

TRPC PADDLE

SWIFT CREEK

GOING UPSTREAM FROM VANCEBORO

WHEN: Saturday, February 27, 2010 9:00AM

WHERE: Vanceboro, NC

PADDLE DISTANCE: About 6 miles

TRIP DIFFICULTY: Moderate. Technical skills required to navigate around the many trees, obstacles and tight turns along the route.

SKILL REQUIREMENTS: Intermediate*

*Please consider your paddle abilities and weather conditions when planning for this trip. If you have any doubt, contact your trip coordinator for advice. Although a relatively short paddle, there are many obstacles (trees, limbs, stumps, etc.) to navigate around in tight spaces and current. We will initially be paddling upstream so current could be a factor.

TRIP DETAILS: TRPC sponsored event. This will be an exploratory trip. We will paddle upstream to an area with large Cyprus and swamp Tupelo trees in the middle of the stream and then return. It should be a relatively short paddle. About 2 ½ to 3 hours.

PROVISIONS NEEDED: Suitable and approved PFD (must wear). Dress appropriately for winter paddling. Remember to bring water and extra clothes in a dry bag. **FROM EXPERIENCE, A SMALLER CREEK BOAT IS PREFERABLE. A 16-18 FOOT KAYAK IS POSSIBLE BUT IT IS MORE WORK FOR SOME OF THE TIGHT TURNS.**

LAUNCH: **No later than 9:30 am.**

TIME ON WATER: About 2 ½ to 3 hours max. There is no suitable place to stop or get out except at the put in/take out so we won't stop for lunch or have a break.

DIRECTIONS: The put in and take out will be at Swift creek in Vanceboro. This is next to the white building on the left as you enter Vanceboro. From New Bern, take either US 17 or US 43 north. At the approach to Vanceboro, follow US 43 towards the town. You will see put in area on the left as you enter the town. This is the same site we use to put in for trips down Swift Creek from Vanceboro.

TRIP COORDINATOR: Dave McCracken (dbmccracken@suddenlink.net)

Note for non-members: While club membership is not required to participate in this trip, non-members may be asked to complete a trip registration. Also, for safety, there may be a limit to the number of outside participants. Please, contact the trip coordinator/leader ahead of time, if you plan to join us on this paddle.