

Hancock Creek "Sounds of Freedom" Paddle
Wednesday – November 14, 2007

WHEN: Wednesday November 14, 2007 – 1300 (1 PM) launch

WHERE: Hancock Creek from the Wildlife Ramp upstream & return

PADDLE DISTANCE: 6 +/- depending on weather/route

TRIP DIFFICULTY: Should be protected water unless wind is brisk out of the North and then we could face a nasty chop during the first and last mile of the paddle.

SKILL REQUIREMENTS: Strong Beginner or higher, especially with a north wind.

Please consider your paddle abilities and weather conditions when planning to attend this trip. If you have any doubt, contact your trip coordinator for advice. TRPC membership is not required and guests are encouraged.

TRIP DETAILS: This trip could be much different than most of our paddles. Hancock Creek lies largely within MCAS Cherry Point and much of the creek lies very close to active runways. If the wind is right and the squadrons are "bouncing" we could have our own military air show with planes passing overhead close enough that you can actually feel a breeze. Paddlers are encouraged to observe how wildlife, most birds, go about their business, completely indifferent to these screaming masses of metal passing a few feet above their heads. It may give one some food for thought concerning some of the environmental arguments being batted around concerning the OLF project. Besides the air show, the creek itself is interesting in how quickly it changes character seeming around each bend. I should be a good paddle!

PROVISIONS NEEDED: A type II or III PFD must be worn and properly secured. Paddlers are reminded that by 11/14 they need to prepare themselves for cool weather paddling with no cotton clothing, dressing in layers and packing an emergency clothing bag. All paddlers should at least carry a spray skirt.

TIME ON WATER: Expect roughly three hours with a goal of being off the water before sunset

SHUTTLE: Not required.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Take 70 east into Havelock and turn onto Hwy 101 like you would if you were going toward Beaufort or Cedar Island. Proceed past the base on your left and continue on approximately 2 miles to Cahogue Creek Road. Turn left and follow to end of blacktop and then half left on to forest road for about 2 miles to Wildlife boat ramp. If you want to bring your lunch with you there is a nice dock to sit on.

TRIP Coordinator: Alan Garey 252-626-0082 or [cdrgarey@aol.com](mailto:cdrgary@aol.com).

RSVP: Please let Alan know either by email or phone if you plan to come or if you have any questions. If you forgot to call/email but want to paddle anyway, just show up and join the fun. Hope to see you on the 14th!