



Blueway # 27

# The Northern Isles

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# Convenient Functionality Built into This Guide

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 Northern Isles – Lake Marion

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*There are acres and acres of cypress and tupelo trees to paddle among!*

### Summary

Located approximately 1 mile above Church Island on Lake Marion, The Northern Isles consist of two islands (Pine Island and Bass Island) and several other large cypress fields. You'll paddle through acres and acres of cypress and tupelo trees, see the large waterfowl that the Santee Cooper lakes are known for, and have several opportunities to get out and stretch our legs or have lunch on a small sandy beach.

### Difficulty

Moderate

### Distance

7 - 10 miles, best suited as exploration

### Time

3 - 5 hours

### Crowds

Usually very light boat traffic

<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 12-feet or longer. Even though paddle boards are not officially recommended, they are found here often in the summer.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	<p>Spiers Landing Boat Ramp, 1505 Spiers Landing Road, Cross, SC 29436.</p> <p>GPS: 33.395937, -80.197160 33°23'45.4"N, 80°11'49.8"W</p> <p>Directions: If you search "Spiers Landing Boat Ramp," all GPS mapping applications recognize this location.</p>
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None
<b>Current</b>	If you get out into the open water, east of the islands, there could be a small current in the south direction.
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	You'll have protection from some winds with the islands, however, there are plenty of open spaces in Lake Marion where winds can intensify resulting in waves/whitecaps.

**Map – The Northern Isles**



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

<b>Route Directions - see map on page 5</b>	
<b>1</b>	Leave the boat ramp and head in a general northeast direction towards the large island - Church Island.
<b>2</b>	Arrive at Church Island in approximately 1 mile. Continue paddling around the island, staying close to the shoreline, and heading north. Once you get to the northern edge of the island, continue in a northeast direction across open water towards obvious clumps of trees in the distance.
<b>3</b>	At 2 miles, arrive at cypress thickets on both sides of your kayak. This is a pretty area to explore.
<b>4</b>	Continue northeast for another 0.4 mile and arrive at Pine Island. There is lots to explore here. You can weave in and out of more cypress trees and/or circumnavigate the island. There's a beach on the north side of the island (see map).
<b>5</b>	Approximately 0.8 mile (4,000 ft.) to the west of Pine Island is Bass Island. This is another pretty cypress island. There's a beach on west side of the island, facing south (see map).  Return the same way you paddled out.

## *The Northern Isles*



*The eerie and beautiful trees are the highlights of this awesome Blueway.*



*You'll cross a little open water to reach this Blueway's namesake.*