

RAPIDS & ADVENTURE



Hwy 15-501 to Moncure Bridge

7.8 MILES LONG

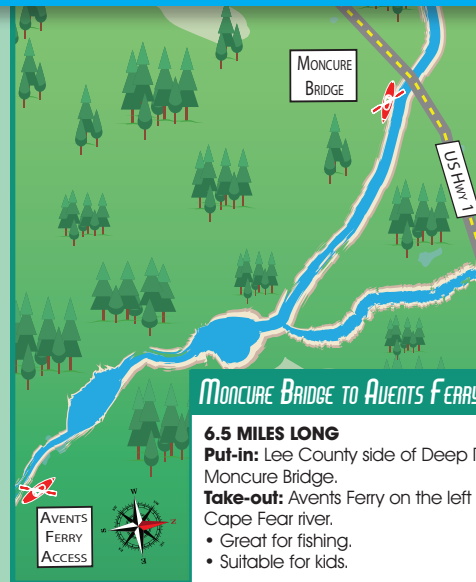
Put-in: Under the US Hwy 15-501 bridge on the Lee County side of Deep River.

Take-out: Moncure Bridge past the US Hwy 1 bridge on the left side of Deep River, or the US Hwy 1 bridge.

- **NOT** suitable for kids.
- Some rapids.
- Check river levels in advance.

This is a great float for those wanting to get away from the city noise. You will need at least 50 feet of rope to go around the US 1 dam. You will paddle to the right side of the river past a "do not pass this point" sign and get out there. You will have to pull your kayak up 50 feet to the top of the dam and lower it back down 50 feet right under the dam. The first half of the float is flat water, but once you pass Rocky River, be prepared for some fun rapids. If there is not enough water flowing over the US 1 dam, you do not want to do this float because you will have to carry your kayak .25 miles over ankle-twisting rocks before you hit enough water to paddle out.

DEEP RIVER TO CAPE FEAR



Moncure Bridge to Avents Ferry Access

6.5 MILES LONG

Put-in: Lee County side of Deep River under the Moncure Bridge.

Take-out: Avents Ferry on the left side of the Cape Fear river.

- Great for fishing.
- Suitable for kids.

Very easy and long flat water float. It takes about five hours to paddle. Great fishing spots for bass, crappie, catfish, and bream. You will pass the area where the Haw River meets up with Deep River and becomes the Cape Fear River. You will also pass McKay's Island and Mermaid Point. This is a great float for camping.

HELPFUL HINTS

GETTING OUT

Always make sure you know where to get out. If you go past the get out point, it can be tough to paddle back up stream against the current. If the river is really high, make sure you start making your way to the bank far in advance of your take out point. Be careful when getting out because most river banks are very slippery due to wet clay and mud.

LEAVING VEHICLES

Try to park near the road or highway so your car is in view at all times. Parking under a bridge makes it easier for someone to break in without being caught. **KEEP YOUR KEYS SAFE & WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES.** It makes an awesome day go bad when you arrive at the end of the float and you can't drive home.

WHAT TO BRING

A dry bag for your keys, phone, and whatever else you don't want getting wet is essential. Most of the flat water spots are easy, but bring a life jacket just in case. Helmets are useful for the Rocky and Haw rivers. River shoes will prevent injuries to your feet if you fall in or decide to go swimming.

OTHER FLOATS



High Falls to Siler City (Glendon Rd. Bridge) - 10.3 miles

Beautiful, long float with some good rapids at the start. Not many places to get out & stretch.

Siler City to Glendon Rd. - 5.2 miles

Difficult put-in and moderate take-out. You'll need a rope due to steep banks. This float takes you through one class-1 or class-2 rapids under train bridge, and around the Alston House. Perfect for fishing bass.

S. Caribnton Rd to Caribnton Dam - 6.2 miles

Moderate put-in, easy take out. Leave your car at the Caribnton park (old Caribnton dam). Good for fishing bass.

Forks to Moncure Bridge - 4.0 miles

The "Forks" is the confluence of Rocky and Deep Rivers. Put in at White Pines, hike 0.5 miles to Rocky River to save 2 hours of flat water. You will need about 50 feet of rope to go around the US 1 dam and take out at Moncure Bridge on the right side of the river. Lots of good rapids, including class-2 and class-3 under the US 1 dam. Great float for nature and wildlife watching.



WELCOME TO THE DEEP RIVER!

The Deep River is a tributary of the Cape Fear River, approximately 125 miles (200 km) long. Deep River is a translation of the Indian name "Sapponah," meaning "a deep river."



Paddling is popular on the river. Deep River is flanked by the Deep River State Trail and several other parks and preservation areas including Caribnton Dam Park, House in the Horseshoe Historic Site, Deep River Park, Deep River Camelback Truss Bridge, Endor Iron Furnace, White Pines Nature Preserve, Lockville Dam, Canal and Powerhouse, and Mermaid Point.



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DEEP RIVER ACCESS RAMPS IN LEE COUNTY

CARBONTON DAM TO McIVER LANDING

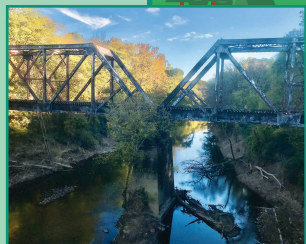
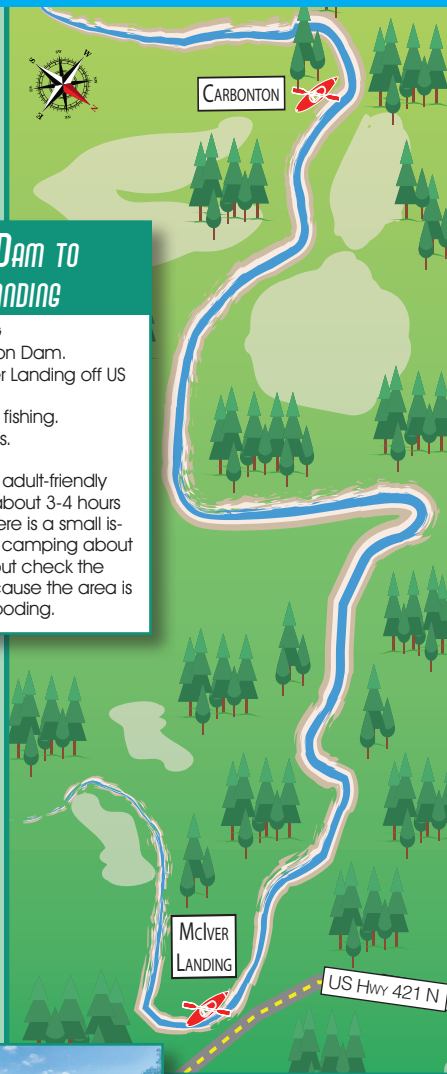
6.2 MILES LONG

Put-in: Caribonton Dam.

Take-out: McIver Landing off US Hwy 421N.

- Good for bass fishing.
- Suitable for kids.

This is a kid- and adult-friendly float that takes about 3-4 hours to complete. There is a small island suitable for camping about halfway down, but check the weather first because the area is prone to flash flooding.



McIVER LANDING TO 421 NORTH

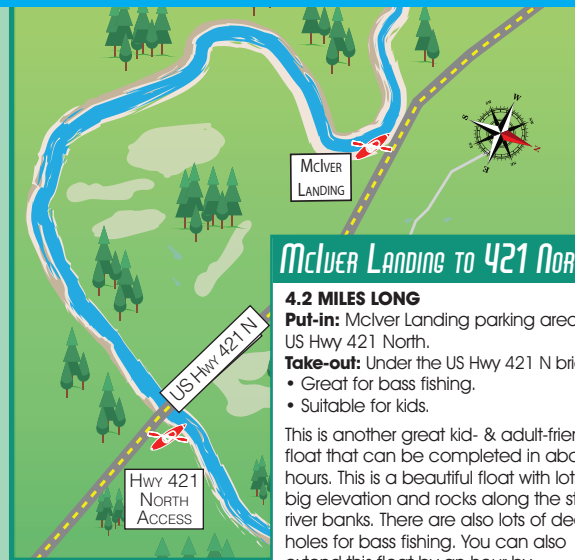
4.2 MILES LONG

Put-in: McIver Landing parking area on US Hwy 421 North.

Take-out: Under the US Hwy 421 N bridge.

- Great for bass fishing.
- Suitable for kids.

This is another great kid- & adult-friendly float that can be completed in about 3 hours. This is a beautiful float with lots of big elevation and rocks along the steep river banks. There are also lots of deep holes for bass fishing. You can also extend this float by an hour by continuing on to Deep River Park.



421 ACCESS TO DEEP RIVER PARK

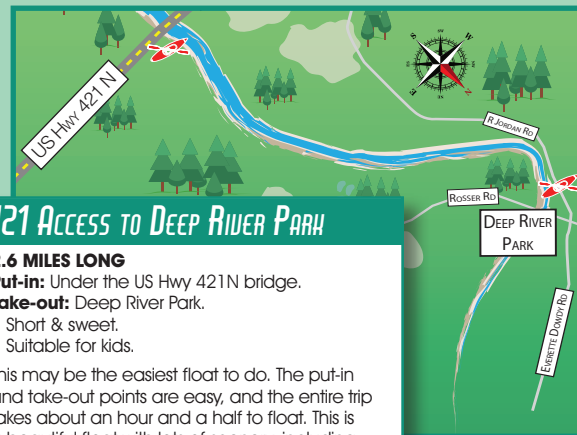
2.6 MILES LONG

Put-in: Under the US Hwy 421N bridge.

Take-out: Deep River Park.

- Short & sweet.
- Suitable for kids.

This may be the easiest float to do. The put-in and take-out points are easy, and the entire trip takes about an hour and a half to float. This is a beautiful float with lots of scenery, including paddling under two very old train bridges.



McIVER LANDING TO DEEP RIVER PARK

6.8 MILES LONG

Put-in: McIver Landing across from the J.R. Moore store.

Take-out: Deep River Park.

- Scenic & easy.
- Suitable for kids.

This is a beautiful & easy float that combines the McIver to 421N and 421N to Deep River Park floats. You can moderately paddle and complete this float in about 4-5 hours. There is so much beauty on this part of Deep River. Lots of rock croppings and elevation, and historic bridges. This is probably one of the more easy, accessible floats in Lee County.

DEEP RIVER PARK TO US HWY 15-501

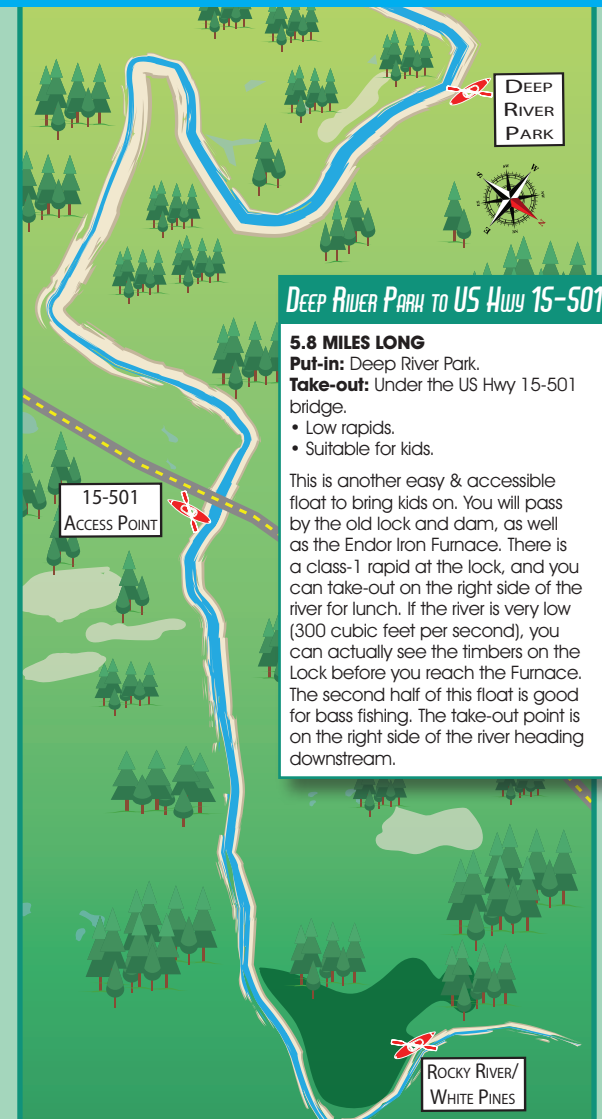
5.8 MILES LONG

Put-in: Deep River Park.

Take-out: Under the US Hwy 15-501 bridge.

- Low rapids.
- Suitable for kids.

This is another easy & accessible float to bring kids on. You will pass by the old lock and dam, as well as the Endor Iron Furnace. There is a class-1 rapid at the lock, and you can take-out on the right side of the river for lunch. If the river is very low (300 cubic feet per second), you can actually see the timbers on the Lock before you reach the Furnace. The second half of this float is good for bass fishing. The take-out point is on the right side of the river heading downstream.



US HWY 15-501 TO ROCKY RIVER

3.8 MILES LONG

Put-in: Under the US Hwy 15-501 bridge.

Take-out: Rocky River/White Pines hiking trail.

- Good for fishing.
- Suitable for older kids **IF** they don't mind a good hike.

This is a great float for those who don't mind hiking a kayak up 400 ft. elevation for half a mile. Put in on the Lee County side of Deep River under the US Hwy 15-501 bridge. You will paddle over an old Native American dam. The fishing is great, and you will see lots of wildlife on this float.