

# Stewards of the White Oak River Basin

2003-12-23 WHITE OAK

QUARRY LAKES TO HAYWOOD LANDING.

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2003-12-23 THE WHITE OAK FROM THE QUARRY LAKES TO HAYWOOD LANDING.



This is Section 2 described on page 396 of Paul Ferguson's book, "Paddling Eastern North Carolina". We used the alternate put-in.

Last year at this time we had the entire White Oak River Basin cleaned of all trash and litter. On this trip we picked up about ten bags of trash.

This makes it very obvious The White Oak is being used as disposal place for their personal household trash. A hoola hoop, a basket ball, a volley ball, two soft baseballs and several nondescript balls are some of the items. An analyze of the rest indicates every day household items, mostly glass and plastic bottles.

To maintain a clean White Oak River we must find the source of this trash and see if we can find a way to stop it from being thrown into our river..

We cannot go on forever picking up other people's trash deliberately thrown into the river. This year we will concentrate our efforts on prevention and try to stop this trashing of the river at the source once we find the source point. We will ask Keep

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Onslow Beautiful to erect the attached sign (#654) which should curtail this illegal dumping. It is the most effective sign we know of.

The day's participants were Connie Asero, Brian Wheat, Brian Leavy, Tom Fineco, John Hill, Jeff Bruton, Gary Scruggs, Matt Haynes, Mike Baysden and the writer. We had a

beautiful summer day in the middle of winter and excellent water with Mike's gauge at 43 inches.

We had three or four difficult strainers but never had to get our of our boats at this water level. All in all it was a lovely paddle in spite of the trash.

Some pictures attached: 972-the lake was like a mirror, 973-getting ready to embark, 974-Brian Wheat, Santa Clause, being induced to do the hoola hoop by Connie, 975-lunch stop at Dixon Field. Others of Brian Wheat's forwarded separately.

See you at Ron and Mary Howard's paddle on New Years Day on Goose Creek. Happy New Year!

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