

CONTENTNEA CREEK & NEUSE RIVER

Grifton to Maple Cypress Landing

When: Saturday, May 8th, 2010

Where: From the NC Wildlife Ramp in Grifton down Contentnea Creek to the Neuse River and then down to Maple Cypress Landing.

Paddle Distance: About 10.1 miles

Trip Difficulty: Moderate

Skill Requirements: Intermediate. There are no take outs (except for breaks and lunch) from start to end so paddlers must have the stamina and ability to complete the entire 10 mile paddle on their own. Going back up stream against the current is not recommended.

Trip Details: Join the TRPC members for a Spring paddle. We will put in at the NCWR in Grifton on the Contentnea Creek and head down stream. After 2 miles we will no longer see homes and the creek will narrow to fifty feet and wind through a pretty cypress swamp. We will merge with the Neuse River at the 4.5 mile mark and usually have a good current to help us along on the final 5.6 miles to Maple Cypress Landing.

Provisions Needed: PFD, lots of water, lunch or snacks, sun screen or UV protective clothes and hat, a change of clothes in dry bag. Remember the water will still be cold. No cotton and dress appropriately. Spray skirts may be needed if it is windy on the Neuse.

Time on water: 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours with lunch.

Shuttle: Meet at Maple Cypress Landing at no later than 9:00 am. We will leave shuttle vehicles and proceed to put-in at Grifton. At the end of paddle drivers will be shuttled back to their vehicles.

Driving Directions:

Maple Cypress Landing: From New Bern: Take NC Hwy 55 NW to Biddle Farm Rd (1472) and turn right. Go to Maple Cypress Rd (1470) and turn right. Cross over the Neuse River Bridge and just past a white house on the left there is a small dirt road. Follow this back to the landing.

You may also get to the put-in by taking River Rd west from Hwy 43 and turning left at Maple Cypress Rd. and turn in dirt road next to white house just before the Neuse River Bridge.

Grifton NCWRC Ramp: From Maple Cypress Landing turn left off dirt road onto Maple Cypress Road. Turn left at River Road and go to NC Hwy 118 and turn left and proceed into Grifton. Upon entering Grifton watch for a NC Wildlife Ramp sign on the right shoulder and turn left, this will be South St. go straight down to the parking lot at the creek

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