

Cedar Island Camping & Paddle

Friday - Sun. Sep. 14 - 16, 2007

WHEN: Friday through Sunday September 14 - 16 (some may choose to arrive Thurs. afternoon and set up camp in advance of the Friday paddle)

- Friday's paddle will begin at 12:00 a.m. (try to get there early if setting up for overnight camping - perhaps on Thurs.).
- Saturday & *Sundays paddle will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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 SR1300 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 but 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 8 miles). Sunday at *10:00ish we will take an informal approach 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).

Camp fees are \$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) 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 richenough@always-online.com