

TRENT RIVER PADDLE
Wilcox Bridge to the Landfill
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16th at 8:30 a.m.

WHEN: Saturday, January 16, 2010 - 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: Meet at Take-Out near at the Wildlife Boat ramp near the landfill to setup shuttle.

PADDLE DISTANCE: About 12+ miles

TRIP DIFFICULTY: ****DEMANDING** (Distance is what you need to consider.)

SKILL REQUIREMENTS: ****INTERMEDIATE to EXPERIENCE** (See note above)

** Please consider your paddle abilities and weather conditions when planning for this trip. If you have any doubt about doing this trip feel free to contact the trip leader with your questions.

TRIP DETAILS: This paddle will take you through a portion of the Trent River that winds its way through large majestic cypress, pines and Tupelo Gum as well as palmettos plants. This part of the river is scenic and a delight to paddle in during any of the 4 seasons. On this paddle you must be prepared to portage around and over blow down and strainers. Possible wildlife sighting are Red Tail Hawks, deer, Great Horned Owls, Blue Herons, Turkey Buzzards, Wood Ducks, Cinnamon Teal, Hooded Mergansers, wild turkeys and beavers, just to name a few.

PROVISIONS NEEDED: Suitable and approved PFD (must wear!), dress warmly wearing synthetics and in layers. Bring a change of clothes in a dry bag and don't forget your lunch and plenty of water

LAUNCH: No later then 9:00am

TIME ON WATER: 7 hour max. Off the water no later then 3:30pm.

SHUTTLE: (See to Take-Out below where we will meet at 8:30am.)

DIRECTIONS: To Take-Out: Coming from Pollocksville on Highway 58 North at the signal light on Highways 58 and 41 in downtown Trenton take Highway 41 East When you get to the signal light (the only one they have), turn right on HWY 41 you will immediately make a left turn and you will see the Trent River Bridge in front of you. In a short distance after crossing the bridge you will turn right at the next road, Landfill Road. In about a half mile down Landfill Road the boat ramp is on the left. There will be Wildlife Access sign on Hwy 41 and Landfill Road.

From Take Out to Put-In: From the boat ramp go back to HWY 41 and turn left and then back to Trenton. At the signal light on Highways 58 and 41 in downtown Trenton take Highway 58 north 3 miles to Middle Road. At this intersection you will find a historic site sign "Washington's Southern Tour" and a Calvary Memorial Church. Turn right and go 2.4 Miles to the Wilcox Bridge.

TRIP COORDINATOR: Bill Sadler (252) 633-1426 or 2billsadler@gmail.com

RSVP: Please let me know by e-mail or phone if you plan to come on the trip or if you have any questions. If at the last minute you want to come on the paddle, please do so even if you have not notified the trip coordinator. However, if the trip is canceled then you won't know about it.