

## **Beaufort to Rachel Carson Preserve**

**When:** Friday, May 12, 2017 at 9:30

**Launch no later than 10:00 am – off water by 2:00 pm**

**Where:** Graden Paul Town Park, Beaufort (no shuttle required)

**Paddle Distance:** 6 to 8 miles

**Skill Level:** Easy to Moderate (Keep in mind winds and tides can increase the difficulty)

**Trip Details:** The Rachel Carson Preserve is located across Taylors Creek from the Beaufort waterfront. We will launch from the park on Front St. in Beaufort. This paddle takes us past the harbor and along salt marshes and tidal flats with abundant bird life. Dolphin sightings are possible. We will stop and enjoy the beautiful sand beaches of Bird Shoal where we will eat lunch. This area is great for swimming. After lunch we will continue along Bird Shoal and return to Taylor's Creek through one of the marshes (on high tide). Carrot Island and Bird Shoal are homes to a herd of wild horses and to hundreds of species of birds.

**Provisions Needed:** Suitable and approved PFD (must be worn). Along with your normal paddling necessities please bring lunch, snacks and plenty of water – keep in mind you may want to swim.

**Directions:** The Park is located on Front St. after the boat docks and opposite Pollock St.

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