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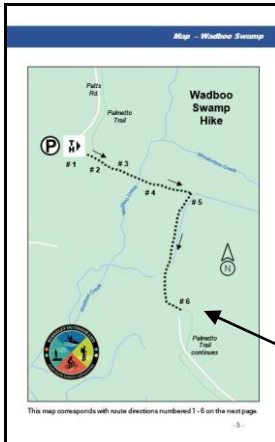
# **Sandy Beach**

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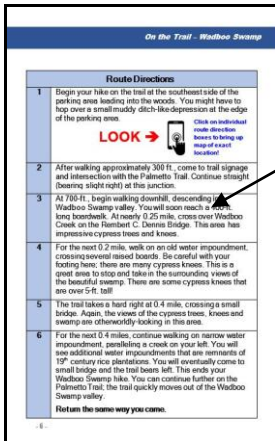


# Convenient Functionality Built into This Guide



## On Map Pages:

Using your phone (or touch-screen enabled device), tap any of the route numbers to bring up a map of the exact location!



## On Route Direction Pages:

Tap anywhere in the individual *On the Trail* route boxes to bring up a map of the exact location!



## Sandy Beach



*Looking across Lake Moultrie from Sandy Beach.*

### Summary

Have lunch on a beach overlooking north Lake Moultrie. This hike is entirely contained within the Department of Natural Resources' Sandy Beach Waterfowl Management Area (WMA). You are guaranteed to see large waterfowl (egrets, great blue herons, ibis), maybe a few birds of prey (osprey, bald eagles) and the occasional alligator. Bring your camera on this easy trek to the best hidden beach on the lake!

### Difficulty

Easy.

### Distance

3.2 miles, roundtrip, out-and-back hike.


### Time

3 hours.

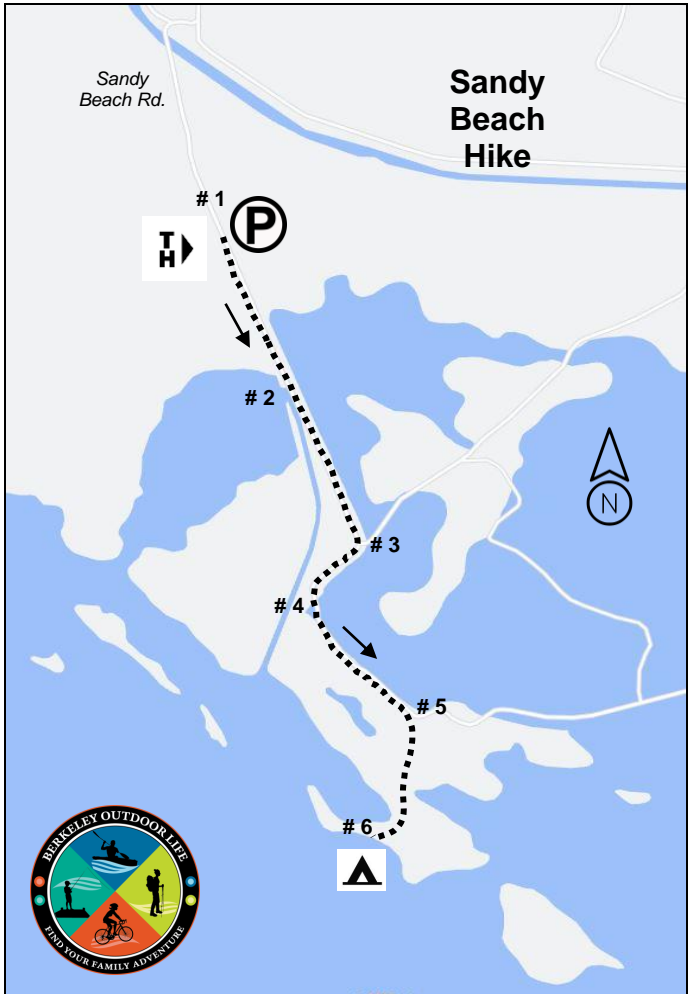
### Trail Surface

Wide dirt/sand service roads and double track.


## ***Hike through a DNR Waterfowl Management Area to a beach***

<b>Crowds</b>	Very light. Only possibility of seeing others is on the weekend.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None. Parts of the waterfowl management area are closed from November until February. There are many signs indicating this.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent.</p> <p>There could be alligators sunning on some of the roads. Never approach an alligator. Usually, they will move away quickly when they see humans.</p>
<b>Trailhead Parking</b>	Sandy Beach Road, Pineville, SC 29468.
	GPS: 33.400852, -80.066027 33°24'03.1"N, 80°03'57.7"W
<b>Camping</b>	Waterfront primitive camping is available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the end of the hike at the namesake "Sandy Beach." This area can easily accommodate 20 campers.
<b>Weather on the Trail</b>	Click <a href="#">HERE</a>





This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 6 on the next page.

Route Directions	
1	<p>Begin your hike by walking around the metal gate (to the left of the large “Sandy Beach Waterfowl Management Area” sign). Walk south down the dirt/sand service road.</p> <p><b>LOOK →</b></p>  <p>Click on individual route direction boxes to bring up map of exact location!</p>
2	<p>At nearly 0.2 mile into the walk, there is water on both sides of the road (the road is now a water impoundment). Both sides of the road are parts of the active waterfowl sanctuary. Take a moment to look around. You are likely to see an abundance of wildlife in this area. This continues for the next 0.3 mile.</p>
3	<p>Road curves to the right at 0.7 mile.</p>
4	<p>At nearly 0.9 mile, come to a gated maintenance facility. The road curves to the left, continuing past the facility.</p>
5	<p>At 1.25 miles, turn right down a double track road that heads into the woods. This road is sometimes slightly overgrown.</p>
6	<p>Arrive at the wide Sandy Beach at 1.6 miles. Depending on water levels, the beach here can be over 200 ft. wide. This is a primitive campground area that can easily accommodate up to 20 people.</p> <p><b>Return the same way you came.</b></p>



*This route includes part of the Lake Moultrie Passage of the Palmetto Trail.*



*Summer flowers blooming on the hike to Sandy Beach.*