



Hiking the Neusiok Trail
Photo by Becka Walling

The Croatan and Neusiok Trail—MST Segment 16

STELLA TO OYSTER POINT CAMPGROUND

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Hikers on this 68-mile trail segment will explore miles of sand roads and trails through the Croatan National Forest, as well as historic old towns and the outskirts of one of the many military bases in this part of the state.

The western third of Segment 16 mostly follows unpaved forest roads through the 161,000-acre Croatan, one of four national forests in North Carolina. These very lightly traveled roads—some are even gated to exclude vehicles—provide surprising and delightful solitude. Although small by national forest standards, the Croatan is a very special place—home to many rare natural communities and native species of plants and wildlife.

The center of the forest is largely pocosin, nearly impenetrable upland swamp with brushy vegetation that is home to many species, including black bear. The trail, therefore, skirts the pocosins to the south—following sandy ridges that support a longleaf pine forest that is being managed to increase the population of endangered Red-cockaded Woodpeckers. When Europeans first settled the Americas, longleaf pine forests were the predominant ecosystem in the southeast, but they are now considered globally rare.

The star attraction of this segment, the easternmost 21 miles, is the Neusiok Trail, the longest hiking path in eastern North Carolina. The Neusiok, which marked its 45th birthday in 2016, was built and is maintained by the Carteret County Wildlife Club with help from the United States Forest Service. The western (northern) end is at Pine Cliff Recreation Area on the Neuse River, and the trail continues to Oyster Point Campground on the Newport River. Between are pine forests and cypress swamps, boot-grabbing bogs and sandy beach, salt marsh and more pocosins. Hikers may encounter black bear, alligator, bald eagles, and several species of poisonous snakes. Boardwalks in many of the boggiest areas, and three primitive camping shelters, make this trail a great backpacking experience.

This forest is a wet place. Particularly after a rain, hikers should expect to encounter puddles and ponds on the roads and to be ready to cross hardwood wetlands that follow meandering, blackwater streams. Hikers will be rewarded, however, with views of huge bald cypress trees and possibly an alligator, songbirds like the prothonotary warbler, and many other species.

In between the trails and forest roads of the Croatan, the trail route takes hikers through the little town of Newport, named for the Newport River, and past the Newport Historical Museum and its park commemorating an 1864 Civil War battle over the Newport Barracks. The town of Have-lock, just north of Newport, is home to the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

- 24 miles of unpaved forest road through the longleaf pine forests in the Croatan National Forest

- The Newport Historical Museum and Battle of Newport Barracks Civil War Memorial Park provide ways to learn more about the history of the area.
- 21 miles of the Neusiok Trail, the longest continuous hiking trail in North Carolina's coastal plain

Total Distance: 67.9 miles (22.4 on paved roads; 26.2 on unpaved roads; 19.3 on trail)

Difficulty: Easy (road sections) to moderate (trail sections)

Trail Updates

When planning your trip using this guide, take a moment to see whether Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail (Friends) has posted any updates about the trail route by visiting Friends' "Trail Updates" page at MountainstoSeaTrail.org/updates.

Trail Angels

The MST is fortunate to have many Trail Angels: friendly people who have volunteered to provide assistance to long-distance hikers ranging from local information to lodging and food. We greatly appreciate our Trail Angels' willingness to give back to the hiking community and the MST. For information about Trail Angels in Segment 16 and the services they can provide, see MountainstoSeaTrail.org/the-trail/trail-angels.

Camping/Lodging

Note: All prices listed in this guide are for comparison only and are subject to change at any time.

Eastbound (EB) Mile 0.7; Westbound (WB) Mile 67.2

White Oak Shores Camping & RV Resort, 400 Wetherington Landing Rd., Stella, 28582, 252-393-3244; www.whiteoakshores.com. Tent sites are \$40 per night.

EB Miles 3.5-29.0; WB Miles 38.9-64.4

This stretch is through the Croatan National Forest, coming out to paved roads a few times. Camping is permitted anywhere in the forest; however, water may be in short supply.

Near EB Mile 13.7; WB Mile 54.1

Parkerton Inn, 1184 NC 58, Cape Carteret, 28584, 252-393-9000; www.parkertoninn.com. Rooms begin at \$65/night.

EB Mile 34.8; WB Mile 32.0

Days Inn Havelock, 220 East Main St., US 70 East, Havelock, 28532, 252-447-1122; www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/havelock-north-carolina/days-inn-havelock/overview. Rooms begin at \$51/night.

Hostess House, 449 McCotter Blvd., Havelock, 28532, 252-447-3689; www.visitnc.com/listing/hostess-house.

EB Miles 46.5-67.9; WB Miles 0.0-21.3

Camping is permitted anywhere on the Neusiok Trail, except at the Pine Cliff Recreation Area. Designated backcountry camping spots are the Copperhead Landing Shelter (EB Mile 50.3; WB Mile 17.6), Dogwood Camp Shelter (EB Mile 56.5; WB Mile 11.3), and Blackjack Lodge Shelter (EB Mile 65.5; WB Mile 2.3). All campsites have water.

EB Mile 67.9; WB Mile 0.0

Oyster Point Campground, Forest Rd 181, Newport, 28570, 252-638-5628. This US Forest Service campground, seasonally closed from December through February, is at the southern terminus of the Neusiok Trail. Amenities include restrooms, picnic tables, water and fire rings. Sites are \$10-20 per night. To reserve a spot, visit www.recreation.gov and search for "Oyster Point Campground." (The search may return two entries; be sure to choose the one that allows reservations, which can be identified by a button marked "Check Availability.")

Also check Friends' "Trail Angels" page at MountainstoSeaTrail.org/the-trail/trail-angels for additional camping and lodging options.

Food/Supplies/Post Office

EB Mile 0.0; WB Mile 67.9 Stella post office

EB Mile 13.6; WB Mile 54.2 Convenience store

EB Mile 30.4; WB Mile 37.5 Convenience store

EB Mile 35.9; WB Mile 32.0 North on US 70 is the town of Havelock, with numerous services.

EB Mile 37.9; WB Mile 30.0 Convenience store

Water/Restrooms

Water along the Neusiok Trail and everywhere in the Croatan National Forest can be scarce and must be treated before drinking. However, there is water available at all the campsites and Oyster Point Campground. Restrooms are available at the Pine Cliff Recreation Area and Oyster Point Campground. Bottled water and restrooms are available at convenience stores along the route.

Hunting

Hunting is allowed throughout the Croatan National Forest. See www.ncwildlife.org/hunting.aspx for information about seasons and licenses.

Signs/Blazing

The Neusiok Trail is marked with 2-inch circular white markers and aluminum tags, and has a few MST signs. As of this writing, there are no MST markings on the road portions of this segment; however, we are developing plans for wayfinding on the road sections of this trail segment and expect to be installing signs and blazes in 2019.

Special Considerations

Avoid drinking untreated surface water.

Watch for traffic and narrow shoulders on paved roads throughout the route.

Dogs are allowed on this segment of the MST, but should be on a leash at all times.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Friends office: 919-825-0297 or info@MountainstoSeaTrail.org

US Forest Service, Croatan National Forest: www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/nfsnc/null/recarea/?recid=48466&actid=63

Town of Newport: townofnewport.com

Newport Historical Museum: ncsaa.weebly.com

Havelock Chamber of Commerce: www.havelockchamber.org

Carteret County Chamber of Commerce: www.nccoastchamber.com

Carteret County Tourism: www.crystalcoastnc.org

Carteret County Wildlife Club: www.c2wlc.club

Neusiok Trail Site: www.neusioktrail.org

Trail Maps

Google map of the entire MST: MountainstoSeaTrail.org/map

Map of Croatan National Forest: www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5403940.pdf

PRIMARY PARKING LOCATIONS

Stella Post Office

Note: Parking here costs \$5.00.

EB Mile 0.0; WB Mile 67.9



N34.77494, W77.15182

Pine Cliff Recreation Area

EB Mile 46.5; WB Mile 21.3



N34.93885, W76.82208

Neusiok Trail and NC 306

EB Mile 53.1; WB Mile 14.8



N34.90145, W76.81863

Neusiok Trail and NC 101

EB Mile 55.8; WB Mile 12.0



N34.86994, W76.80647

Neusiok Trail and FR 147

EB Mile 57.2; WB Mile 10.7



N34.85507, W76.80207

Oyster Point Campground

EB Mile 67.9; WB Mile 0.0





N34.76076, W76.76168



The Stella post office
Photo by PJ Wetzel, www.pjwetzel.com

Hiking Directions, Eastbound

- 0.0 From the Stella post office, turn left on Stella Rd. to begin Segment 16. Continue straight on Wetherington Landing Rd., where Stella Rd. turns left. *Note:* To reach the Stella post office by automobile, head east from Jacksonville on NC 24 about 15 miles from the junction with US 17, then turn left on Belgrade-Swansboro Rd. Continue 4.6 miles, then turn right on Stella Rd. The post office will be on your left just after you cross the White Oak River in about 1.8 miles. Parking here costs \$5.00. 
- 0.7 Pass White Oak Shores Camping & RV Resort on the right. See the “Camping/Lodging” section for this segment for more information. 
- 2.2 Turn left on unpaved Walters Ln.
- 2.3 Turn left on unpaved road just before “Private Road” sign.
- 3.2 Turn left on NC 58.
- 3.5 Take first ungated right onto gravel road. *Note:* For the next 25.5 miles, you will be walking through the Croatan National Forest,



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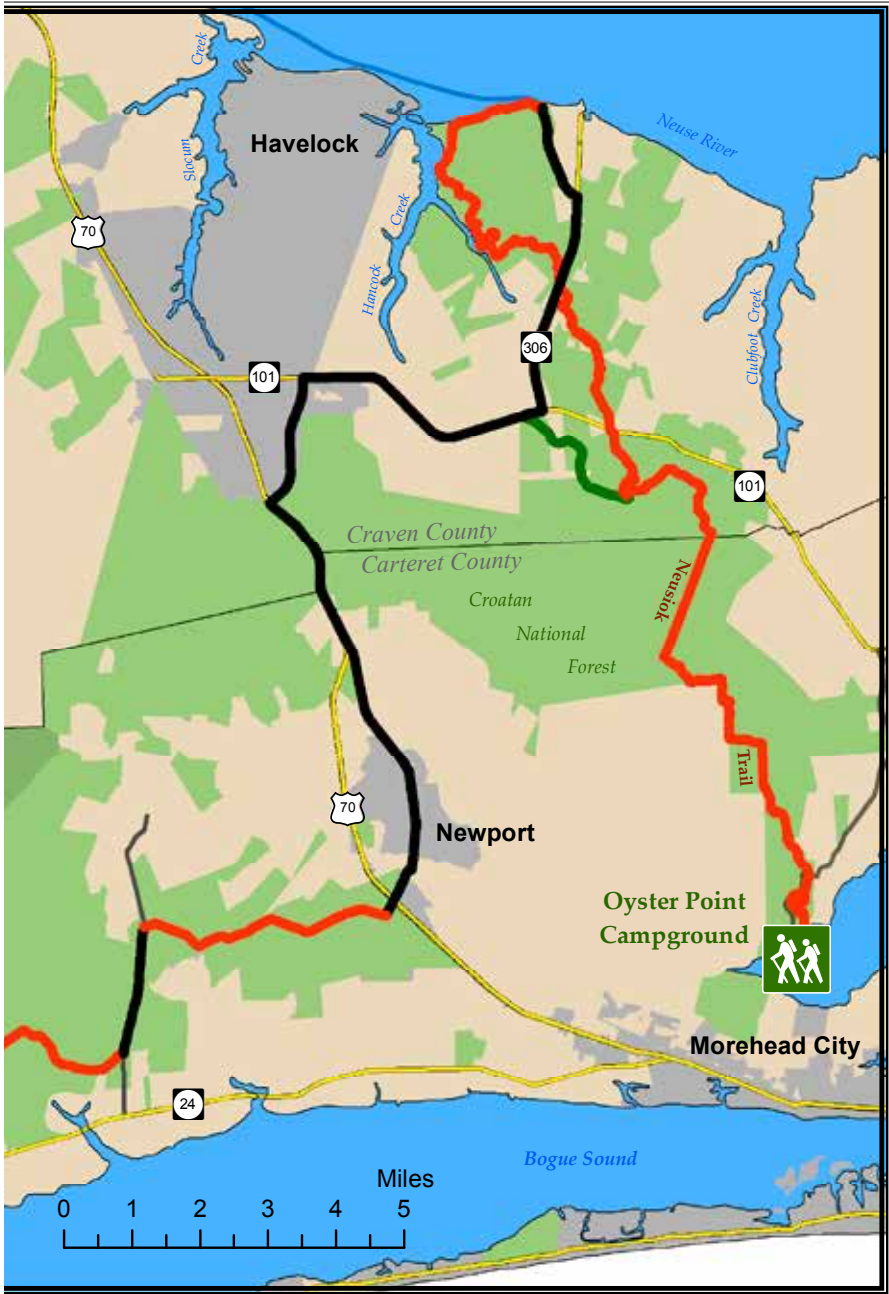
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Map produced for Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail by Curtis Belyea, 2018.



- coming out to paved roads a few times. Camping is permitted anywhere in the forest; however, water may be in short supply.
- 3.8 Cross railroad tracks.
 - 6.3 At first significant intersection, just before gate, turn right on FR 175. *Note:* Almost none of the forest roads in the Croatan National Forest are marked; road numbers are provided for use with a map, but are not adequate for navigation on the ground.
 - 6.7 Cross railroad tracks and then take immediate left on FR 176.
 - 8.7 Turn right on Hadnot Creek Rd., FR 127, at T-intersection where left-hand road is little-used track, then make an immediate left on FR 3014, always following the main road.
 - 9.2 Continue straight past significant intersection with FR 200 coming in from left, then make an immediate sharp right turn.
 - 11.1 At T-intersection, turn left on Cedarwood Dr.
 - 11.7 Road changes name from Cedarwood Dr. to FR 205.
 - 13.1 Turn left on NC 58.
 - 13.6 Pass convenience store on left. 
 - 13.7 Turn left on Bucks Corner Rd. *Note:* To reach lodging at the Parkerton Inn, continue straight on NC 58 for 0.4 mile. Hotel is on left. 
 - 13.9 Pass Peletier First Missionary Baptist Church on right.
 - 14.0 At T-intersection, turn left on Whitehouse Forks Rd.
 - 14.5 Pass CCS Entertainment Complex, a race track, on left.
 - 15.1 Just after C Wood Farms Rd., turn right on unpaved Millis Rd. (no sign).
 - 15.8 Pass sandy road on right.
 - 17.2 Pass sandy road on left.
 - 18.0 Turn right on FR 123.
 - 18.9 Pass groundwater monitoring installation on left.
 - 19.4 Pass groundwater monitoring installation on left.
 - 19.8 Pass groundwater monitoring installation on left.
 - 20.1 Just beyond groundwater monitoring installation, bear left through gate onto fairly overgrown path, which is FR 154.
 - 21.4 At fork where fainter path keeps going straight, curve right to stay on sandy road.
 - 22.9 Bear left onto more heavily traveled road.



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An isolated tree on a Stella sod farm
 Photo by PJ Wetzel, www.pjwetzel.com

- 23.2 Pass through gate and turn left on Nine Mile Rd. at T-intersection.
- 24.4 Pass Gales Creek Rd. on right. *Note:* There is no street sign here, but it is marked “Circle P Farm.”
- 25.1 Just before curve in road, take next right on gated FR 154.
- 27.2 Bear right at Y-intersection.
- 29.0 At T-intersection, turn left on Hibbs Rd.
- 29.2 Continue straight across US 70.
- 29.8 At T-intersection, turn right on Roberts Rd. Immediately turn left on Chatham St.
- 29.9 Pass Newport Boating Access Area on right.
- 30.1 Cross bridge over Newport River.
- 30.4 Pass convenience store on right, then continue straight across railroad tracks entering the town of Newport. 🏪
- 30.8 Pass Newport Historical Museum and Battle of Newport Barracks Civil War Memorial Park on right.
- 32.2 Pass convenience store on left. 🏪
- 33.4 Continue straight as Chatham St. merges onto US 70.



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- 35.9 Turn right on McCotter Blvd. Straight ahead on US 70 is the town of Havelock, with numerous services. *Note:* There is a shopping center at this intersection with a Food Lion supermarket and other stores.    R 
- 37.5 Pass Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Church on left.
- 37.8 Pass McCotter Blvd. Baptist Church on left.
- 37.9 Turn right on Fontana Blvd. at stoplight next to gas station with convenience store. 
- 38.1 Pass Roger R. Bell Elementary School on right.
- 38.5 Pass entrance to City of Havelock park on right.
- 38.7 Pass Outer Banks Dr. on right.
- 39.6 Pass Hills Mobile Home Village and Apartments on right.
- 41.3 Pass Cahooque Creek Rd. on left.
- 41.5 Just beyond a small electrical substation, pass a dirt road on the right. *Note:* The next 5 miles on the road lead you to the western trailhead of the Neusiok Trail, which is the longest hiking trail in eastern North Carolina and one of the highlights of the MST. We routed the trail as we did so that MST hikers could experience all of the Neusiok Trail, but you can shorten your journey by 13.6 miles at this point by turning right on this dirt road. If you choose this alternative route, continue on the dirt road 2.3 miles to where another road intersects from the right. Turn left here onto a short spur trail leading approximately 100 yards to the Neusiok Trail. Turn right onto the Neusiok Trail and resume the main route directions at Mile 57.2. (If you turn left at this last intersection instead, you will reach camping and water in 0.7 mile. See directions at EB Mile 56.5.)
- 41.8 Turn left on NC 306.
- 43.3 Pass Harlowe Volunteer Fire Department on left.
- 43.6 Pass Apple Dr. on right.
- 43.8 The Neusiok Trail crosses NC 306 at a parking area. *Note:* The trail here provides another way to shorten your journey, this time by 9.4 miles. To do so, turn right on the Neusiok Trail then follow the directions beginning at Mile 53.1. Your first campsite and water source on the trail will be 3.5 miles to the east. 
- 44.8 Pass Cherry Branch Community Church on right.



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Visitors throng to the Newport Historical Museum
Photo courtesy of town of Newport

- 45.1 Turn left on FR 132 at Croatan National Forest Pine Cliff Recreation Area sign.
- 46.5 Reach Pine Cliff Recreation Area, the Neusiok Trailhead. Begin walking on the Neusiok Trail, following 2-inch circular white markers and aluminum tags. *Note:* The trailhead has parking, restrooms, and a picnic shelter.   
- 46.6 Pass Croatan National Forest Hiking Trail/Neusiok sign and MST visitor log, then continue right, ignoring alternate trail markers for the horse trail. *Note:* Please sign the visitor log.
- 46.8 Bear left, following trail markers.
- 47.5 Bear left, following trail markers into the woods (trail is not on the beach). Turn right immediately after entering the woods, following Neusiok/MST marker, not horse trail.
- 47.6 Turn right, following directional sign.
- 47.9 Bear right at informal campground/fire pit. 



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- 48.2 Bear right, following trail markers.
- 49.4 Bear right, following trail markers.
- 50.3 Pass Copperhead Landing Shelter on right, with camping and water.  
- 51.0 Turn right, following sign to NC 306.
- 53.1 Continue straight across NC 306, with parking. 
- 53.2 Continue straight across old logging road.
- 53.7 Bear left, following trail markers.
- 54.4 Continue straight across old logging road.
- 55.0 Continue straight across old logging road.
- 55.8 Continue straight across NC 101 at gravel parking area. 
- 56.5 Pass Dogwood Camp Shelter 250 feet off trail to right, with camping and water.  
- 57.2 Bear left, following trail markers. *Note:* Follow the side trail to the right 0.1 mile to reach parking on FR 147. 
- 59.2 Turn left on FR 147.
- 59.3 Turn right on FR 169.
- 61.3 At end of the long straight stretch, where road curves to the right, turn left onto trail. Cross the bridge into the woods.
- 63.9 Continue on trail straight across FR 124.
- 65.5 Pass Blackjack Lodge Shelter on right, with camping and water. 

- 66.6 Continue on trail straight across Mill Creek Rd.
- 66.8 Turn left on gravel road.
- 66.9 Turn left on trail headed into the woods.
- 67.9 Reach southern terminus of Neusiok Trail and the end of Segment 16. *Note:* Oyster Point Campground has camping, vault toilets, and water. See the “Camping/Lodging” section for this segment for more information about camping here. To reach the trailhead from Beaufort, head north on NC 101 10.5 miles, then turn left on Old Winberry Rd. at the sign for Oyster Point. Continue 3.7 miles and turn right on Mill Creek Rd. After 0.2 mile, turn left on FR 181 just past the Carteret County Solid Waste Recycling Site. Continue 1.1 miles to the end of the road and the trailhead.    



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The Neusiok Trail at Mill Creek Road
Photo by PJ Wetzel, www.pjwetzel.com

Hiking Directions, Westbound

0.0 Segment 16 begins at the Oyster Point Campground. Begin walking on the Neusiok Trail, following 2-inch circular white markers and aluminum tags. *Note:* Oyster Point Campground has camping, vault toilets, and water. See the “Camping/Lodging” section for this segment for more information about camping here. To reach the trailhead from Beaufort, head north on NC 101 10.5 miles, then turn left on Old Winberry Rd. at the sign for Oyster Point. Continue 3.7 miles and turn right on Mill Creek Rd. After 0.2 mile, turn left on FR 181 just past the Carteret County Solid Waste Recycling Site. Continue 1.1 miles to the end of the road and the trailhead.    



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Blackened longleaf pines are evidence of regular burns to promote diverse wildlife habitat.
Photo by Heather Houskeeper

- 1.0 Turn right on gravel road.
- 1.1 Turn right on trail heading into woods.
- 1.2 Continue on trail straight across Mill Creek Rd.
- 2.3 Pass Blackjack Lodge Shelter on left, with camping and water. 
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- 3.9 Continue on trail straight across FR 124. *Note:* Almost none of the forest roads in the Croatan National Forest are marked; road numbers are provided for use with a map, but are not adequate for navigation on the ground.
- 6.5 Turn right on FS 169.
- 8.5 Turn left on FR 147, the first maintained road to come in from the left. There is an MST marker on a wooden post near the woods on the right.



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- 8.7 Turn right onto Neusiok Trail.
- 10.7 Bear right, following trail markers. *Note:* Follow the side trail to the left 0.1 mile to reach parking on FR 147. We have routed the trail as we did so that MST hikers could experience all of the Neusiok Trail, but you can shorten your journey by 13.6 miles at this point by turning left on the side trail here. If you choose this alternative route, take the side trail to FR 147, then turn right. Follow the road 2.3 miles to NC 101 and turn left to resume the main route directions at Mile 26.4. 
- 11.3 Pass Dogwood Camp Shelter 250 feet off trail to left, with camping and water.  
- 12.0 Continue straight across NC 101 at gravel parking area. 
- 12.9 Continue straight across old logging road.
- 13.4 Continue straight across old logging road.
- 14.2 Bear right.
- 14.6 Continue straight across old logging road.
- 14.8 Continue straight across NC 306, with parking. *Note:* You can shorten your route here by 9.4 miles by turning left on NC 306 and then following the directions beginning at Mile 24.1. 
- 16.9 Turn left.
- 17.6 Pass Copperhead Landing Shelter on left, with camping and water.  
- 18.5 Bear left.
- 19.7 Bear left.
- 20.0 Bear left at informal campground/fire pit. 
- 20.2 Turn left.
- 20.4 As you come to beach, bear left, then immediately right, to stay on the trail.
- 21.1 Bear right.
- 21.3 Pass Croatan National Forest Hiking Trail/Neusiok sign and MST visitor log. Arrive at Pine Cliff Recreation Area parking area and the end of the Neusiok Trail. Head away from the parking area on the gravel road, FR 132. *Note:* Please sign the visitor log. The trailhead has restrooms and a picnic shelter.   
- 22.8 Turn right on NC 306, the first paved road.
- 23.1 Pass Cherry Branch Community Church on left.



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The Blackjack Lodge Shelter along the Neusiok Trail
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- 24.1 The Neusiok Trail crosses NC 306 at a parking area. 
- 24.2 Pass Apple Dr. on left.
- 24.6 Pass Harlowe Volunteer Fire Department on right.
- 26.1 At T-intersection, turn right on NC 101.
- 26.4 Pass a dirt road on left.
- 26.6 Pass Cahooque Creek Rd. on right.
- 28.3 Pass Hills Mobile Home Village and Apartments on left.
- 29.2 Pass Outer Banks Dr. on left.
- 29.4 Pass entrance to City of Havelock park on left.
- 29.7 Pass Roger R. Bell Elementary School on left.
- 30.0 Turn left onto McCotter Blvd. at stoplight before gas station with convenience store. 
- 30.1 Pass McCotter Blvd. Baptist Church on right.
- 30.4 Pass Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Church on right.
- 32.0 Turn left on US 70. To the right on US 70 is the town of Havelock, with numerous services. *Note:* There is a shopping center at this

intersection with a Food Lion supermarket and other stores.  

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- 34.4 Bear left onto Chatham St. heading through downtown Newport.
- 35.7 Pass convenience store on right. 
- 37.1 Pass Newport Historical Museum and Battle of Newport Barracks Civil War Memorial Park on left.
- 37.4 Continue straight across railroad tracks.
- 37.5 Pass convenience store on left. 
- 37.8 Cross bridge over Newport River.
- 38.0 Pass Newport Boating Access Area on left.
- 38.1 Turn right on Roberts Rd., then immediately turn left on Hibbs Rd.
- 38.6 Continue straight across US 70.
- 38.9 At first intersection after US 70, turn right on permanently gated FR 154. *Note:* For the next 25.5 miles, you will be walking through the Croatan National Forest, coming out to paved roads a few times. Camping is permitted anywhere in the forest; however, water may be in short supply.
- 40.7 Continue straight past road on right.
- 42.8 At T-intersection, turn left on Nine Mile Rd.
- 43.5 Pass Gales Creek Rd. on left. *Note:* There is no street sign here, but it is marked “Circle P Farm.”
- 44.7 Turn right on another permanently gated section of FR 154.
- 45.0 Pass a trail on your left, then in 75 yards bear right at fork onto much less traveled road where more traveled road crosses onto private property.
- 46.5 Pass fainter path on right.
- 47.7 Reach gate beside groundwater monitoring installation. Turn right.
- 48.0 Pass groundwater monitoring installation on right.
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- 49.0 Pass groundwater monitoring installation on right.
- 49.9 At T-intersection, turn left on Millis Rd.
- 50.7 Pass sandy road on right.
- 52.1 Pass sandy road on left.
- 52.8 At T-intersection, turn left onto paved Whitehouse Forks Rd.
- 53.4 Pass CCS Entertainment Complex, a race track, on right.
- 53.8 Turn right on Bucks Corner Rd.



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Hardwood wetlands along a blackwater stream
Photo by PJ Wetzel, www.pjwetzel.com

- 54.0 Pass Peletier First Missionary Baptist Church on left.
- 54.1 Turn right on NC 58. *Note:* To reach lodging at Parkerton Inn, turn left on NC 58 and walk 0.4 mile. Hotel is on left. 🛏
- 54.2 Pass convenience store on right. 🏪
- 54.7 Turn right onto unmarked gravel forest road, FR 205, just before Peletier Town Hall.
- 56.2 Bear slightly left where road changes name to Cedarwood Dr., SR 1111.
- 56.7 At the first significant intersection since leaving highway, turn right on FR 3014.

- 58.7 Continue straight past a significant intersection with FR 200, which intersects on the right.
- 59.1 Turn right on Hadnot Creek Rd., FR 127, then make an immediate left onto FR 176 where Hadnot Creek Rd. continues straight as a very minor, little-used track.
- 61.2 At T-intersection, turn right on FR 175 and immediately cross railroad tracks.
- 61.6 At T-intersection, turn left on FR 144.
- 64.1 Cross railroad tracks.
- 64.4 At T-intersection, turn left on NC 58.
- 64.7 Take first right onto gravel FR 616 (unmarked; if you reach Old Church Rd. on left, you've gone 100 yards too far).
- 65.6 Bear right onto Walters Ln.; left turn is a private road.
- 65.7 Turn right on Wetherington Landing Rd.
- 67.2 Pass White Oak Shores Camping & RV Resort on the left. See the "Camping/Lodging" section for this segment for more information. 
- 67.9 Reach the Stella post office on the right and the end of Segment 16. Just before the post office, the road changes name to Stella Rd. *Note:* To reach the Stella post office by automobile, head east from Jacksonville on NC 24 about 15 miles from the junction with US 17, then turn left on Belgrade-Swansboro Rd. Continue 4.6 miles, then turn right on Stella Rd. The post office will be on your left just after you cross the White Oak River in about 1.8 miles. Parking here costs \$5.00. 



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