

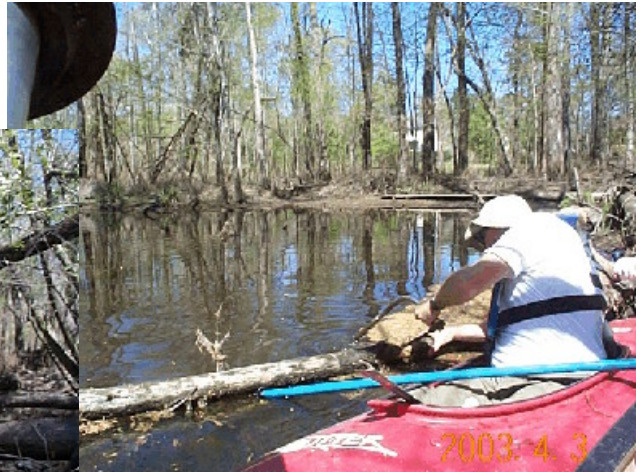
As pretty a creek as you will find anywhere. We could not get up to Route 24 due to blowdowns. If this creek was cleaned of these obstructions it would make a nice after work paddle anyway from an access somewhere around 24 down to the ramp at the USO.

We found very little trash. Less than two bags. Had to leave two tires we could not get to.

We saw a Coopers Hawk and two Red Tail Hawks. Ospreys repairing their nests. Red Wing Blackbirds, Cardinals a single noisy Crow, some vultures and the usual herons, egrets and seagulls.

Dale Weston ran up close to an aligator who quickly got out of his way. The rest of us had to settle with large turtles.

626 -- Dale sawing through a blow down  
627 -- another blow down



628 -- An unusual formation of a red cedar  
Pam wants her husband to get for  
their yard



629 -- The group with our trash. Joanne Somerday from Kinston standing, Gary Scruggs on left from Havelock, Pam Bader from Emerald Isle and Dale Weston from Jacksonville.

It was a lovely day on the river and we all enjoyed it very much. The exquisite breakfast Trinity prepared for us enabled us to get through, under or over or around several blow-downs but we had to give up before we reached Route 24 which was probably about 3/4 of a mile further. Next time we hope to be able to paddle it downstream!



Right now cannot open any incoming messages. I will try in the morning to get Road Runner to clear this up for me.

Stewards of The White Oak River Basin  
Elmer, The White Oak River Trash Man!!