



Paddle # 4

The Jungle

East Lake Moultrie

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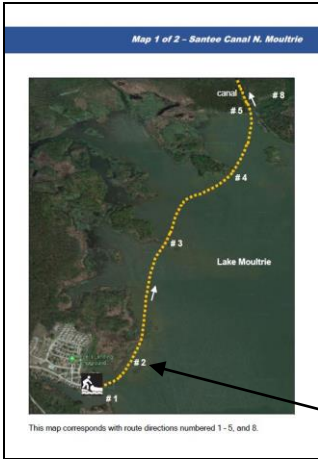
Distance: 4-6 miles, round-trip

Time: 2.5 hours, minimum

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 →  <small>Click on individual route directions to bring up map of exact location!</small>
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!

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There are acres of lilies to navigate in The Jungle.

Summary

The Jungle is an enclosed tupelo swamp with an appearance like the famed Okefenokee Swamp of south Georgia, but on a much smaller scale. The waters are heavily grown with water lilies, lotus plants and various grasses. There are many options for exploration on this paddle.

Difficulty

Moderate. The lilies/vegetation can be overgrown and tough to push through, but well worth the effort.

Distance

4 - 6 miles, roundtrip, opportunity for a lot more exploration.

Time

2.5 hours, minimum

Hundreds of acres of water lilies and lotus plants!

Crowds	Light. The Jungle is not navigable by larger motor boats.
Boat Type	Kayaks or canoes 10-feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.
Put In / Take Out	Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp, Russel Store Road, St. Stephen, SC 29479.

GPS: 33.402138, -79.992848
33°24'07.7"N, 79°59'34.3"W

Directions: 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 and won't have to cross any large bodies of water. Winds can intensify on Lake Moultrie resulting in waves/whitecaps.

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



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, turn left, going around the peninsula, and head in a south direction, staying close to the shore.
2	Continue paralleling close to shore.
3	At 1.4 miles, turn left into 300-ft. wide opening. This is the first opening you encounter when paralleling the shore that goes back into an open area. This is The Jungle entrance.
4	Continue into main body of The Jungle. There are obvious paths of exploration, or you can make your own. There's lots to see here!
5	Option: Continue navigating east through The Jungle until you reach the black water canal that parallels the dike. Return the same way you came.



Nesting Great Blue Heron in early Spring at The Jungle.



The narrow, interesting paths of The Jungle.