: Through an agreement with International Paper Company, Cape Fear River Watch manages two primitive campsites on the right bank at miles 2.2 and 2.9. For reservations and permits, call 800-380-3485.

Update: The Wildlife boating access planned at mile 10.3 has not yet been constructed.

Chowan Basin

Chowan River

Section 1, pages 161–162

Update: Dockside Restaurant is closed. The ramp is open and the fee is now \$5. A free public ramp is 2.2 miles upstream, downstream right of the US 258 bridge over the Nottoway River.

Section 3, pages 162–163

Update: Five camping platforms are now available on Holiday Island (also known as Holladay's Island). Holiday Island can be also be reached from Bennetts Creek or Warwick & Catherine Creeks. Reservations are required. See:

<http://www.roanokeriverpartners.org/RiverCamping.htm>

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Lumber Basin

Lumber River

Section 1, page 196

Update: Lumber River State Park has opened the Chalk Banks Access. The access road connects to US 401, 0.3 miles west of the bridge toward Wagram. There is parking and river access at the end of the two-mile road. There is a drive-in campground, but it is not near the river. From the Section 1 put-in at Turnpike Road, the Chalk Banks boat access is at mile 5.6. The canoe-in camping area is at mile 5.9.

Update: Lumber River State Park cleared this section of downed trees. The new estimated minimum is 1.7 feet (50 cfs) on the USGS *Drowning Creek near Hoffman* gauge.

Sections 5–6, page 198

Update: At the Recreation Center Road (Robeson Co. 1354) bridge, No Parking signs extend for several hundred feet on all sides of the road. It is possible to unload near the bridge and park beyond the signs. For an easier access, use Harpers Ferry Church, where NC 710 crosses 2.9 miles downstream from the Recreation Center Road bridge.

Section 7, pages 198–199

Update: The John Culbreth Memorial paddle-in campsite is at mile 8.0 on the left bank. It has two fire-rings and picnic tables. The site is owned by Lumber River State Park.

Section 14, page 203

Update: Cutoffs now bypass several of the meanders, and the meanders are not navigable at low water. The total distance is 10.5 miles.

Update: River Bend Outfitters in Fair Bluff is closed.

Waccamaw River

Section 2, page 212

Update: change “(mi 2.0) where Juniper Creek joins” to “(mi 4.2) where Juniper Creek joins.”

Neuse Basin

Contentnea Creek

Sections 8–9, page 227

Update: A new access with parking and ramp is upstream right of the NC 123 bridge at Hookerton.

Section 10, page 228

Update: South Street is now Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

Section 11, page 228–229

Update: South Street is now Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

Update: change “Add 4.2 miles to the mileage given in the Neuse River description” to “Subtract 4.2 miles to the mileage given in the Neuse River description.”

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Crabtree Creek

Section 1, pages 234–235

Update: The rapid at Old Company Milldam needs about 150 cfs (5.1 feet) to paddle through without hitting rocks. There are many trees down in this section, but most could be paddled under or over. At 100 cfs, there were about 8 trees to lift over. Allow extra time for this trip. Lower flow will probably require more portages.

Sections 2, pages 235–236

Update: Fifty feet downstream of the US 70 bridge, a greenway bridge crosses the creek. The bottom of the greenway bridge is only about 5 feet above the water when the USGS Crabtree Creek at Hwy 70 gauge is 100 cfs (5.4 feet). As flow increases, this bridge will become a hazard.

Sections 2–3, pages 235–236

Update: Old Lassiter Mill Road is now sign posted Lassiter Falls Circle. It leads from Lassiter Mill Road to Lassiter Milldam and the small park managed by Raleigh Parks and Recreation.

Eno River

Section 1, page 240

Update: Family/individual campsites are off the right bank (mi 5.1) in a right bend. The sites cannot be seen from the river. Before paddling, it is best to walk to the sites by going over the swinging bridge to Fanny's Ford Trail. Check the river to recognize where to stop. A fee is charged, and registration is required. See: <http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/visit/enri/do.html#c>

Section 2, page 241

Update: A group camp (mi 0.4) is off the right bank. It cannot be seen from the river. Before paddling, it is best to walk to the camp by going over the swinging bridge. A fee is charged, and reservations are required. See: <http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/visit/enri/do.html#c>

Update: Update: The old Duke Power dam just upstream of Pleasant Green Road has been removed. The Pleasant Green access is now opened to vehicles.

Sections 3-5, pages 241–244

Update: The minimum paddling flow is still 120 cfs at the USGS Eno River near Durham gauge, but this now corresponds to 2.3 feet instead of 2.2 feet.

Flat River

Sections 2–3, pages 248–249

Update: The State Forest Road low water bridge washed away and has not yet been replaced.

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Little River (near Goldsboro)

Update: Two new USGS gauges are available: *Little River near Zebulon* and *Little River At NC581 near Goldsboro*. They do not yet report flow (cfs).

Sections 2–3, pages 256–257

Update: Lowell Milldam has been removed. A county park at the old dam site provides easy access to the river. The dam removal returned the river to free flowing. A Class 1 rapid is 0.2 miles upstream of US 301. Between US 301 and the old Lowell Milldam site, many downed trees and small snags have been exposed. Depending on flow, it is possible to paddle around most of them.

Update: The Wildlife boating access ramp off Weaver Road (Johnston Co. 2144) is closed. Access is possible from the Weaver Road bridge.

Section 4, pages 257–258

Update: Change “Estimated minimum is 150 cfs (1.9 ft)” to “Minimum is 65 cfs (1.4 ft).”

Change the section distance from 10.3 miles to 9.5 miles.

Delete the last paragraph: “At 600 cfs (4.0 ft), water flows straight ahead and also down a channel (mi 7.5) to the right. The right channel cuts off a loop and is 0.9 miles shorter.” The longer loop shown on topo maps as the main channel is being bypassed by changes in the river course. The shorter run is what paddlers will see as the normal route.

Neuse River

Sections 1–5, pages 264–267

Update: At the take-out for Section 1 through the put-in for Section 5, the Raleigh Parks and Recreation access road gates are usually closed when high water goes into the parking areas near the boat ramp and turnaround spots. This usually happens when the USGS Neuse River near Falls gauge reaches the 3,500–4,000 cfs range.

Section 2, pages 264–265

Update: The I-540 is 500 yards upstream of the Buffalo Road bridge.

Section 3, page 265

Update: The left turn off Old Milburnie Road is now paved and named Loch Raven Parkway. Loch Raven Parkway turns right and becomes a gravel road leading to the parking area.

Section 4, page 266

Update: Rogers Lane is now called North Rogers Lane. At Anderson Point Park off North Rogers Lane, the new US 64 Bypass is under construction. A new bridge is about 100 feet downstream of the railroad bridge.

Sections 5–6, pages 266–267

Update: Neuse Adventures Canoe & Kayak Rentals (919-553-3295) of Clayton is near Covered Bridge Road in Section 6. They provide shuttle service with rentals. They have a 2 hour trip from their farm near Covered Bridge Road to NC 42 and a 5 hour trip from Poole Road to NC 42.

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Section 6, page 267

Update: Access has been improved at the Mial Plantation Road bridge on downstream left. There is room to park on the shoulder. Do not block the private drive. A path has been beaten thru the brush, and wooden steps are set into the riverbank. It can still be very slippery near the water.

Update: The river takes a left turn (mi 0.3) and rock extends from the right bank 30 feet into the river. Small boulders run across the river with 4–5 foot channels between them. During a July 2005 trip, a downed tree blocked the left side of the river and an old, downed trunk was lodged in the center rocks. Obstacles could be avoided by paddling to the right. Watch for downed trees in this area.

Section 7, page 268

Update: Access at the US 70 bridge (mi 10.6) is possible from upstream right. There is parking space for a few cars on the road shoulder. The bank is steep and the river is about 40 feet below the road.

Section 8, page 268

Update: Two camping platforms (12 ft x 12 ft covered and 30 ft x 30 ft uncovered) are at mile 16.3 off the right bank, 40–50 feet up Gar Gut Slough [GPS: 35° 24.148' N, 78° 16.992' W]. Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center (<http://www.johnstoncc.edu/howellwoods/>) manages the platforms. Campfires are not allowed, and camping is not permitted during special hunt days. Reservations are required at a cost of \$5 per tent. Contact: James Sasser at 919-938-0115 or sasserj@howellwoods.org

Update: Stevens Mill Road (Wayne Co. 1008) bridge is the take-out for Section 10 and put-in for Section 11. An alternative access is 1.7 miles upstream of the bridge. To reach the access from the bridge, go 0.7 miles east (toward Goldsboro). Turn left into a gravel drive at a vacant lot. A concrete boat ramp is 500 feet down this drive. This area seems to be a new Wildlife boating access because their signs are at the ramp.

Section 11, pages 269–270

Update: Waynesborough State Park is now operated as Waynesborough Historical Village. (<http://www.waynesboroughhistoricalvillage.com>)

Sections 13–14, page 271

Update: The paddling outfitter, "Outdoors with Tony Daw," at the NC 111 bridge is no longer in business.

Section 14, page 271

Update: A private access is available at Daly Campground (<http://www.dalyrv.com/>) on the right bank, 3.9 miles downstream from the NC 111 bridge. They charge \$5 per boat. To reach the campground traveling south on NC 111, cross the Neuse River, go 100 yards, and turn left onto River Road (Wayne Co. 1740). Go to the end of the road and take the gravel drive to the campground.

Sections 18–19, pages 273–274

Update: A Wildlife boating access is 400 feet upstream right of the Maple Cypress Road (Craven Co. 1470) bridge. The access drive connects to Maple Cypress Road a quarter-mile from the bridge

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Trent River

Section 1, page 283

Update: A new access, managed by Jones County, is 200 feet upstream left of the Chinquapin Chapel Road bridge. It is reached from Plantation Road (Jones Co. 1131), which joins Chinquapin Chapel Road 50 feet from the bridge.

Sections 1–6, pages 283–285

Update: The White Oak Stewards (<http://www.whiteoakstewards.org>) report (February 2008) these sections have been cleared of downed trees.

Pasquotank Basin

Milltail Creek

Section 1, Page 300

Update: Milltail Road has been resurfaced with gravel. Travel is no longer difficult when wet.

Perquimans River

Section 1, page 303

Update: Teachers Park is at the NC 37 bridge, downstream right. It has a gravel parking area, picnic area, and concrete ramp.

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Roanoke Basin

Cashie River

Section 2, page 313

Update: A new camping platform, Lost Boat, is at mile 4.2 off the right bank. For details: <http://www.roanokeriverpartners.org/RiverCamping.htm>

Dan River

Section 1, pages 315–316

Update: The July–October recreational releases are now on Saturdays instead of alternating between Saturdays and Sundays. Scheduled water releases from the Pinnacles Hydroelectric Plant are listed at: <http://www.danvilleutilities.com/>

Section 2, page 317

Update: The old bridge (mi. 9.5) at Joyce Mill Road has been removed.

Sections 2–3, pages 317–318

Update: Change Collingstown Road to Collinstown Road.

Section 4, page 319

Update: Hanging Rock Outdoor Center has closed.

Section 5, page 319

Update: change “Difficulty I-II” to “Difficulty I”.

Section 6, pages 319–320

Update: The Dan River Company is located on the river, about 200 yards downstream of the Hanging Rock access on Flinchum Road (put-in for Section 6). Two acres are available for picnic and events. The retail shop includes a coffee shop (opening in May), changing rooms, heated outdoor showers, and a boat cleaning area. Canoes and kayaks are available for rent, and shuttle service covers Section 4 through most of Section 8 near Walnut Cove. They have permission to run rentals/shuttle out of Moore's Springs Campground.

Update: The one-lane steel bridge at Seven Island Road (Stokes Co. 1668) is being replaced with a two-lane bridge.

Sections 7–8, pages 320–321

Update: The access at Hemlock Golf Course has been closed.

Sections 9–10, pages 321–322

Update: Eagle Falls Outfitters is now Dan River Adventures, located at the Dan River Campground. See: <http://www.danriveradventures.com/>

Update: Dan River Campground is on the left bank (mile 4.5) in Section 10. It is at 724 Webster Road, Stoneville, NC 27048. Telephone: 336- 427-8530. They also rent canoes. The campground is difficult to recognize from the river. At a large island (mi 3.3), only a small channel flows left and most water flows right. After the river bends right, there is a ledge rapid (mi 4.0). The campground is downstream before the river swings left. Campsites are 200 yards from the bank, but camping near the bank can be arranged by advance reservation.

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Sections 11-12, pages 322–323

Update: Three Rivers Outfitters in Eden, NC rents canoes and kayaks. They also offer shuttle service and guided trips.

Section 12, page 323

Update: Under the Gauge information change “Smith River joins at the end of this section” to “Smith River joins near the end of the previous section.”

Update: A new access, Draper Landing, is downstream right of the NC 700 bridge at Eden

Gardner Creek

pages 327–329

Update: A new platform, Beaver Tail, is next to Barred Owl Roost, allowing larger groups to camp together.

Update: For platform reservations and the latest platform information, see:

<http://www.roanokeriverpartners.org/RiverCamping.htm>

Update: Portable toilets are no longer available at Roberson’s Marina. Campers should bring a portable toilet or a 5-gallon bucket with lid and disposable bags.

Mayo River

Sections 2–3, pages 331–332

Update: The Mayo Beach Road access is closed. Nearby land is private property and requires permission for use.

Update: Mayo Beach, just downstream left of Boiling Hole and the ledge rapids, is private property but is not posted. Paddlers have been using it as an access.

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Roanoke River Partners Camping Platforms

Update: There are now 12 camping platforms available. Three of the platforms are on the Roanoke River, 6 platforms on tributaries of the Roanoke River, 2 platforms on the Cashie River and tributaries, and 1 platform on Conaby Creek. For details, including GPS coordinates, see <http://www.roanokeriverpartners.org/RiverCamping.htm>

Also see <http://www.roanokeriver.com/> for additional lower Roanoke Basin information.

Roanoke River

Section 1, pages 337–338

Update: Dominion now provides information for paddlers about releases:

<http://www.dom.com/about/stations/hydro/roanoke-river-whitewater.jsp>

<http://www.dom.com/about/stations/hydro/roanoke-rapids/projected-flow-releases.jsp>

Section 2, pages 338–339

Update: A new camping platform, Tillery, is at mile 15.1. It is unique among the other platforms because it has a roof, screened in area, privy, and offers access from road or river. Using the Tillery access area allows Section 2 to be divided into 2 sections of 15.1 and 13.2 miles.

Sections 5–6, pages 341–342

Update: A rail trail now connects the US 13/17 boating access to downtown Williamston. The Skewarkee Trail, a mile-long former CSX Railroad right of way, extends from the heart of Williamston to the Wildlife Resources boat ramp. Paddlers can easily walk along the scenic trail to nearby shopping and sightseeing. The trail eventually will connect by a raised river walk to Moratoc Park, a public recreation area on the right bank, 0.3 miles upstream from the boating access. The river walk also will include a camping platform that will become part of the Roanoke River Paddle Trail.

Section 6, page 342

Update: A report was received from a group of paddlers planning to enter Devil's Gut (mi 2.9). They were expecting to first see Sweetwater Creek (mi 2.0) but missed it. When they came to Devil's Gut entrance, they thought it was Sweetwater Creek. The mouth of Sweetwater Creek is about 30 feet wide and enters as the Roanoke River flows southeast. Devil's Gut entrance is about 50 feet wide and is where the Roanoke River is flowing east and swinging to the northeast. There are no signs marking either stream.

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Tar-Pamlico Basin

Fishing Creek

Sections 2–3, page 357

Update: (February 2009) The US 301 bridge near Enfield is being replaced. Access to the creek may be difficult during construction.

Tar River

Section 3, pages 369–370

Update: The last significant rapid (mile 3.7) is sometimes called School Bus Rapid, but the old bus on the right bank cannot be seen until a few hundred yards downstream of the rapid.

Section 9, pages 372–373

Update: Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation has improved access at the Old Bailey Highway (Nash Co. 1001) bridge on upstream right. Several vehicles can be parked behind the guardrail, where wooden steps lead down the first level of embankment.

Section 10, page 373

Update: Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation has improved access at NC 58 on downstream left. A rough drive leads 100 feet to a small beach on the reservoir. Park on the road shoulder and portage gear along the drive.

Update: Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation provides a camping platform on an island in an arm of the Tar River Reservoir. A roof covers half the platform, and a fire-ring is provided. A permit is required (252-972-1235). The fee is \$10 per night per person. To paddle to the platform from the boat ramp off Bend In The River Road (Nash Co. 1745), paddle under the bridge, go 500 feet, and bear left into an arm of the reservoir. Continue a mile to the Old Carriage Road (Nash Co. 1603) bridge. A boat ramp is left just past the bridge. Continue 0.4 miles through a left bend, where an island can be seen a half-mile ahead. Pass just to the right of the island and look to the left for a small dock [GPS: 35° 52.948' N, 77° 55.156' W]. The platform is just behind the dock but difficult to see through trees.

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Section 11, pages 373–374

Update: Lamon's Ferry Bridge at South Halifax Road (Nash Co. 1544) (mi 1.8) is now an access area managed by Rocky Mount. It is downstream left and entered by turning into River Glen Road. Park outside the gate and carry about 100 feet to the river.

Update: Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation provides a new access just upstream right of the Nashville Road bridge. The access is a quarter-mile downstream from the Griffin Street access. Parking and river access are better at the new Nashville access, Wooden steps and a boat slide are close to parking spaces. Traveling north on Nashville Road, turn left into a parking area before crossing the bridge. Hammond Street T's into Nashville Road on the right.

Section 12, pages 374–375

Update: Signs at the NC 43/48 Business bridges prohibit paddling beyond the bridges to the dam at Rocky Mount Mills. The signs were put up after a boating accident at the dam. The first bridge is for Peachtree Street (43S/48E Business) followed by Falls Road (43N/48W Business). The portage path is upstream left of Peachtree Street where there are wooden steps, but there is no parking area at the road. The portage is across the two roads at a pedestrian crosswalk and into a parking lot and overlook area, part of Battle Park.

Update: Rocky Mount Mills is under new management. At low flows, the pool behind the dam has been allowed to drop to the point that the old riverbed is exposed. A class 2 rapid was observed a few hundred feet upstream of the NC 43/48 Business bridges. There may be more exposed rapids upstream when there is no significant backwater from the dam.

Update: Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation provides a camping platform on an island about a quarter-mile downstream of Rocky Mount Mills Dam. Reservations are required (252-972-1235), and the fee is \$10 per night per person. To reach the platform without having to portage around the dam, put-in at the concrete boat ramp in Battle Park. The platform is a quarter-mile upstream from the ramp. Paddling upstream will require some effort at normal water flow. If water is flowing over the dam, it may not be possible to paddle against the current. The platform [GPS: 35° 57.631' N, 77° 47.928' W] is up about 15 feet above the river. A wooden ladder is attached to the platform and begins near the riverbed. The platform does not have a roof, and posts are not high enough to support a tarp. A fire-ring is provided.

Update: Rocky Mount has a new access (mi. 3.5) off Neville Lane. From NC 43 Business, take Leggett Road (Edgecombe Co. 1243). After 1.1 miles it passes under US 64. Continue 0.2 miles and turn left onto Neville Lane. A park is 300 feet ahead, where the road curves left. There is a picnic shelter and basketball goals. Wooden steps lead to the river at a break in the trees.

Section 13, page 375

Update: Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation has a new access area 0.6 miles upstream from the Leggett Road (Edgecombe Co. 1243) bridge. The access is off NC 97 across from the entrance to the water treatment entrance.

Section 13–14, pages 375–376

Update: An Wildlife boating access is downstream left of the Dunbar Road (Edgecombe Co. 1252) bridge.

Section 14, pages 375–376

Update: Swift Creek (mi 8.9) enters from the left. In a left bend, the right bank (mi 11.1) is over 25 feet high. It is eroded and full of seashells from the time when this area was seabed. Some of the scallop shells are as big as your hand.

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Tranters Creek

Section 1, page 384

Update: A campground is on the right bank (mi 9.5). Tranters Creek Resort and Campground has 15+ campsites available for tent campers (two per site).

See: <http://www.tranterscreekresort.com/>

White Oak Basin

New River

Sections 2 and 3, page 389

Update: Onslow County has provided a new access parking area called the Henry McCallister Landing at the Rhodestown Road (Onslow Co. 1316) bridge, downstream left.

Section 3, page 390

Update: A new access area is provided by Onslow County allowing this section to be divided into a 6.5-mile and 4.0-mile trip. The access is called the Burton Industrial Park Primitive Landing and is 6.5 miles from the Section 3 put-in. To reach it traveling north on NC 24/US 258 out of Jacksonville, go to where NC 53 enters from the right. Go 2.2 miles farther on NC 24/US 258 to where Pony Farm Road (Onslow Co. 1212) is on the left and Northwest Corridor Blvd. is on the right with a large Burton Park sign at the entrance. Turn right on Northwest Corridor Blvd. and follow it until the paved road ends. Take the dirt road to the left to the access area. A sign here warns that 4-wheel drive may be required. The access area is at an unnamed creek about 500 feet from the creek mouth on the New River. The access area cannot be seen from New River. The new access is at 34 degrees 46.5552 minutes North, 77 degrees 28.4244 minutes West (WGS 84 Datum).

Update: A new access area is provided by Onslow County near the end of this section on Blue Creek. Blue Creek joins the New River from the right (mile 9.3). The access is 0.8 miles upstream of the mouth of Blue Creek. It is more protected from wind than continuing on to the access just downstream of US 17. To drive to the Blue Creek access from Jacksonville, traveling north on US 268, pass the intersection with NC 53. Go 0.6 more miles and turn right on Ridge Road (Onslow Co. 1396). Onslow Memorial Park Cemetery is also at this corner, and there is an Onslow County park sign. Follow the roads through the subdivision taking the turns at intersections marked by small brown signs with arrows. At the end of Riverbend Road are Oakhurst Nature Park and a small parking lot. The paddling access on Blue Creek is down the hill and to the right. The park includes 253 acres, 0.8 miles of frontage along Blue Creek, and 1 mile upstream along the New River.

Newport River

Section 1, pages 392–393

Update: The Oyster Point take-out includes a primitive campground operated by Croatan National Forest.

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White Oak River

Section 1, page 395

Update: This section was cleared of downed trees during October 2004. The old downed trees are no longer a problem at water levels of zero and above. The steel tape gauge has rusted near the bottom. The bottom of the pipe the tape is attached to is zero.

Section 2, pages 396–397

Update: The paddling gauge downstream of the US 17 bridge is gone. A new gauge is attached to a pedestrian bridge, 50 feet upstream right of the US 17 bridge.

Update: The sign leading to the quarry lakes put-in now says “Rock Quarry Lake Fishing.”

Update: Dixon Field Road (Forest Route 3057) can be used for access to the White Oak River. It ends close to river mile 4.2 (from US 17) and can be used to divide this section into shorter trips. The road is narrow, one-lane, and has few turnouts for passing. To reach Dixon Field Road from US 17 in Maysville, take NC 58 southeast toward Swansboro. Go 3.9 miles and turn right onto Hwy 58 Loop Road (Jones Co. 1102). Go 0.4 miles and turn right onto Dixon Field Road. Go 0.6 miles to where there is a stop sign and property ahead is posted. This is where the road becomes rough. Turn right, go 0.4 miles to a fork, and take the left fork. Go 0.4 miles to the Croatan National Forest property on the White Oak River.

Section 3, page 397

Update: Boon Docks, at the Stella bridge, charges \$5 per boat to use their ramp. Pay at the honor box. Camping is available at Boon Docks for a fee.

Update: An alternative access to the Stella bridge area is available for paddlers camping at White Oak Shores Camping & RV Resort. It requires continuing 2.0 miles downstream of the bridge. A creek enters the White Oak River on the left. The launch area is a quarter-mile upstream of this creek. See: <http://www.whiteoakshores.com/>.

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Yadkin-Pee Dee Basin

Ararat River

Section 1, pages 402–403

Update: Access at the Hamburg Street bridge is more difficult following construction because of guardrails and steep banks. Access at other bridges and nearby roads in this section is difficult.

South Yadkin River

Section 1, page 423

Update: Under Notes change “A few hundred feet upstream left of the bridge, a farm road leads to the riverbank.” to “A few hundred feet from the downstream left side of the bridge, a farm road leads to the riverbank.”

Uwharrie River

Sections 3–4, pages 430–431

Update: The NC 109 bridge has been replaced. The old roadbed remains and access is now easier than in the past. A gravel road leads under the bridge. There is no painted gauge on the new bridge.

Section 4, pages 430–431

Update: Forest Route 555 goes through private property about a quarter-mile before it ends near the take-out. The property owner had problems with trash and misuse of the land. The Forest Service has placed a locked gate across Route 555, making a difficult portage necessary from the take-out to the gate. Unless you are prepared to make a quarter-mile portage, do not run Section 4. It is possible to continue downstream and take out at Morrow Mountain State Park.

Yadkin River

Section 3, page 434

Update: Change “Camping area C borders a cove just off the river channel and offers easy access to the water. Use of the area is only for registered campers. Campsites 11–15 are closest to the water,..” to

“A camping area borders a cove just off the river channel and offers easy access to the water. Use of the area is only for registered campers. Campsites 34–43 are closest to the water, ... ”

Sections 3–4, pages 434–435

Update: W, Kerr Scott Reservoir has installed a new canoe access off Marley Ford Road (Wilkes Co. 1137). It can be used instead of Warrior Creek Park campground. From NC 268, take Marley Ford Road 0.8 miles to where it swings right toward reservoir campgrounds. Go straight ahead through gates to the canoe access. The access is free, and using it reduces Section 3 by a half-mile and adds a half-mile to Section 4.

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Section 10, page 438

Update: The low bridge at the Rockford access is no longer a hazard. A high bridge has replaced it.

Section 16, page 442

Update: The Eureka gristmill building (mi 8.2) collapsed March 2003. The building had been considered for historic preservation.

Appendix C

Other Map Sources

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Update: The link given to view topo and aerial maps has changed to:

<http://terraserver-usa.com/>

An easy way to locate an area of interest is to enter the name of a nearby town under "Search TerraServer" in the upper left. For example, enter "Williamston" in the "City" box and "NC" in the "State" box. Click "GO". Under "Available Image", click "Topo Map". Navigate by clicking on the map or use arrows on the map sides. To see a latitude/longitude grid, click "Info" at the top, right side of the window. This is useful to obtain coordinates to use as waypoints for a GPS. To switch to an aerial map view, click the "Aerial Photo" tab on upper right of the map.

Update: Official North Carolina Department of Transportation County Maintenance Maps can be downloaded as TIF files from:

<http://www.ncdot.org/it/gis/DataDistribution/CountyMapTIFs/default.html>