

Bear Island, Hammocks Beach SP, Paddle Trip

When: Saturday, July 19, 2008

Where: We will meet at the NC Wildlife ramp at Shell Rock Landing at 9:30 AM and paddle to the West end of Bear Island.

Trip Difficulty: Easy, This trip is for most everyone. Only concern will be the first and last 100 yards crossing the ICW, which may be affected by wind, waves and power boat traffic. The distance is probably less than 2 miles each way but can be more strenuous if against the tide.

Trip Details: Members will meet at Shell Rock Landing and be ready to launch at 9:30 AM. We will paddle through the peaceful marsh canals to the West end of Bear Island. We will spend some time there giving members time to enjoy their favorite interests, such as sun bathing, shell collecting, swimming, or walking the beach. This is an excellent location to practice wet exits, self rescues, and rolling. There are no restrooms at Shell Rock Landing (stop at Burger King) or the West end of Bear Island (there is sand dunes and the water).

Provisions Needed: PFD's must be worn, plenty of water, sun screen, hat, lunch or snacks, towels, chairs, umbrellas or any other creature comforts you wish.

Driving Directions: To get to the NC Wildlife ramp at Shell Rock Landing: From New Bern go South on US 17 to Maysville, turn left on NC 58 and drive to Cedar Point. Turn right on NC 24 and drive to Swansboro NC. In Swansboro go to the traffic light at Burger King and turn left. This will be Queens Creek Rd. follow it until it ends. Turn left onto Great Neck Landing Rd. and drive to Shell Rock Landing Rd. and turn right. Drive all the way to the end and the boat ramp will be on the right. Park along the ICW.

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