

Bear Island, Hammocks Beach SP, Paddle Trip

When: Saturday, August 4, 2007

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.

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 a couple hours 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.

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:

1. 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.
2. From Morehead City area, take NC 24 West to Swansboro NC.

All: In Swansboro go pass the first two traffic lights in Swansboro to the third 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., then drive to the end and the boat ramp will be on the right.

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