

THE BEAN / ORIENTAL CREEKS & CANALS

Saturday, January 6th, 2007

WHEN: Saturday, January 6, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: In Oriental at the Bean Coffee Shop in downtown on Hodges Street

PADDLE DISTANCE: About 4-8 miles

TRIP DIFFICULTY: ** EASY

SKILL REQUIREMENTS: ** BEGINNERS and NOVICE

** Please consider your paddle abilities and weather conditions when planning attend this trip. If you have any doubt, contact your trip leader for advice. TRPC membership not required however applications are available at site.

TRIP DETAILS: We will meet at "The Bean" coffee shop in downtown Oriental at 9:00 a.m. for a pre-paddle social of coffee or whatever (the Mocha Java ice cream is awesome). After our brief coffee get together we will proceed to either the Wildlife Boat Landing or the public beach (depending on wind and wave conditions) at 10:00 a.m., and from there we will meander through the back creeks, nooks and crannies around Oriental. This is more of a lollygag type of paddle for those who like to explore little creeks, look at boats and enjoy nature than for those looking for a wringer outer.

PROVISIONS NEEDED: A PFD ideally type II or III must be worn and properly secured, dress warmly, wearing synthetics and in layers. Bring a change of clothes in a dry bag and bring plenty of water

LAUNCH : No later then 10:00 a.m.

TIME ON WATER: 3 to 4 hour max. (off the water by 2 p.m.)

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO:

Take N C Highway 55 from New Bern to Oriental. Stay on Highway 55 through the town (Broad Street) until you see the high-rise bridge and turn left on Hodges Street, the second street before crossing the bridge. Hodges Street will take you to the Town Docks and Harbor where you will find The Bean across the street from the water.

PUT-IN: To be determined before leaving The Bean (see details above).

SHUTTLE: A shuttle is not necessary for this paddle trip.

TAKE-OUT: Same as put-In

TRIP COORDINATOR: Terry Rich at richenough@always-online.com or phone 252 633-9715.

RSVP: If possible let the trip coordinator know by e-mail or phone if you plan to attend or if you have any questions. If at the last minute you want to come on the paddle, please do so even if you have not notified the trip leader.