



Paddle # 10

Santee River 2

HWY 52 to Arrowhead

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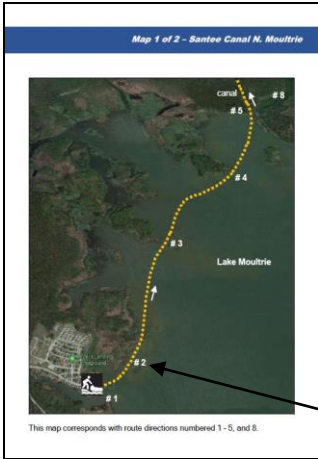
Distance: 13 miles

Time: 6-8 hours

Difficulty: Strenuous



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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 River – HWY 52



Date Paddled: _____

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It's an easy float and paddle down this long section of the Santee River.

Summary

This section of the Santee River terminates at Arrowhead Landing on the Santee Cooper Rediversion Canal. This adventure has many sandbars, as well as islands for breaks, lunch or camping. There are two landmarks on this paddle: a railroad trestle at mile 4.9 and a set of high-tension power lines crossing the river at mile 8.0. This is a fun day trip for experienced paddlers.

Difficulty

Very strenuous, only due to distance

Distance

13 miles

Time

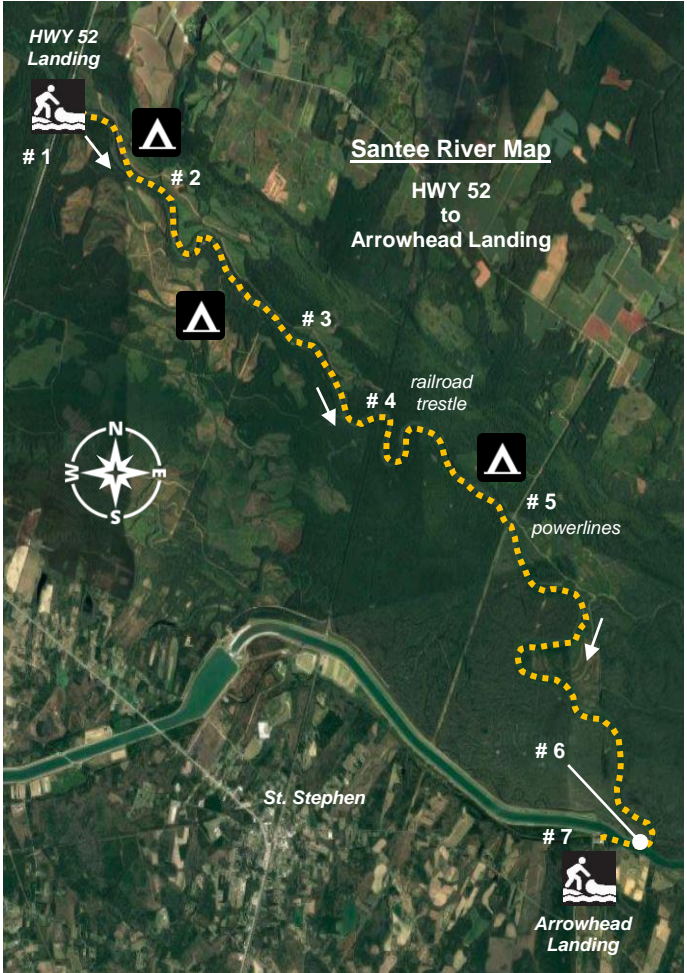
6 - 8 hours

A great, extended day trip down the Santee River

Crowds	Light. You're likely to see motorized boats up and down the river, however, the river is wide enough where this shouldn't bother the paddler. You're likely not to see many other paddlers on this trip.
Boat Type	Kayaks or canoes 12-feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.

Requires staging 2 vehicles or arranging pickup!

Put In	HWY 52/Santee River Bridge, 15 US 52, Salters, SC 29590. GPS: 33.497546, -79.959332 33°29'50.8"N, 79°57'33.7"W
Take Out	Arrowhead Landing, Arrowhead Road, St. Stephen, SC 29479 GPS: 33.404235, -79.863481 33°24'15.3"N, 79°51'48.5"W
Fees/Permits	None
Current	Flows downriver in a southeast direction.
Tidal Influence	Extremely negligible tidal influence this far up the river.
Precautions:	Motorized boats go up and down the river near the two landings. While normally not a problem for paddlers, dam water releases could inundate sandbars. Call 800-925-2537 for scheduled releases.



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 7 on page 6.

Route Directions - see map on page 5	
1	From the boat ramp, turn left to begin paddling down river. For most of the river, you can expect a 1 - 3 MPH current, depending on width and water levels.
2	At 1.5 miles, come upon the first set of islands. At the end of the second island, at approximately 1.8 miles, there are a couple large sandbars appropriate for camping.
3	Arrive at another island at 3.6 miles. Only at low water levels, this island is likely to have a sandbar.
4	Pass under photogenic railroad trestle at 4.9 miles.
5	At 7.3 miles, pass under set of large high-tension power lines crossing the river. Over the next 1.7 miles, the flora changes. You'll encounter several small islands with sandbars and tall grassy shoals.
6	Come to the Santee Cooper Rediversion Canal at 12.1 miles. IMPORTANT: Turn right at the Rediversion Canal. (Some mapping/GPS applications call the Rediversion Canal the "Santee River," "Mattassee Lake," or "Crawl Creek.")
7	Paddle nearly 0.5 mile to Arrowhead Landing on the left side of the canal. End your paddle here.



You'll see lots of large waterfowl like this Cormorant on the Santee River.



The Santee River shoreline has lots of willows and hanging moss.