

## **TRANTER'S CREEK/TAR RIVER - WASHINGTON**

- WHEN:** Sunday, May 7, 2017  
Meet 9:30 am, launch 10:00 am
- WHERE:** Mason's Landing State Wildlife Ramp  
625 Clarks Neck Road, Washington NC 27889
- PADDLE DISTANCE:** Approximately 5-6 miles  
Approximately 3 hours on water, including lunch
- TRIP DIFFICULTY:** Easy - moderate, weather dependent (wind)
- SKILL REQUIREMENTS:** Novice - intermediate, weather dependent (wind)

**TRIP DETAILS:** Launch from Mason's Landing Wildlife Ramp. After a brief safety meeting we will head upstream on Tranter's Creek/Tar River to a branch immediately past bridge. Easy paddling as this small creek is protected, undeveloped, and very pretty. Wildlife sightings may include bald eagles, osprey, beaver, otter, turtles. The creek continues under Hwy 264 and ends in a swampy area. We will turn around and paddle back to the ramp, taking about 90 minutes. At the ramp there will be 2 options: those that wish may exit at ramp to finish the paddle, 2<sup>nd</sup> option is to continue downstream on the Tar River for about 15 minutes to a sandy beach on Shop Cove, near the confluence of the Tar River and Pamlico River. Have lunch break on the sandy beach, then return to ramp. This last portion of the paddle includes more open water and may be windy or choppy depending on conditions that day. If the tide is very high the sandy beach may not be available. A large dead tree in the middle of the river with an occupied osprey nest is a landmark and makes the short trip worth the effort!

Bring lunch or snacks, water, hat, sunscreen, and bug spray.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take US 17N towards Washington. Take US 264, exit 180, towards Washington/Greenville. Turn left onto US 264W/W 5<sup>th</sup> St. Go 1/3 mile, take left onto Clarks Neck Road at Sheets. Go about 1/2 mile to Wildlife Ramp on left. If you go over the bridge you have gone too far.

**\*\*\*NO FACILITIES AT BOAT RAMP\*\*\***

\*\*\*Clean restrooms at Sheets on the corner of 264/Clarks Neck Road\*\*\*

**TYPE II OR III PFD MUST BE PROPERLY SECURED AT ALL TIMES ON  
WATER - NO EXCEPTIONS**

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