



Blueway # 7

# The Hatchery

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Map 1 of 2 - Santee Canal N. Moultrie



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5, and 8.


## 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. <b>LOOK →</b>  <b>Click on individual route directions to bring up map of exact location!</b>
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. <b>Return the same way you came.</b>
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!



## The Hatchery – W. Lake Moultrie

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*This protected waterfowl area is full of surprises! Pictured: Egret.*

### Summary

The Hatchery, or sometimes called “Pinopolis Pool” by locals, is a 2,200+ acre Department of Natural Resources protected Waterfowl Management Area. It’s somewhat contained by a series of old dikes and many small islands. This paddle offers anything from a couple hours of enjoyment to an all-day adventure - there’s lots to see! Wildlife includes wading birds, song birds and small game. It offers some of the best fishing around.

### Difficulty

Easy to moderate

### Distance

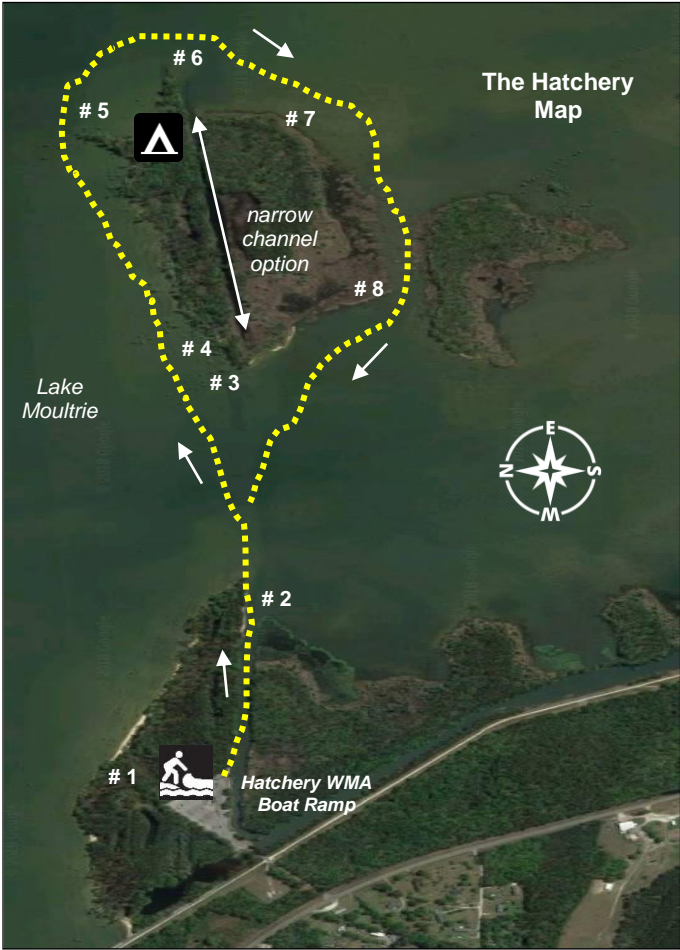
3 miles, round-trip, and exploration available

### Time

2 - 2.5 hours

<b>Crowds</b>	Moderate. You're almost guaranteed to see boaters/anglers, and you'll probably see other paddlers on the weekends.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 10 feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	Hatchery Wildlife Management Area, State Road S-8-802, Pinopolis, SC 29469.  GPS: 33.268503, -80.103042 33°16'06.6"N, 80°06'11.0"W  <u>Directions:</u> All GPS and mapping applications recognize this address.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None
<b>Current</b>	Negligible, generally south direction
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	None
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>You'll have protection from some winds with a few islands and dikes, however, there are plenty of open spaces in The Hatchery where winds can intensify resulting in 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. <b>Tip:</b> these stumps can usually be seen with polarized sunglasses.</p> <p>It's advisable to wear bright orange during hunting season.</p>

**Map – The Hatchery**



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

<b>Route Directions – see map on page 5</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p>Note: There's lots to see and explore at The Hatchery. It can offer multiple and different adventures each time you visit. For the purposes of this guide, we're recommending a fun, family-oriented big island circumnavigation that will truly be a catalyst for other Hatchery adventures.</p> <p>From the boat ramp at The Hatchery, turn left, heading down the 75-ft. wide channel.</p>
<b>2</b>	At nearly 0.3 mile, come to open water/main body of The Hatchery. Continue straight, heading towards large island.
<b>3</b>	Reach western tip of island at 0.7 mile. Paddle on left (north) side of island.
<b>4</b>	300-ft. past tip of island, among tupelo trees, is a small beach area. This is a great spot for photos!
<b>5</b>	Continue paddling along the north side of the island, staying close to the shore. Turn right, heading south at 1.2 miles. To your right is a 250-ft. long beach area with designated camping. This is a great spot for lunch!
<b>6</b>	<p>At 1.4 miles, round the eastern most tip of the island, turn a sharp right and begin heading back in a west direction. Continue paddling close to shore.</p> <p><u>Option:</u> 300-ft. ahead is a narrow channel opening that splits the island; it runs about 1,500-ft. (nearly the length of the island) and is a fantastic place to see wading birds!</p>
<b>7</b>	Continue paddling close to the southern side of the island and at 1.8 miles, another island will be to your left within 200 feet.
<b>8</b>	At 1.9 miles, round the southwest tip of the island, paddle in a northwest direction towards where you started to end your paddle.



*Circumnavigating the cypress lined big island at The Hatchery.*



*Marveling at the beautiful Golden Lotus of The Hatchery.*