

Cedar Island Camping & Paddle

Friday - Sun. July 11, 12 & 13, 2008

(CORRECTED VERSION!)

- The Friday paddle will begin at 12:00 a.m. (try to get there early if setting up for overnight camping).
- Saturday paddle will begin at 10:00 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday morning paddle is optional and on your own (lots of nice places for a morning paddle, bike ride or hike on the beach)

WHERE: Cedar Island at the Driftwood Campground (approx. 2 hour leisurely drive from New Bern). Take Hwy. 70 East to Havelock. Turn left on Hwy. 101. Go over the ICW bridge and continue approx. 1.5 miles to SR 1163. Turn left and go to the end of the road. Turn right on SR 1300 and go approx. 2.4 miles. Turn left on Hwy. 70 and follow the Cedar Island ferry signs past Smyrna, Davis, Atlantic and on to the end of the road at the Cedar Island ferry landing. The Driftwood Campground is on your right just before the ferry entrance. We hope to get the waterfront sites.

PADDLE DISTANCE: Approximately 8 to 10 miles @ day

TRIP DIFFICULTY: Potentially Difficult if windy but often calm & fantastic! There are sheltered options that can be taken by those desiring shorter or less challenging paddling. Bring safety items (P.F.D. required, spray skirt recommended)

TRIP DETAILS: There are lots of fun options for the day or for overnight at Cedar Island. You can paddle, bike, swim, hike or fish (lots of sandy beaches and dunes to explore). Some may just hang out and enjoy socializing. The campground is basic but has toilets, showers, h2o, electricity hookups, tables and fire pits. On Friday we plan to paddle around the deserted islands to the east from the Wildlife ramp and back into the camp (approximately 8 miles). On Saturday we will paddle from camp to North Bay on the west end of the island and back (approximately 10 miles). Sunday we will take an informal approach (no scheduled paddles) with groups or individuals exploring and practicing skills on their own (there are great sandy beaches to practice braces, rescues or rolls and lots of meandering creeks to explore and bird watch). RELAX & ENJOY!

As of last year the Camp fees were \$14 for tent w/ \$5.00 fee for second tent on sight, \$16.00 or \$18.00 for RV (w/ or w/o elec. Hookup + water is available) or \$65.00 for motel w/ double occupancy. (call in advance for motel reservations at 252 225-4861). There is even a nice restaurant at the motel for those who want to splurge a bit. Come join us for a great mini vacation and explore some new territory. Contact: Terry Rich at 252 633-9715 or

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