

SWIFT CREEK PADDLE
Vanceboro to Bridgeton
March 8, 2008 - SATURDAY

WHEN: SATURDAY, March 8, 2008. Launch time 10 a.m.

TRIP DETAILS: Join other paddlers (Canoe and Kayak) for an exploration paddle of Swift Creek. Note, this is a very demanding trip primarily due to distance, please consider your ability and stamina. Swift creek is a slow moving and meandering stream that offers paddlers a diverse exposure to this beautiful Neuse River Tributary. The stream is quite narrow and offers protection from the wind for its entire length. The last 5 miles of the paddle will be a mostly protected exploration of the Neuse River along Hog Island. As we approach the widening of the Neuse River (about 1 mile from our take-out), our paddle will explore the "north" shoreline, which by the way is protected, by a group of small Islands from south and west winds. Our destination is the NCWRC Boat Ramp North of Bridgeton.

PUT-IN, WHERE and WHEN:

Vanceboro to Bridgeton NCWRC Ramp (**DEMANDING 16 MILES**): Arrive no later than 9 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. launch

Directions to put-in:

Traveling north on US17 from New Bern, turn left on NC 43 heading into Vanceboro. The launch site is about 1 1/2 miles from the turn on left and is located in the vacant area just before Bob Werner's Construction (has Kayaks out front).

Plan to shuttle cars to take out and be ready for a 10 a.m. launch.

TAKE-OUT:

Bridgeton NCWRC Ramp:

Directions to take-out:

From Bridgeton, travel 1.0 mi north of city limits along US 17. Turn left on SR 1431 (Wildlife Rd) and proceed 1.0 mile to Ramp area.

SHUTTLE (drop your cars): MEET AT 9 a.m. Anyone wishing to drop a car off ahead of time please do so. Double-up with someone else and go to their launch site, this could help us out with the shuttle arrangement after the trip.

SKILL REQUIREMENTS: Expert

PROVISIONS NEEDED: PFD (must wear!), dress for water temperatures and in layers, this is an early spring paddle. Remember "Cotton Kills". Bring Lunch and plenty of water for the extended trip. About 2 mile downstream from the Cool Springs Landing is the only restroom found on this paddle trip.

TIME ON WATER: Off water by 4 p.m.

TRIP COORDINATOR: Cal Hansen (252) 637-3655 or paddler@suddenlink.net **RSVPS:** Please advise trip Coordinator (by e-mail) if possible.