

Stewards of the White Oak River Basin

2003-04-23 WEBB CREEK

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I hopped in Big Red and put-in on the above which is just south of Silverdale on the Belgrade-Swansboro Road.

There are three large culverts here. I put-in on the upstream side river right. Paddled a short way upstream but it is blocked by blowdowns.

Went downstream thru the center culvert and had clear sailing for a while. Had three beaver dams. Two small ones I humped over and one larger, I dragged over. Did a limbo under one tree.

After the last beaver dam a short way down the creek began to widen and I came upon marsh grass and tidal waters and open paddling . Went as far as the Camp Lejeune to Cherry Point RR Bridge. This is a very beautiful creek. It goes on down to the White Oak River just below Stella.

Mac, JR and Bill Norris please note. It would take very little to make this a clear canoe trail. Hope you can do this for us some day. It will provide not only a lovely trail to enjoy, but will also provide us with a public access to the White Oak in Onslow County which we need badly.

(While you are at it, buy the quarry and make a park out of it. Get all the sand and gravel you want and make a nice ramp for all kinds of boats for public access to the White Oak).(THE QUARRY DOES NOT SEEM TO BE VERY ACTIVE.) Have a fresh water lake too!

665 -- Spring Flowers

661 -- First piece of trash on the river. Notice it is high and dry being left here by recent high water. The rest of the trash went down to the White Oak or was floated off into the swamp where it will remain forever eventually making a huge landfill out of this swamp wetland. All that is, but what sank to the river bottom.

664 -- Camp Lejeune to Cherry Point Railroad Bridge.

If you do this trip, set up a shuttle at Stella and you will not have to deal with the beaver dams but once. At real high water they may disappear below the surface. For comparison the New River gauge had a flow of 85 cfs and and height of 3.34 today.

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.Elmer, The White Oak River
Trash Man!!



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