

NEUSE RIVER DAY PADDLEFEST

NEUSE RIVER - COOL SPRINGS (8 mile) PADDLE

Saturday - May 31st, 2008
(FIRST ANNUAL)

When: Registration opens 7:30 am

Where: Weyerhaeuser's Cool Springs Environmental Center
Cool Springs Road, about 5 miles North of Bridgeton off of Hwy 17

Launch Time: 9 a.m.

Details: Join paddlers from the Neuse 100 miler and those departing from Glenburnie Park for a fun filled social paddle to celebrate Neuse River Awareness and support of the Neuse River Foundation. All paddlers departing from Cool Springs will travel the Neuse River downstream and alongside of Hog Island. Upon reaching the southward end of Hog Island, the flotilla will cross the river toward the western shoreline. Immediately ahead as we pass the Hatteras Manufacturing Plant we will come to a sandy beach area of Glenburnie Park. Restrooms are available near by.

At Glenburnie Park, the Cool Springs paddlers will join those choosing this departure location for the continuation of the paddle to Union Point Park and a noontime "photo- op" in front of the downtown park's gazebo.

Immediately following the photo shoot, paddlers are asked to proceed to the small sand beach area at the end of Pollock Street and next to the Galley Store. Help and secures boat storage will be provided. All participants are then invited to participate in a catered BBQ and other paddle sport activities in the park following.

Transportation will be provided back to your vehicles at scheduled times posted at the take out.

Provisions: Dress for the conditions, wear a suitable and CG Approved PFD and bring plenty of water

Directions to: Weyerhaeuser's Cool Springs Environmental Center

From New Bern:

- Heading out of Bridgeton on Hwy. 17(about 5 miles), turn left on Askin Bridge Rd.
- Continue about 2 miles and turn left again on Cool Springs Road
- Entrance to the Cool Springs Environmental Center is on your left however sign faces the other way. If you pass the NCWRC Boat Ramp you traveled too far

From the north;

- Heading toward Bridgeton on Hwy 17 (2.4 miles from the Hwy. 17/43 intersection) turn right onto the north extension of Askin Brick Road
- In 0.2 miles, road turns into Cool Springs road, follow another 2.5 miles
- Just past the NCWRC Boat Ramp, turn right at sign and into center