

CONTENTNEA CREEK-NEUSE RIVER PADDLE

Grifton NCWRC Ramp to Maple Cypress Road Bridge

- WHEN:** Saturday, October 6, 2018
Arrive 9:30 A.M. Launch around 10:00 A.M.
- WHERE:** Grifton, NC
- PADDLE DISTANCE:** Approximately 10.8 miles **TIME ON WATER:** 3 ½ to 4 hrs.
- TRIP DIFFICULTY:** Moderate to Demanding due to distance.
Please consider your paddle abilities and weather conditions when planning for this trip. If you have any concerns, contact trip coordinator for advice.
- SKILL REQUIREMENTS:** Intermediate/Experienced
- TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:** Creek to River; Forests and Cypress swamps. Birds and wildlife sightings are very likely. Some boat traffic; wind and slight downriver current.
- TRIP SUMMARY:** This paddle starts in a Contentnea Creek (Pitt County) and eventually connects to the Neuse River (Craven County line). Due to creek and river current, it is recommended to paddle this trail downstream only. The character of the stream changes with many small streams and channels branching off the main stream. Contentnea Creek narrows from 150 feet to less than 50 feet as it winds through Cypress Swamps. Many large Cypress trees are found just before you arrive at the confluence of Contentnea Creek and the Neuse River. The Neuse River in this area is tree lined and void of all development.
- TRIP DETAIL:** From **the put-in** at the NCWRC ramp in Grifton, paddle down steam (to the left).
Mile 2: About 2 miles from the put-in in Grifton, homes are no longer seen along the banks.
Mile 2.1: A channel from the Grifton Wastewater Treatment Plant flows into the Contentnea from the left.
Mile 4.3: Contentnea Creek joins the Neuse River, (N35 20.409 W77 23.452).
Mile 6: Alum Springs Branch flows into the Neuse from the right.
Mile 8.0: Immediately after passing an island, you will see a sandy “beach” to the left where people camp. Directly across the river,

there is a landing where cars have been driven. Both areas are on private land but have not been posted.

Mile 8.8: The Half Moon Creek/ Neuse River confluence is approached on the left

The take-out is along the left bank, just before the Maple Cypress Road Bridge

PROVISIONS NEEDED: A type II or III PFD must be worn and properly secured, dress for conditions. Snacks, sunscreen and plenty of water are suggested.

LAUNCH: Around 10:00 AM

SHUTTLE: Yes! Shuttle will be required to get back to Grifton from the Take-out point at the Maple Cypress Road Bridge.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Put-in will be the NCWRC ramp in Grifton, NC. Follow NC118E into Grifton. Turn left on MLK Street to ramp.

TRIP COORDINATOR: Bill Webb Bwebb@anewproposal.com 214-529-4365

RSVP: Yes, please. Kindly contact me by e-mail, if you plan to come along on this trip. Glad to field any questions you may have as well. If the trip is cancelled or changed in any regard, I will notify those that have e-mailed to RSVP.

