



Paddle # 1

Santee Canal

North Lake Moultrie

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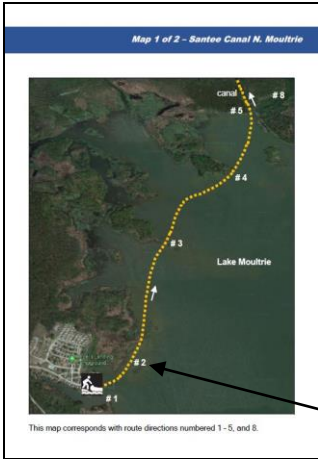
Distance: 6.4 miles, round-trip

Time: 3-4 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!



Santee Canal – N. Lake Moultrie

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Date Paddled: _____



The quiet waters of the narrow Santee Canal.

Summary	With its inception in 1796, the Santee Canal offers a lot for the keen history buff. One of the engineers was none other than General George Washington! The original canal was 22 miles in length, but after Lake Moultrie was formed, there remains a beautiful 2.5-mile section of the canal.
Difficulty	Moderate, due to crossing open water
Distance	6.4 miles, round-trip
Time	3- 4 hours, minimum
Crowds	Very light; could see boaters/anglers. Almost guaranteed not to see anyone else in the canal.

Paddle into history in the calm waters of the Santee Canal

Boat Type	Kayaks or canoes 12 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. <u>GPS:</u> 33.381196, -80.091654 33°22'52.3"N, 80°05'30.0"W <u>Directions:</u> All GPS and mapping applications recognize this address.
Fees/Permits	\$5.00 parking fee (as of late 2018)
Current	Negligible, generally south direction
Tidal Influence	None
Precautions:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Map – Santee Canal N. Moultrie



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 8 on page 6.

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Otherworldly-looking, but beautiful Golden Lotus seed pods on the paddle to the Santee Canal.



Ibis on the eastern shore of North Moultrie, right outside of the Santee Canal.