



Paddle # 2

Sandy Beach

North Lake Moultrie

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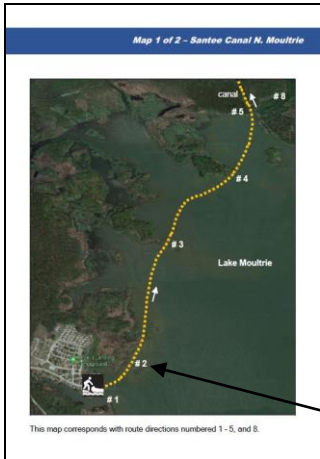
Distance: 5.2 miles, round-trip

Time: 2 – 3 hours

Difficulty: Moderate



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On Map Pages:

Using your phone (or touch-screen enabled device), tap any of the route numbers to bring up a map of the exact location!



Route - Santee Canal N. Moultrie

Route Directions	
1	From the boat ramp at Angel's Landing Marina, turn left, heading in a northeast direction. LOOK →  <i>Click on individual route directions to bring up map of exact location!</i>
2	At 0.1 mile, pass by island of tall grass. It's best to pass on the left side, closest to the mainland. Continue in slight northeast direction.
3	Pass by tip of island at 0.6 miles. Begin to even more northeastern direction towards another large island 0.3 mile away.
4	At 0.9 mile, paddle around southern tip of island, head into center of bay, paddling towards upper right corner of bay. This is where the canal opening is located.
5	Enter Santee Canal at 1.4 miles. This is a narrow, shallow waterway (no more than 20 yards wide and maintains a depth of 4-5 feet). Enjoy the calm waters of the Santee Canal. Keep an eye out for wildlife, including alligators, deer, wild boar and a variety of waterfowl.
6	Come to railroad crossing over the canal at 2.8 miles. The canal will begin to narrow shortly after the railroad crossing.
7	At 3.2 miles, come to the obvious end of the canal. Return the same way you came.
8	Option: Turn a hard left when leaving the canal and head into a field of lilies. This is picturesque and worth the extra 20-30 minutes, particularly when everything is in bloom!

On Route Direction Pages:

Tap anywhere in the individual direction boxes to bring up a map of the exact location!



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Paddling North Lake Moultrie.

Summary

The 600-acre Sandy Beach Wildlife Refuge includes part of North Lake Moultrie. It is a protected waterfowl management area with a nice beach for primitive camping. This entire area is beautiful with tupelos, flowing aquatic plants and you're almost guaranteed to see a few large birds of prey. There are hiking trails open from March 1 until November 1.

Difficulty

Moderate. North Lake Moultrie can be difficult to navigate and can even have whitecaps/ waves over 10 MPH winds.

Distance

5.2 miles, round-trip

Time

2 - 3 hours; although, we recommend spending the night/camping on this little gem of a beach!

Crowds Light. You're almost guaranteed to see boaters/anglers, and you might see other paddlers on the weekends.

Boat Type Kayaks or canoes 10 feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.

Put In / Take Out Angel's Landing Marina, 1556 Viper Road, Pineville, SC 29468. 800-315-3087



GPS: 33.381196, -80.091654
33°22'52.3"N, 80°05'30.0"W

Directions: All GPS and mapping applications recognize this address.

Fees/Permits None

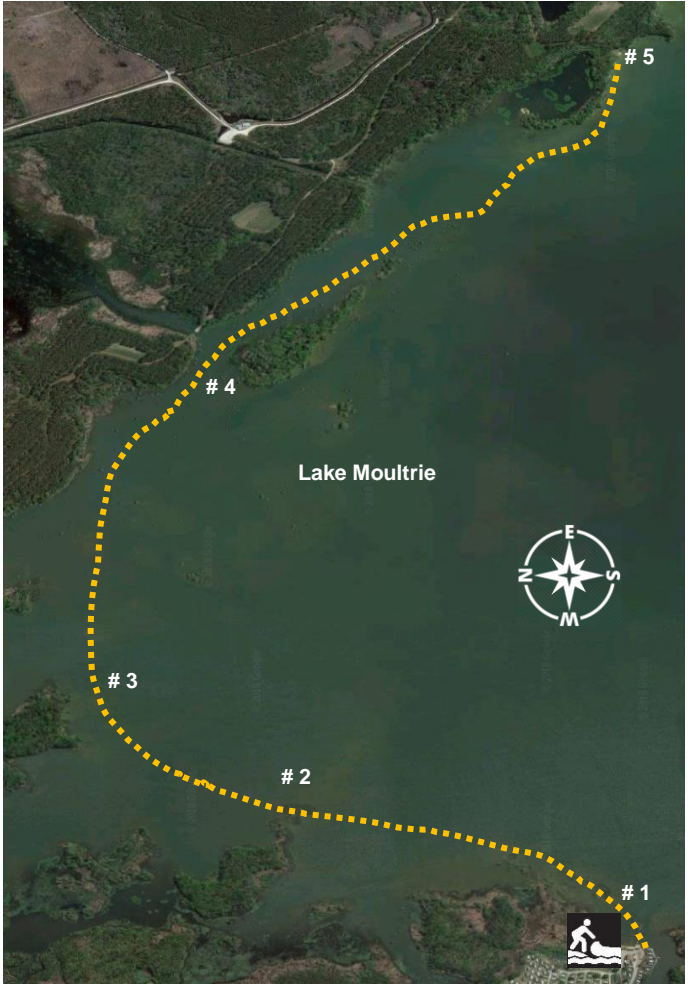
Current Negligible, generally south direction

Tidal Influence None


Precautions: Winds above 10 MPH can be tough for a paddler on Lake Moultrie. There is a lot of open water for wind to intensify and cause waves/whitecaps.

There are hundreds of tree stumps just inches below the water's surface. These can flip a paddler if a boat gets wedged on top. **Tip:** these stumps can usually be seen with polarized sunglasses.

There are alligators near the actual Sandy Beach. You're almost guaranteed to see a couple. They are not interested in you. Use common sense, don't approach alligators on purpose, and they will usually stay clear of paddlers.



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5 on the next page.

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1	<p>From the boat ramp at Angel’s Landing Marina, turn left, heading in a northeast direction.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LOOK →</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Click on individual route direction boxes to bring up map of exact location!</p> </div> </div>
2	<p>Pass by tip of island at 0.6 miles. Begin an even more northeastern direction towards another large island 0.3 mile away.</p>
3	<p>At 0.9 mile, paddle around southern tip of island and bear east towards the shore/treeline that’s 0.4 mile away.</p>
4	<p>Once you reach near the shore at 1.3 miles, paddle near the shore in a general southeast direction. Paddle between the long island and the shore. This island is a great place to see osprey and anhinga birds.</p>
5	<p>Continue paddling near the shore for another 1.3 miles. There’s lots to see here. You’ll run across more large waterfowl, blooming aquatic plants and beautiful trees. At 2.6 miles, arrive at the Sandy Beach area. This will be evident; it’s a 200-ft. long beach area with primitive camping. This is a great place to stop for lunch, pictures and camp!</p> <p>Return the same way you came.</p>



You'll see lots of water lilies in Spring on this paddle.



Male Anhinga bird near Sandy Beach on North Lake Moultrie.