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Town of River Bend

Kayak / Canoe Launch is Open

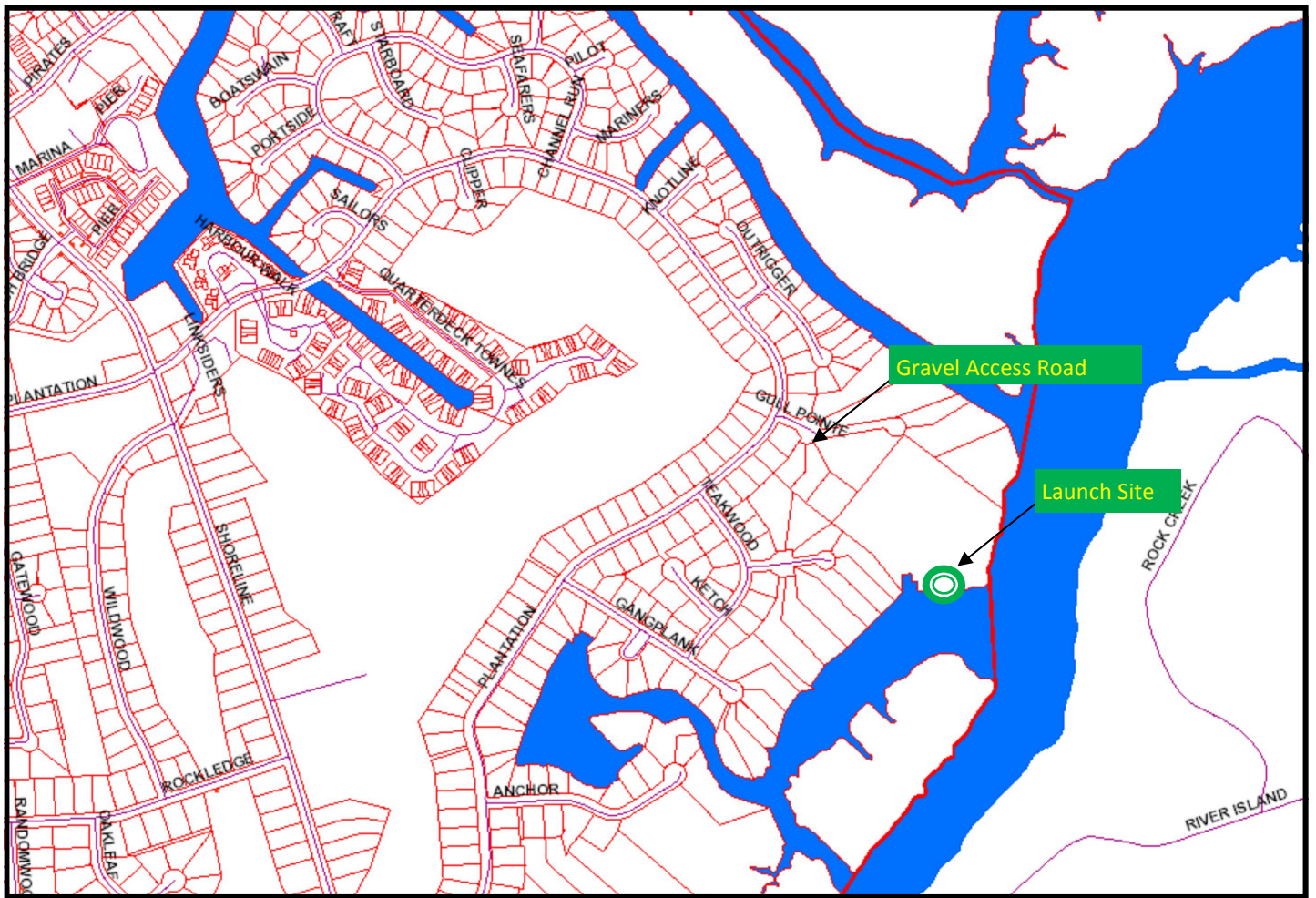
The Town of River Bend is pleased to announce that our new kayak/canoe access facility is open! This facility was partially funded by a grant from the NC Division of Coastal Management (CAMA) to enhance public access to the Trent River. There is paved (concrete) parking for a few vehicles and additional parking is available in the adjacent field. From there, users will walk approximately 60 feet of concrete sidewalk that leads to an elevated wooden walkway that is approximately 400 feet long. At the end of the wooden walkway is a ramp that leads to the floating dock and attached launch dock.



The wooden walkway crosses wetlands and leads to sheltered access to the Trent River. From the launch, one can paddle about one-half mile upstream to Island Lake or approximately one-quarter mile downstream to enter Plantation Canal, a waterway that is just over one mile long that has protected wetlands on one side and homes on the other. Paddling a little over a mile downstream will bring you along the waterfront of neighboring Trent Woods. A two and a half mile trip downstream to Wilson's Creek bridge in Trent Woods will bring you to the next public access. An even longer paddle upstream will lead to the next public access in Pollocksville.

The ADA compliant facility will be open from sunrise to sunset and is accessed off of Gull Point, a street off of Plantation Drive. Off Gull Point to the right, there is a gravel road that leads to the Town's wastewater treatment facility. This is the road you use to access the launch area. See the map on the reverse side of this page. Road signs will be added shortly to help visitors find this facility.

This quality facility will provide residents and visitors with an easy point to launch kayaks and canoes, or just enjoy the wetlands and view of the Trent River. Additional amenities may be added to enhance the site.



View of Gravel Access Road from Gull Pointe