



Paddle # 3

Russellville Flats

North Lake Moultrie

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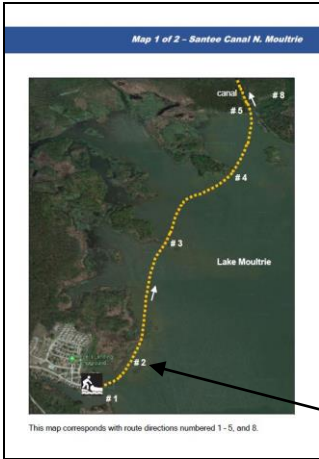
Distance: 6-7 miles, round-trip

Time: 3-5 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  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!



Russellville Flats – N. Lake Moultrie

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Date Paddled: _____



Paddling through fields of beautiful Golden Lotus in Russellville Flats.

Summary

Located between Sandy Beach and the Amos Lee Gourdine boat ramp, the Russellville Flats area offers some of the most picturesque flora of Lake Moultrie. There are several islands, two swamps, numerous shallow bays and a way ditch to the black water canal that parallels the dike system. For the angler, this area offers some of the best bluegill and red eared sunfish fishing to be found anywhere.

Difficulty

Moderate to strenuous, due to distance

Distance

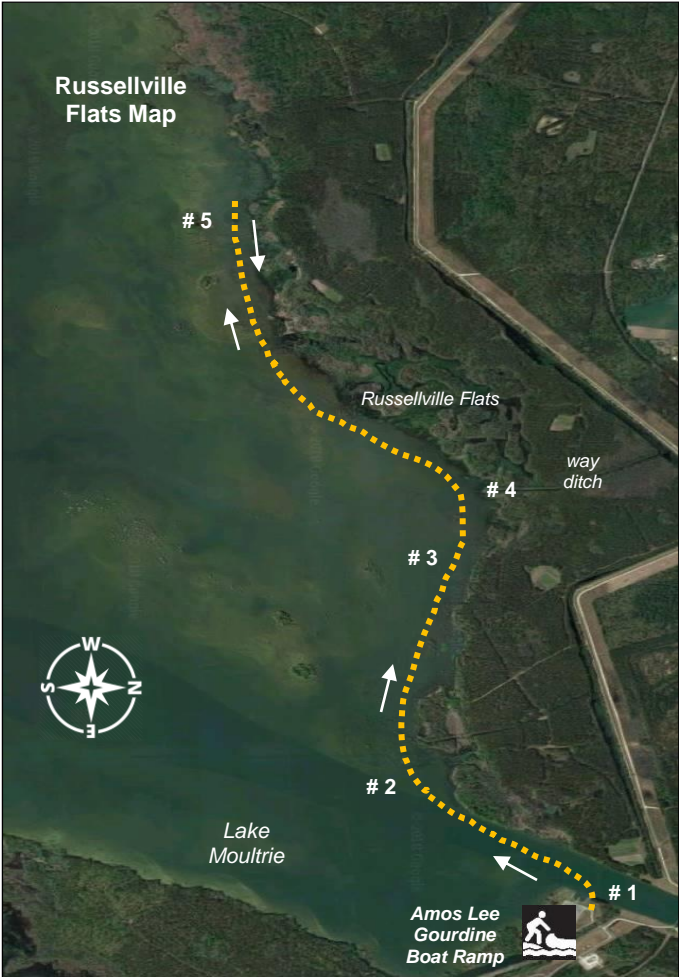
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Crowds	Light. You're likely to see boaters/anglers in this area.
Boat Type	Kayaks or canoes 12 feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.
Put In / Take Out	Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp, Russell Store Road, St. Stephen, SC 29479. <u>GPS:</u> 33.402138, -79.992848 33°24'07.7"N, 79°59'34.3"W <u>Directions:</u> All GPS and mapping applications recognize this address.
Fees/Permits	None
Current	Negligible, generally southwest direction
Tidal Influence	None
Precautions:	You'll stay close to the shoreline on this route. Winds can intensify on Lake Moultrie resulting in waves/whitecaps.

Map – Russellville Flats



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5 on page 6.

Route Directions – see map on page 5	
1	From the Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp, paddle 500-ft. across the canal to the opposite shoreline. Begin following the shoreline in a general southwest direction.
2	Continue paralleling the shore, and at 0.5 mile, you'll begin rounding a long bend, and head in a western direction.
3	<p>At approximately 1.4 miles, you'll begin to enter the Russellville Flats area. Over the next mile, there are nearly endless opportunities for exploring shallow bays, cypress areas, flowering plants and beautiful bottomland habitats. Take some time and enjoy this special place.</p> <p>For kayak angler, this area offers some of the best bluegill and red eared sunfish (shell cracker) fishing to be found anywhere in the state!</p>
4	At 1.5 miles on the right, there's a narrow, 10-20 ft. wide way ditch that goes 0.4 mile back to the black water canal that parallels the dike system.
5	<p>Reach the end of the Russellville Flats area.</p> <p>Return the same way you came.</p>



Early morning kayaker fly fishing at Russellville Flats on Lake Moultrie.



There are many Cormorant birds on the paddle to Russellville Flats.