

DIRECTIONS TO PUT-IN



# PHATWATER CHALLENGE IX

OCTOBER 9, 2010

## GETTING THERE

The Phatwater Kayak Challenge begins at the Claiborne County Port Facility, northwest of Port Gibson, Mississippi. Port Gibson is located on U.S. Highway 61, between Vicksburg and Natchez. Port-O-Johns will be available at the Put-In, but there are no other facilities. This is the end of the line. Arrive prepared to do battle.

From Vicksburg, drive south on U.S. 61 to Grand Gulf Road (approx. 20 miles). Grand Gulf Road is marked with a large sign to Grand Gulf Military Park. Turn right on Grand Gulf Road and drive approximately five and a half miles to Bald Hill Road. There will be a sign pointing left for the Claiborne County Port Facility at this intersection. Turn left onto Bald Hill Road. Drive approximately 1.9 miles to Frank Headley Road. Turn right and follow Frank Headley, which is a paved levee, for a little more than a mile. Much wildlife can be encountered crossing Frank Headley, which borders a swamp, so be mindful of the pedestrian traffic and late night revelers.

Turn right at the gravel road which drops off Frank Headley levee road at this point. Follow this gravel road and take the first left, and this will take you to the put-in. Signs mark the way.

If you are traveling from Natchez take U.S. 61 north, through Port Gibson on U.S. 61, approximately 3.5 miles north of town. Turn left onto Grand Gulf road, marked with the large sign indicating Grand Gulf Military Park, and continue as with the directions above.

Phatwater signs should be posted all the way from U.S. 61 to the put-in. However, being highly cherished inanimate objects, our signs often become the focal point of ill intent at the hands of souvenir seekers and malicious misfits with which the area is well stocked. So print a copy of these directions just in case. Should you become a wayward soul, call for assistance (601) 431-1731 or (601) 415-7394, and a cheerful Phatwater representative will do their best to guide you.

## ARRIVAL

When arriving to pre-stage your boat, you will find a surveyor's tape cordoned off area for this purpose. From year to year we never know what our launch conditions will be because of fluctuations in the level of the Mississippi. Ordinarily we try to launch from the concrete ramp at the port, though conditions may become more favorable for launching on the "Point". This information will be provided when you arrive for registration. If you are a Hardship Registration participant, arriving the morning of the race, you will see a registration table where all your questions can be answered.

Kayak Mississippi does not provide a shuttle following the Phatwater. If you arrive at the Put-In without a shuttle driver you will have to make arrangements for retrieving your vehicle on your own. The shuttle from Natchez to the Put-In and back takes two hours.