



Bikeway # 13

# The Triple "G"

## *Gaillard Gravel Grinder*

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# Convenient Functionality Built into This Guide

Map 1 of 2 - Santee Canal N. Moultrie



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5, and 8.


## 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!



Route - Santee Canal N. Moultrie

### Route Directions

1	From the boat ramp at Angel's Landing Marina, turn left, heading in a northeast direction.
	<b>LOOK →</b>  <b>Click on individual route directions to bring up map of exact location!</b>
2	At 0.1 mile, pass by island of tall grass. It's best to pass on the left side, closest to the mainland. Continue in slight northeast direction.
3	Pass by tip of island at 0.6 miles. Begin to even more northeastern direction towards another large island 0.3 mile away.
4	At 0.9 mile, paddle around southern tip of island, head into center of bay, paddling towards upper right corner of bay. This is where the canal opening is located.
5	Enter Santee Canal at 1.4 miles. This is a narrow, shallow waterway (no more than 20 yards wide and maintains a depth of 4-5 feet). Enjoy the calm waters of the Santee Canal. Keep an eye out for wildlife, including alligators, deer, wild boar and a variety of waterfowl.
6	Come to railroad crossing over the canal at 2.8 miles. The canal will begin to narrow shortly after the railroad crossing.
7	At 3.2 miles, come to the obvious end of the canal. <b>Return the same way you came.</b>
8	Option. Turn a hard left when leaving the canal and head into a field of lilies. This is picturesque and worth the extra 20-30 minutes, particularly when everything is in bloom!

## On Route Direction Pages:

Tap anywhere in the individual direction boxes to bring up a map of the exact location!



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*Otherworldly swamps await on this incredible bike ride!*

### **Summary**

Bike the finest gravel route in South Carolina! This is a bold statement, but we’re sure you’ll agree after this adventure. This trail takes the rider on pristine gravel forest roads lined with giant ferns, visits a Santee River oxbow lake, and has the option to explore otherworldly swamps. And we’re just getting started! This exciting trip is located entirely in the Francis Marion National Forest and is appropriate for all biker skill levels.

### **Difficulty**


Easy.

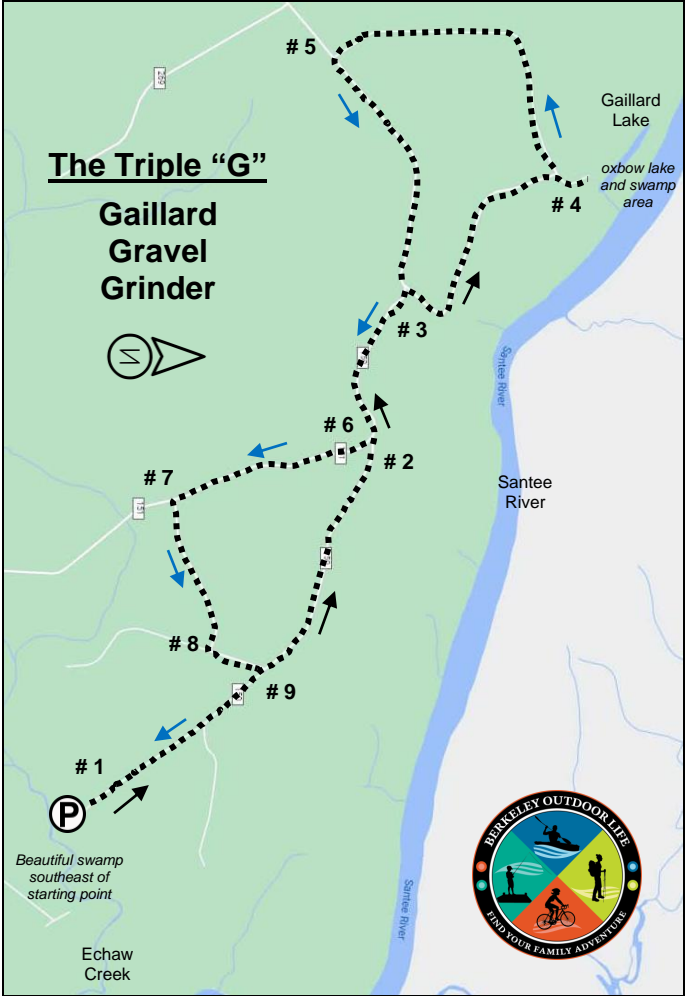
### **Distance**

9.8 miles, round-trip, resembles a large figure-8 loop, with options for more mileage.

### **Time**

Minimum of 1.5 hrs. to enjoy this exciting area.

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Dirt, gravel, forest service roads, visiting wet bottomland habitats.
<b>Trail Marker</b>	None. Some of the forest roads are numbered, but don't rely on this.
<b>Bike Type</b>	"Gravel" or trail/mountain style bikes with tires over 40c. "Knobby" bike tires are recommended.
<b>Crowds</b>	Almost none. You might see the occasional vehicle on the weekend.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months; this area is known for ticks! Bring insect repellent.</p> <p>There are many forest service roads in this Echaw to Gaillard forest area. It is recommended that you print a map of the area or download off-line maps to your phone. Cell phone service is limited at best.</p>
<b>Parking</b>	<p>Park at the end of Forest Rd. 150, Jamestown, SC 29453.</p> <p>GPS: 33.254404, -79.573884 33°15'15.9"N, 79°34'26.0"W</p>
<b>Weather on the Trail</b>	<p>Click <a href="#">HERE</a></p> 



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

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p>Park at the end of Forest Rd. 150. Use the GPS coordinates to find this exact location. Begin your ride cycling back up the road you just came down.</p> <p>As you ride on the forest service roads, look around. You'll discover giant ferns, micro swamps and other natural treasures!</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>Continue straight at 2.0 miles.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>At 2.7 miles, take a sharp right. In 0.2 mile, the road takes a 90 degree turn to the left. For the next 0.7 mile, the road has many large holes. These can be filled with water and muddy after rains. If needed, simply walk your bike around large holes.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>Take a right at 3.7 miles. Within 1,100 ft., you'll enter the oxbow Gaillard Lake area. This a fantastic place to have a look around. You'll find many large and interesting cypress and tupelo trees here.</p> <p>When you're done exploring Gaillard Lake, return the way you came except continue straight on the road that you are now on.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p>At 5.4 miles, turn left. Continue for 1 mile and bear right (you're now back at # 3 route directions).</p>
<b>6</b>	<p>Bear right at 7.1 miles (you're now back at # 2 route directions).</p>
<b>7</b>	<p>At 8.0 miles, turn left.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p>At 8.7 miles, turn left.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p>Turn right at 8.9 miles, continue the road that you began on for another 0.9 mile to end your ride.</p> <p>Just beyond where you parked is a large, beautiful swamp that is part of the Echaw floodplain. This is worth checking out!</p>





*This route follows a large "figure-8."*



*This is gravel cycling at its BEST!*