



Dismal Swamp Canal

CAMDEN COUNTY, NC

Rest Area & State Park

Hwy 17/Future I-87



NC Visitor Information



"One of the most beautiful Rest Areas in America"
-Architectural Digest 2018

Follow Us:   

Explore by highway or waterway!

www.DismalSwamp.com

2022 Visitation & Amenities

Highway Visitation to Facility:
693,000 (Record High)

DSWC Visitation:
22,500

*Dismal Swamp State Park Visitation:
120,000 (2021-2022)



- FREE Overnight Dockage/ 24 HR.
- 150' Face Dock
- FREE Wifi
- FREE NC, Dismal Swamp, Camden County, & Boating Info
- FREE Dismal Swamp Sticker
- Restrooms & Vending 24/7
- Fresh Water (non-potable)
- Pet Friendly
- Picnic Tables, Grills
- Gift Shop
- DSC Trail (paved) – 3 miles
- Loaner Bikes for DSC Trail



USACE Map

Our spot at MP 28



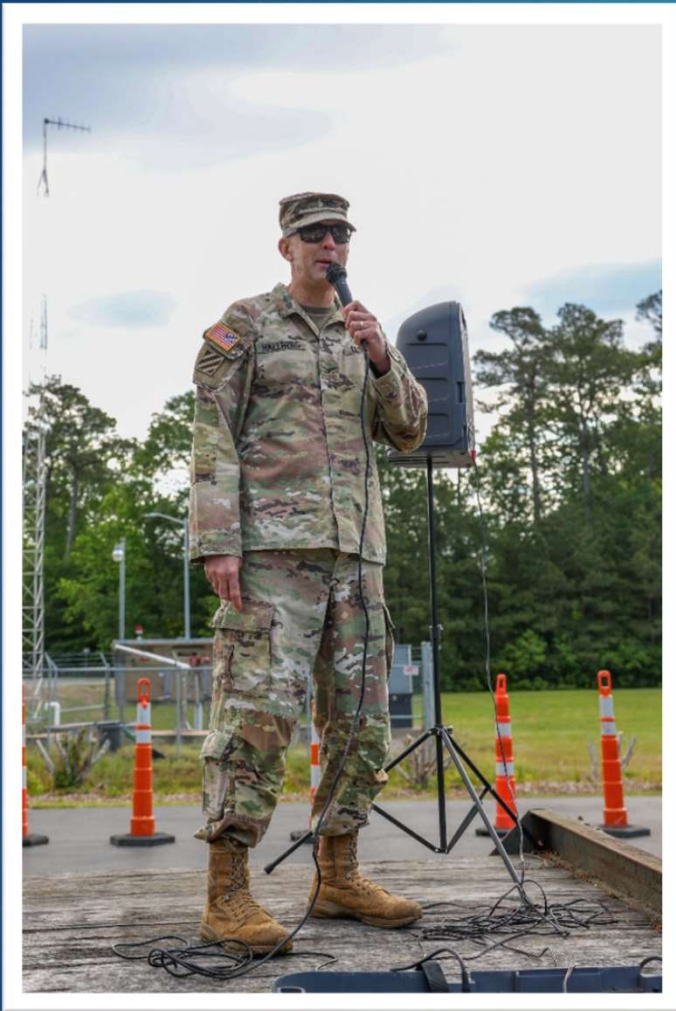
DSC Boating Traffic

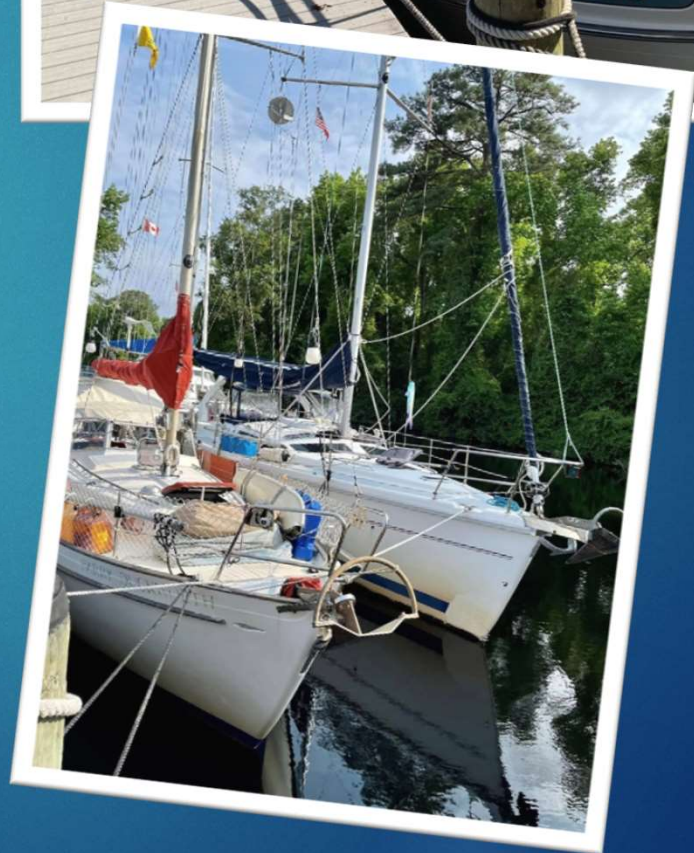
Provided by USACE- Norfolk District



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
JAN	9	8	7	Closed	16	5	8	8	Closed	5	6	Closed	14	9	39	
FEB	7	7	7	Closed	7	6	6	8	Closed	6	6	Closed	5	2	16	
MAR	38	29	32	30	20	18	25	33	2	18	22	2	25	29	36	
APR	136	127	142	147	122	71	113	163	Closed	101	127	41	86	124	235	
MAY	332	334	345	267	283	298	269	262	Closed	206	256	113	175	211	391	
JUNE	247	231	191	176	171	149	166	154	Closed	145	154	114	118	132	184	
JULY	110	122	86	77	75	70	95	87	Closed	79	49	66	66	46	140	
AUG	72	71	25	73	66	82	73	61	Closed	41	40	24	40	23	101	
SEPT	152	83	68	78	116	115	114	51	Closed	49	62	65	46	58	29	
OCT	431	385	421	364	299	351	394	26	3	216	168	124	196	189	182	
NOV	265	238	216	227	294	259	199	Closed	107	201	77	132	190	164		
DEC	38	28	42	31	41	35	48	Closed	13	40	21	29	23	31		
TOTAL	1,837	1,663	1,582	1,470	1,510	1,459	1,510	853	125	1,107	988	710	984	1,018	1,353	
TOTAL	34,704	36,367	37,949	39,419	40,929	42,388	43,898	44,751	44,876	45,983	46,971	47,681	48,665	49,683	51,036	

USACE ~ Norfolk District US Facilities







**Mark Ervin
Paddled the
Great Loop
“Reverse the Bad”**

Huron Jewel



Dismal Swamp State Park



Paddle for the Border





Dismal Day



Dismal Swamp Canal Trail



Connecting with Community



Connecting with Partners



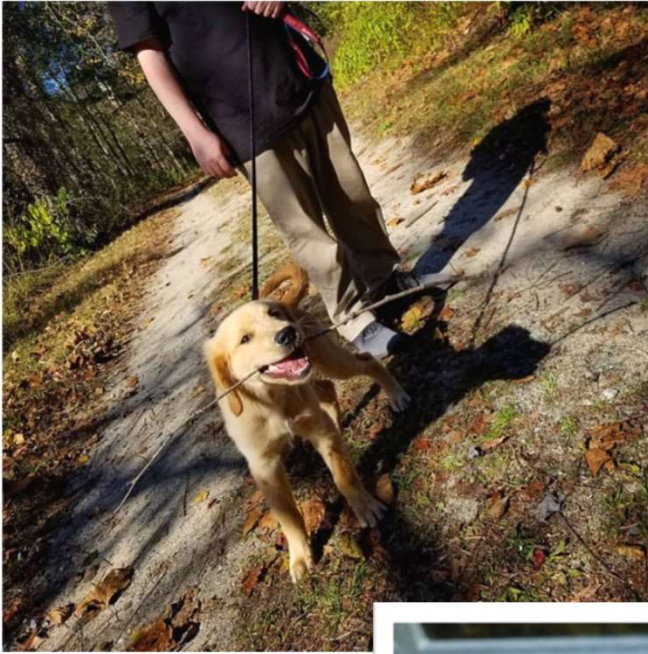
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Elizabeth City



Connecting to Nature



Connecting to History

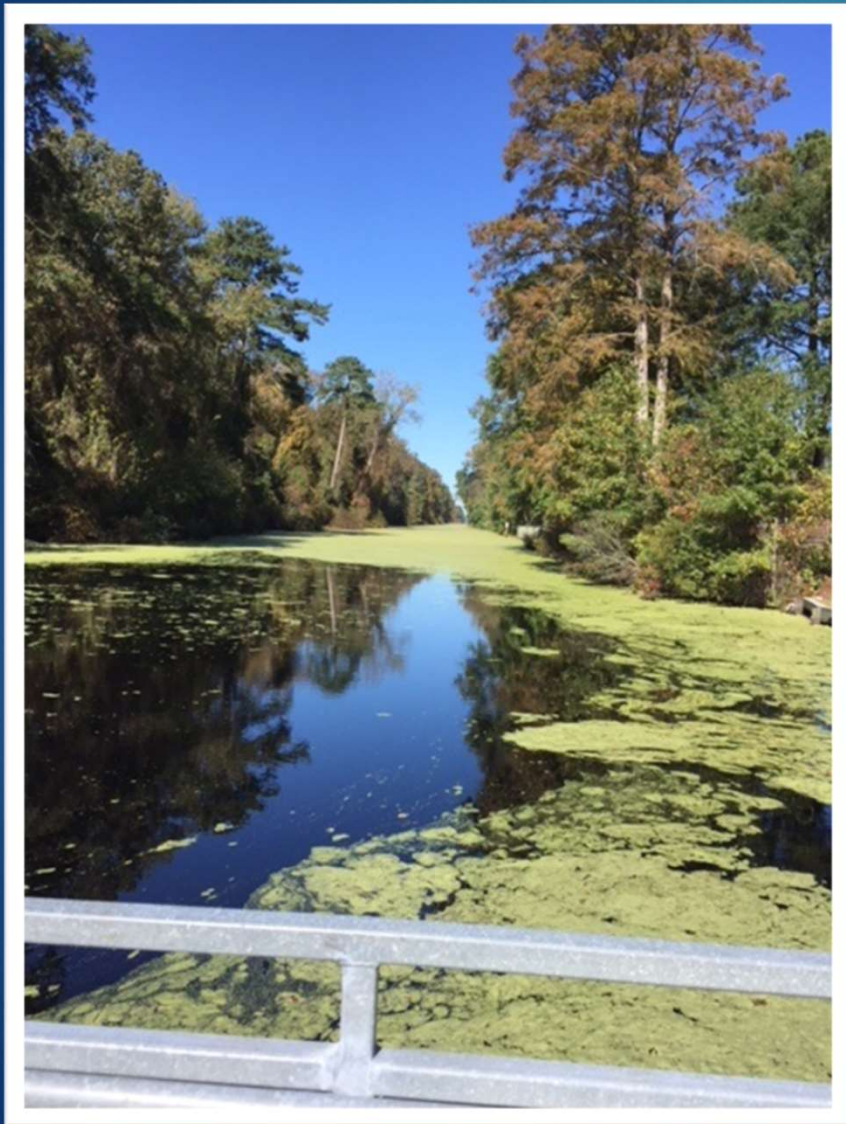


National Underground Railroad- Network to Freedom, African American Experience of Northeast NC & Natural Heritage Area

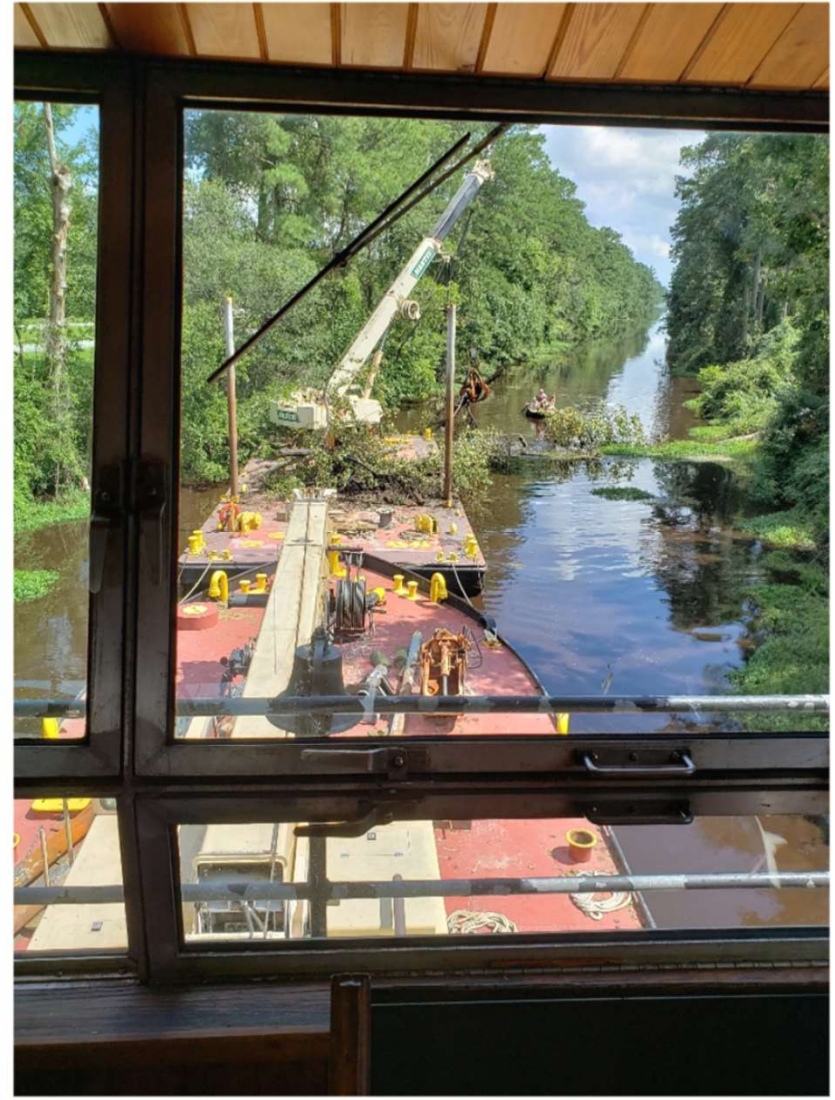
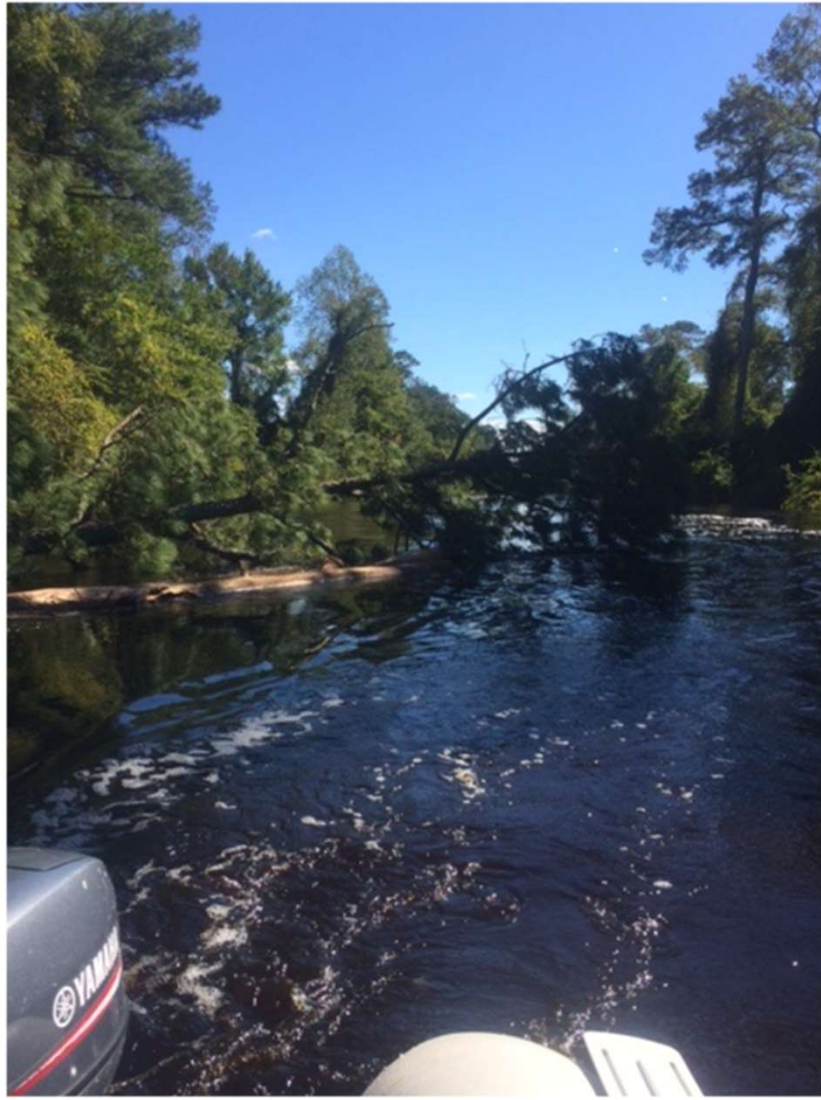
Civil War



Duckweed



Trees/Deadheads



Education

Dismal Swamp Canal Boating Tips



Know Before You Go!



- **Slow and Steady - NO WAKE ZONE**
- **Don't follow boats closely - maintain distance between boats when traveling**
Helps minimize taps & bumps
- **Lookout above and below**
Stay center of channel for clearance and depth
- **Inform - note coordinates of any concerns**
Share info with lockmaster, USACE, or DSWC staff

Economic Impact



The Albemarle Loop Member Marinas Offer FREE
48 hours of dockage, fresh water, and pump-out!

Member Marinas
Albemarle Loop Member Marinas in the Albemarle Sound offer **FREE slip rental** fees for least **48 hours**, fresh water, and pump outs where available! Also enjoy some unique facilities and amenities, such as shops and restaurants, museums, nature trails, historic sites, tennis and bocce courts, golf, museums, and lots more.

Gateway Marinas
Gateway Marinas meet safety and operational standards of the Albemarle Loop but **DO NOT** offer free 48 hour slips. These marinas fall outside of Albemarle Sound coastline but are gateways to the Sound along the ICW and its environs.

Snowbird Layover
Some marinas offer extended free or reduced cost dockage for layovers during the Spring and Fall boating migrations. See www.albemarleloop.com

Albemarle Loop Facebook
Additional Event calendar, Marina videos, Photos
www.facebook.com/AlbemarleLoop

Albemarle Loop Website
Events, Local Information, Contacts, Marina Details, Coupons.

Gateway marinas

Dismal Swamp Visitors Center	
252-771-8333	Restrooms
Pet Friendly	WiFi
Fresh Water	GIR Shop Onsite
Dismal Swamp State Park	
Exhibits/ Trails	Museum
Kayak/Canoe Rentals	Lease Bikes

Shallowbag Bay Marina
Reservations Required

252-305-8726	Ships Store Onsite
Diesel/ Gasoline	Restrooms/Showers
Fresh Water/ Pump-out	Restaurant Onsite
30-50 Amp	WiFi
Pool, Hot Tub, Gym, Club	Slip Rentals
Pet Friendly	Retail Wine and Beer

Waterside Marina Downtown Norfolk

757-625-3825	Laundry (Nearby)
Rental Cars (Nearby)	Restrooms/Showers
30/50/100 Amp	WiFi

THE ALBEMARLE LOOP 2023

The Albemarle Loop provides the boating public with day trips or more than three weeks' worth of exciting opportunities to cruise and explore protected waters of the historic Albemarle Sound.

"Loop" Marinas offer access to many fun-filled adventures, entertainment, sporting events, and various cultural activities.

Enjoy their unique facilities and amenities such as: restaurants, golf, swimming pool, tennis courts, local historical sites, boat repair, and shopping excursions. Visit the friendly communities surrounding Albemarle Sound as you share your boating experiences with other families at high-quality marinas.

Only full Member Marinas in the "LOOP" offer at least 48 hours of **FREE** dockage, fresh water, and pump-outs where available! **Gateway Marinas** may offer a variety of promotions in lieu of the 48 hours of free dockage.

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See website for details
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We Love our Boaters!





Relationships & Partnerships

- NC DOT
- USACE
- Dismal Swamp State Park
- Friends of the DSSP
- Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism
- Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge
- Camden County TDA
- Friends of the Camden Museum
- Camden Sheriff's Department
- Emergency Management
- Camden Parks & Recreation
- South Mills Volunteer Fire Department
- Elizabeth City USCG
- Legislators
- AIWA
- Albemarle Loop
- HAT
- Coast Host
- Visit NC Tourism
- Regional Tourism Partners



CAMDEN COUNTY



Camden Tourism Development Authority &
Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center

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