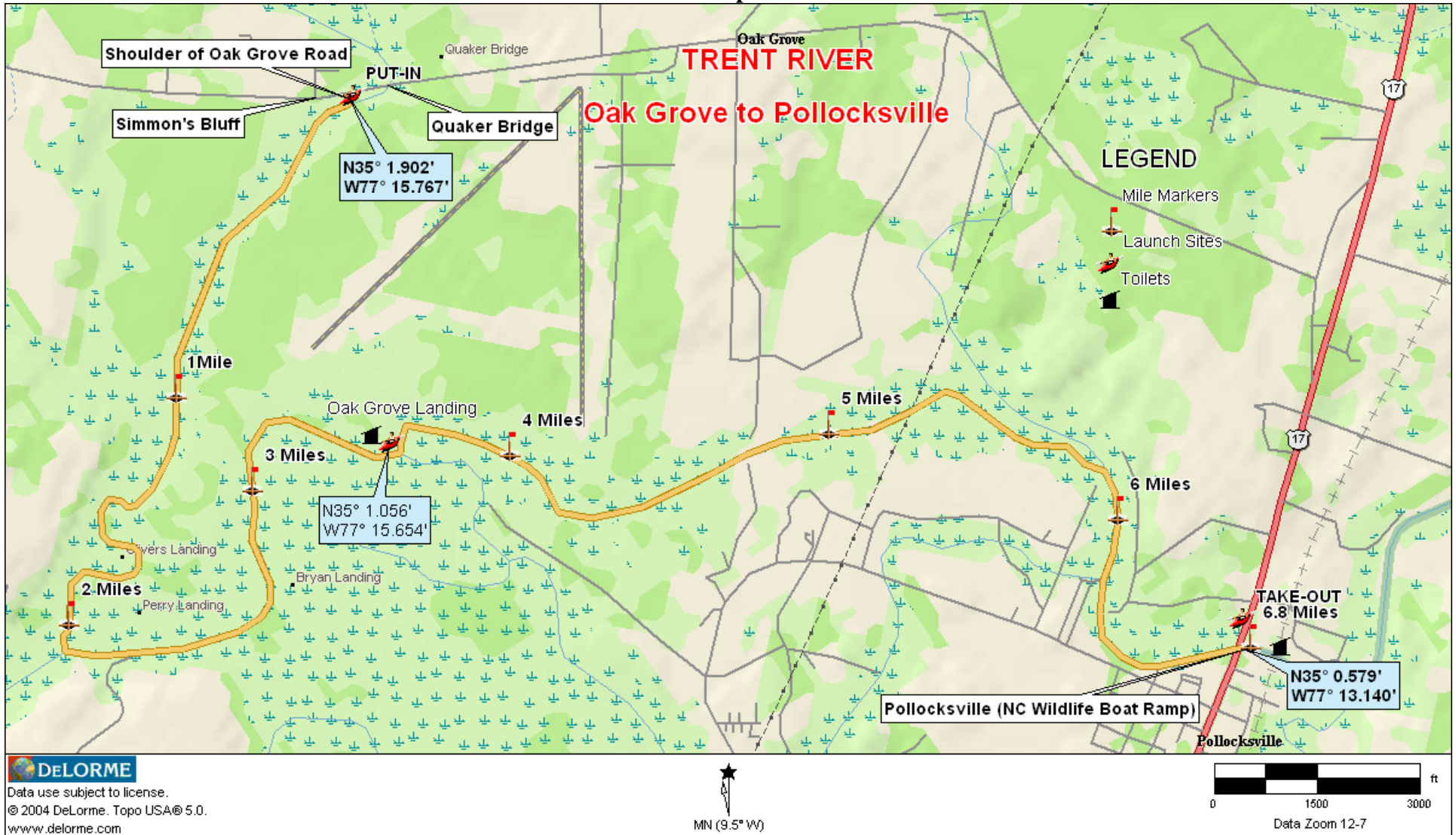


# TRENT RIVER

## Oak Grove Airstrip to Pollocksville



### Trip Description:

Distance: 6.8 Miles

Difficulty: Easy/Moderate (Distance)

Put-In: Shoulder of Oak Grove Road West of Oak Grove Airstrip and Bridge (35° 1.911' - W 77° 15.751')

Take-out: NC Wildlife Boat Ramp (N35° 0.588' – W 77° 13.123')

Highlights: This is a winding river with high bank in place and swamp land in others and wildlife sighting likely.

Hazards: Power Boat near the end of paddle and limited take-out sites.

## **TRENT RIVER**

### **Oak Grove Airstrip to Pollocksville**

**Skill Level:** Beginner/ Novas

**Time:** 4 Hours

**Map:** Trenton - Pollocksville, NC Topo

**Difficulty:** Easy/Moderate

**Distance:** 6.8 Miles

### **PADDLE DESCRIPTION**

This easy paddle will take you from just west of Trent River Bridge near the Oak Grove Marine Corp Airstrip. The river is winding and starts to widen from the narrow river it was and goes through a hardwood forest with high sandy banks and the possibility of wildlife sightings are good. In some areas there are residential developments, but is mostly undeveloped. At approximately 3.5 mile down river on the left is a boat ramp at Oak Grove Airstrip Landing, a good place to stop for a break. Possible wildlife sighting are Red Tail Hawks, deer, Great Horned Owls, Blue Herons, Turkey Buzzards, Wood Ducks, Cinnamon Teal, Hooded Mergansers, wild turkeys and beavers, just to name a few. This is a beautiful place to paddle with its majestic cypress, pines and tupelo gums as well as palmettos plants. This is a paddle to do in any of the 4 seasons during the year.

### **DIFFICULTIES AND HAZARDS**

Power boats near the end of the trip, wind becomes more of a factor than farther up the river, and limited number of places to stop along the way.

### **DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

**To Put-In:** On Highway US17 at .75 mi north of Pollocksville is Killis-Murphy Road take it (this is a half-moon road and comes back out to US17 1.34 mi north Pollocksville) and turn off of Killis-Murphy Road on to Oaks Grove Road and go west for 2.8 mi to the Trent River Bridge on Oak Grove Road. At the 2 mi mark you will go pass the entrance of Oak Grove Marine Corp Airstrip on your way to the Put-In. The put-in is just past the bridge and off the side of the road where the river is at its closes.

**To Take-Out:** The take is at the sandy beach just pass the NC Wildlife Boat Ramp in Pollocksville near the US 17 Bridge

**From Put-In to Take Out:** Take Oak Grove Road back towards Pollocksville (East) pass the entrance to Oaks Grove Airstrip (.8 mi) until you get to the stop sign at the “T” intersection at Killis-Murphy Road (2.8mi). From there turn right and go a short distance to Highway US 17 stop sign (You will be at a “Y” intersection) (.3 mi). From there you will go straight on US17 South to the Trent River Bridge in Pollocksville (.75). As soon as you cross the bridge you will turn left and go to the back parking lot.