



New Bern, NC Neuse River - Glenburnie Park

Skills: N

Time: 3 hours

Maps: Askin, NC topo

Difficulty: M

Distance: 4½ miles

PADDLE DESCRIPTION

From the boat ramp at Glenburnie Park paddle a northerly heading to the southeastern point of Marsh Island. Turn slightly left at the point and paddle a heading of North North-West, you will be heading toward a lone Cypress tree, to the northwestern point of Duck Island. From there turn East South-East and proceed through the thoroughfare between Duck Island and Snake Island. After going around the southeast point of Snake Island then paddle North-West along the back side of Snake Island to its northern tip. Set a heading of West North-West and paddle to the mouth of the gut between the mainland and Bird Island. Follow the gut around the back side of the island until you get to the southwestern end of Bird Island. Paddle from Bird Island to the northwestern tip of Marsh Island. After rounding the end of Marsh Island, go southerly to the mouth of Sand Pit Ditch. Paddle up the ditch until you get to where it enters into Hatteras Creek turn left and follow the creek until it enters the Neuse River, continue on until you pass the long point on the right. From there, paddle a heading of East South-East back to the boat ramp.

This is a great place to see wildlife. Many species of birds feed and nest in the marsh covered islands. Also, at times beaver, deer, and otters may be seen and there are reports of alligator sightings in this area. Part of this paddle takes you through and across the main channel of the Neuse River where power boats are frequent and caution must be observed. On the islands there are sandy shore lines to stop on for a break, but check the sand before stepping out of your boat. The sand may have mud under it. In Hatteras Creek there is a beautiful cypress swamp to paddle through. As you are paddling out of Hatteras Creek to the Neuse River you will pass Hatteras Yacht Company and most of the time there will be several nice boats in the water to see.

PUT-IN

Glenburnie Park Boat Ramp

35° 08.224' N - 077° 03.362' W

TAKE-OUT

DIFFICULTIES/HAZARDS

Wind and currents may affect the difficulty and length of this paddle. Part of the paddle takes you through and across the main channel of the Neuse River where power boats are frequent and caution must be observed.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

To Glenburnie Park from Hwy U70 you will take Glenburnie Road northeast (away from Craven Community College) to Oaks Road, Shell Station on corner. Turn right on Oaks Road and go to the 3rd road to the left, Glenburnie Drive, turn left there and go to the end, you will be at the park entrance. This is the road that the National Guard Armory and WCTI TV studios are on. The boat ramp will be on the right just before entering the park gate.
