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Google Earth Placemarks

Google Earth Placemarks are available to show the put-ins and take-outs for all stream sections listed in the Second Edition of *Paddling Eastern North Carolina*. For details see:

<http://pocosinpress.com/Maps.htm>

Cape Fear Basin

Black River

Section 2, page 43

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.

Sections 3–4, pages 43–44

Update: Don Meece's email has changed: meece@embarqmail.com

Update: The private, gated access near Wildcat Road is no longer available.

Section 6, pages 45–46

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: Flagging in the swamp forest route has been removed.

Sections 7–8, pages 47–48

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 (page 116).

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Cape Fear River

Section 2, page 53

Update: Cape Fear RV and Canoe Center in Lillington is closed.

Sections 3–4, pages 53–55

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

Section 7, page 56

Update: Paddlers can arrange to go through the locks instead of portaging. Locks are now also available on weekends. Reservations are required. Try to make a reservation 2 days in advance. Contact Lockmaster Phil Edge at 910-483-7746 or 910-874-0883. Email: phil.edge@saw02.usace.army.mil An additional contact is Ranger Tom Charles at 910-874-0881.

Section 10, page 58

Update: See the Section 7 update information above for arranging to lock through Lock # 2.

Section 12, page 59

Update: Construction is in progress at Lock & Dam #1 through December 2010, and possibly into the early spring 2011. Here is information from the Corps of Engineers:

All boaters traveling up or down the river can still lock through by booking a lockage at least 48 hours in advance. To book a lockage, call Lockmaster Phil Edge at 910-483-7746 or 910-874-0883, or Ranger Tom Charles at 910-874-0881. Portage may be available instead of lockage, depending on construction activity - call well in advance to inquire.

To proceed downstream past #1, boaters need to schedule a lockage or portage - and the requirements are the same for either. We suggest they call as soon as they start planning their trips. The sooner they make reservations, the more likely they will be to get the time slot they want, as there will be only one slot a day. To move boats through the construction area, work has to stop for about half an hour, and this can't be done any more often. If someone has already reserved a time for the desired day, the latecomers will have to go then or not go at all. We have information on our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/USACE.Wilmington>

Section 13, pages 60–61

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.

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Deep River

Section 3, page 71

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 to the river.

Section 7, page 74

Update: The NC 42 bridge was found to be cleared of logjams on 12 August 2007.

Sections 9–10, pages 75–76

Update: A concrete boat ramp is upstream left of the Camelback Bridge at Deep River Park.

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.

Sections 2–3, pages 89–91

Update: The Glen Raven access at NC 87 has been improved. A parking area is available upstream left of the mill sluice channel. A pedestrian bridge allows crossing the sluice without having to walk the highway bridge.

Section 3, pages 90–91

Update: A river park is being developed upstream left of the Geringer Mill Road (Alamance Co. 1561) bridge. A river access will be included, and the park is expected to be completed during 2010.

Sections 3–6, pages 90–94

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 3–4, pages 90–92

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.

Section 4, page 92

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.

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Section 5, pages 92–93

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 that begins about a half-mile upstream off Boy Wood Road. The parks have a total of three tent campsites.

Update: At the Swepsonville Dam (mi 3.1), a new landing dock has been built on the left by The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Co. to eliminate getting out of your boat in the mud. The landowner has erected portage signs and wire indicating the path around the dam. Please respect his property rights and do not trespass. Future plans at the Puryear portage include a launching dock on the downriver side of the dam and improvements to the boat slide over the dam wing-wall.

Section 6, page 94

Update: At the Church Road (Alamance Co. 2171) bridge, the gap in the guardrails is chained, but paddlers are still allowed to carry to use the island as a put-in.

Update: A new river access is under construction at the Community Center building, upstream left of the Church Road (Alamance Co. 2171) bridge.

Lower Little River

Sections 2–3, pages 111–112

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 112–113

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

Moore's Creek

Section 1, page 116

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, page 124

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

Rocky River

Sections 1–4, pages 139–142

Update: A new USGS gauge, *Rocky River at US 64 near Siler City*, is available. Water from the gauge takes about 2 hours to reach the Section 2 put-in. For Section 4 (if rain is widespread), there will be two peaks: one about 3–4 hours after the new gauge peaks, and one about 7–10 after the gauge peaks. The first peak is from tributaries close to Section 4, and the second peak is from the upper Rocky River.

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Town Creek

Sections 2–3, pages 158–159

Update: Brunswick Nature Park, 911 acres, offers a floating dock for paddlers. To reach the park traveling north on NC 133 from the Town Creek bridge, go 0.3 miles and turn left into the park. Follow signs to the dock, about a mile. Using this dock shortens Section 2 by 2.8 miles and lengthens Section 3 by 2.8 miles.

Chowan Basin

Chowan River

Section 1, pages 169–170

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.

Meherrin River

Sections 1–3, pages 177–178

Update: A paddler reported being disappointed by the amount of noise heard for over 24 hours during a canoe camping trip. The noise included a few probable chip mills (near Branchs Bridge Road and about 10 miles downstream) and noise from farm machinery and trains.

Lumber Basin

Drowning Creek

Section 1, page 200

Update: The US 1 bridge is being replaced. Parking near the bridge is not possible. The status of stream access after completion is not yet known.

Section 2, page 201

Update: Paddlers report encountering a dozen downed trees during March 2010 at 3.8 ft (175 cfs) on the USGS *Drowning Creek near Hoffman* gauge. Only one tree had to be portaged at this level.

Lumber River

Section 1, page 208

Update: Lumber River State Park cleared this section of downed trees September 2007. It has been paddled at 1.7 feet (50 cfs) on the USGS *Drowning Creek near Hoffman* gauge. Newly fallen trees are likely.

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Sections 5–6, page 210

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 210–211

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 215

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.

Update: Al Pittman, south of Lumberton off Willoughby Road, arranges shuttles and rents canoes. Telephone: 910-738-4936 or email: swamptoy@webtv.net

Neuse Basin

Contentnea Creek

Sections 8–9, pages 241–242

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

Sections 10–11, page 242–243

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

Eno River

Sections 3–4, pages 257–258

Update: The old Duke Power dam just upstream of Pleasant Green Road has been removed.

Flat River

Sections 2–3, pages 264–265

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

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).

Section 5, page 278

Update: The county park, where Lowell Mill Dam was removed, is finished and provides easy access.

Update: The Wildlife boating access downstream of Weaver Road (Johnson Co. 2144) is closed. Access is possible from the Weaver Road bridge.

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Neuse River

Sections 5–6, pages 288–289

Update: To reach the river from Mial Plantation Road bridge, use the downstream left side. Go down just to the side of the concrete bridge apron. The ground between the apron and riverbank had been mowed when checked April 2008. The wooden steps previously found at the riverbank were gone. The bank is 10–15 feet above water, steep, and very slippery when wet.

Section 8, page 290

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

Section 11, pages 291–292

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

Section 14, page 293

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 295–296

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

Trent River

Sections 1–2, pages 305–306

Update: Paddlers and fishermen are now using River Road (Jones Co. 1169) to access the river at Comfort. River Road is a dirt road off NC 41, 0.1 miles east of the post office.

Sections 3–4, page 306

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 3–8, pages 306–308

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

Section 8, page 308

Update: Evening Breeze Outfitters is closed.

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Pasquotank Basin

Alligator River

Section 3, page 318

Update: A paddler reports (March 2010) being able to paddle about 6 miles up the Northwest and Southwest Forks without being hindered by alligator weed.

Perquimans River

Section 1, page 341

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

Roanoke Basin

Cashie River

Section 1, pages 357–358

Update: A small campground is next to the Wildlife boating access (mi 0.7) mentioned as an alternative put-in. RVs are on the outside of the loop. There are a few tables and grills on the inside of the loop. Tent camping is \$2 per day, paid to an honor box.

Section 3, pages 359–360

Update: The take-out at the end of Shipyard Landing Road on Cashoke Creek is owned by Ricky Hughes (252-217-9322). He charges \$3 per boat for launching and parking. Plans include rental cabins, tent camping, shuttle service, and a tackle shop. Expected completion is summer 2010.

Dan River

Section 1, pages 369–370

Update: Scheduled water releases from the Pinnacles Hydroelectric Plant are listed at: <http://www.danvilleutilities.com/>

Section 2, page 371

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

Section 4, page 372

Update: Hanging Rock Outdoor Center has closed.

Sections 7-8, pages 374-375

Update: Access at Power House Road adjacent to Hemlock Golf Course has been restored.

Section 10, page 376

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

Section 12, page 377

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

Section 13, page 378

Update: Dan River Park, off Memorial Drive in Danville, has been reopened and renamed Abreu-Grogan Park. A boat ramp is available.

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Smith River

Section 2, page 412–413

Update: Island Ford Landing is a new boating access located downstream left of the NC 700/770 (Meadow Road) bridge. It is at the trailhead for the Smith River Greenway.

Tar-Pamlico Basin

Fishing Creek

Sections 3–4, pages 428–429

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

Tar River

Section 9, page 452

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, pages 452–453

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.

Section 11, pages 453–454

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 454–455

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 extends from the riverbed to the platform. The platform does not have a roof, and posts are not high enough to support a tarp. A fire-ring is provided.

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White Oak Basin

Newport River

Pages 483–485

Update: The Northwest Prong, Southwest Prong, and mainstem of the Newport River were cleared of downed trees in March 2008. The clearing crew reports that the primitive low bridge across the Northwest Prong, Section 1 (mi 0.5) was not seen.

White Oak River

Sections 4–5, pages 493–495

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: Boat access at White Oak Shores Camping & RV.Resort is only allowed for paddlers camping there.

Yadkin-Pee Dee Basin

Rocky River

Sections 2–3, pages 529–550

Update: A new access is upstream right of the NC 205 bridge. Land for a nature park has been donated by Brooks Barnhardt. There is a locked gate at the driveway into the park. Paddlers are welcome to park on the road shoulder and carry past the gate to the river. To arrange to have the gate opened or to camp on at the park, call Brooks at 704-485-8795.

Yadkin River

Sections 4–5, pages 553–554

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 4 by a half-mile and adds a half-mile to Section 5.

Section 11, page 557

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

Appendix B: Camping Platforms

Pages 569-570

Update: For platform reservations by telephone, the number has changed. Call Ann at 252-792-3790 or 252-724-0352, or call Lucia at 252-792-0070.

Update: The \$50 maximum per platform no longer applies.

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.

Update: On Sections 2-3 of the Roanoke River, *Halifax* Platform is now called *Tusca Landing* Platform