

# Oak Grove Road Bridge to Pollocksville

Saturday – February 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.

**WHEN:** Saturday - February 17, 2018 – 9:30AM

**WHERE:** Trent River, Starting at the Oak Grove Road Bridge to the NCWRC ramp in Pollocksville

**PADDLE DISTANCE:** About 7 miles

**TRIP DIFFICULTY:** \*\* MODERATE

**SKILL REQUIREMENTS:** \*\* NOVICE

\*\* Please consider your paddle abilities and weather conditions when planning attend this trip. If you have any doubt, contact your trip leader for advice. TRPC membership not required however applications are available at site.

**TRIP DETAILS:** Join other paddlers for an exploration paddle trip down the Trent River. This trip requires a vehicle shuttle. The first 5 miles of our paddle will be along the undeveloped, wooded and protective shoreline of a Marine Helicopter OLF Base, Oak Grove Airstrip. The remaining few miles will be a sparsely developed area. Perhaps on our paddle, we will get a glimpse of the “Trent Ness Monster??” The put-in at Oak Grove Road is an undeveloped bank-side launch site. The take-out is at the park, adjacent to Hwy 17 in Pollocksville using the ramp or bank-side. (If necessary we can use nearby private boat ramp)

**PROVISIONS NEEDED:** A PFD ideally type II or III must be worn and properly secured, dress warmly wearing synthetics and in layers. Bring a change of clothes in a dry bag and plenty of water

**LAUNCH :** No later than 10:00 p.m.

**TIME ON WATER:** 3 hour max. Off the water by 2 p.m.

**SHUTTLE:** Paddlers, **please meet at the put-in site on Oak Grove Road.** From there, we'll shuttle all of our cars to the take out. Your return shuttle will be arranged at the Pollocksville ramp.

## **DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO:**

**PUT-IN:** Oak Grove Road

Traveling south from New Bern on US 17 toward Jacksonville, bear to right on Ten Mile Fork Road.

This turn is about 1 mile past the US17 Bypass signal light (Jones Co Line). Continue 1.6 miles on Ten Mile Fork Road. before turning left onto Scott Road. Travel 1.1 miles to Oak Grove Road and turn right.

The launch site is 1.1 miles just past the Trent River Bridge on left side of the road.

## **SHUTTLE:**

Head back across bridge and continue to follow Oak Grove Road to the end (almost 3 miles). At Loop Rd., bear to the right and follow for about .3 miles to Hwy 17. Turn to the right on Hwy 17 and continue .8 mile into Pollocksville. See details below

**TAKE-OUT:** Pollocksville NCWRC Ramp on the Trent River

Traveling south from New Bern on US 17 into Pollocksville, turn left into park and ramp area just after crossing the Trent River Bridge.

**TRIP LEADERS:** Bill Sadler (252) 635-0866 or 2billsadler@gmail.com

**RSVP:** Please let me know by e-mail or phone if you plan to attend or if you have any questions