

West Craven Middle School Landing to Shell Landing and Return Saturday, August 7, 2010

WHEN: Saturday, August 7, 2010 at **9:00 a.m.**

WHERE: WCMS Landing - County/NC Wildlife boat access just beyond West Craven Middle School

PADDLE DISTANCE: 9 miles (there is an option for a half trip)

TRIP DIFFICULTY: Moderate (distance, wind, some open water, partial paddling upstream)

SKILL REQUIREMENTS: This trip is appropriate for beginners; however, consider the distance and the need for some paddling upstream.

TRIP DETAILS: We will meet at the WCMS landing. The plan is to paddle upriver to Shell Landing at the southeastern junction of Turkey Quarter Creek and the Neuse River. We will follow the side channel, Greens Thoroughfare, as we go upstream. This is a narrower waterway with less wind and current influence. It rejoins the river at about 3/10 of a mile below Shell Landing. We will stop at Shell Landing for a lunch/snack break. The return trip will follow the Neuse River main channel. This portion will involve some wider sections more subject to exposure to any wind.

* Option for a shorter trip – you may join us for the “downriver” portion by putting in at Shell Landing (**NOTE** – this will require coordination for a shuttle/ride back to your vehicle. Shell Landing is a private landing and has an “Honor System” for a \$2 fee.)

PROVISIONS NEEDED: **Appropriate PFD (must be worn while active in a boat)**

Plenty of **water**; an extra bottle won't hurt

Snacks and/or lunch

Sunscreen or protective clothing

LAUNCH: by **9:30 a.m.** (Shell Landing option: **11:30**)

TIME ON THE WATER: 4 - 5 hours (off the water by 3 p.m.)

DIRECTIONS: From New Bern, follow Hwy 43 N, approximately 5 miles beyond the split with Hwy 55; at traffic light, turn left onto Spring Garden Road; go about 1 mile to N WCMS Rd on the right. Follow WCMS to the end, beyond the school. (If you are going to join the paddle at Shell Landing, follow Hwy 55 from New Bern. Go through the Jasper community to Turkey Quarter Creek Rd, on the right. Follow to the end; Shell Landing is at end of Turkey Quarter Creek Rd.)

TRIP COORDINATOR: Randy Siler at 4theseed@embarqmail.com or 252 617-2993

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.