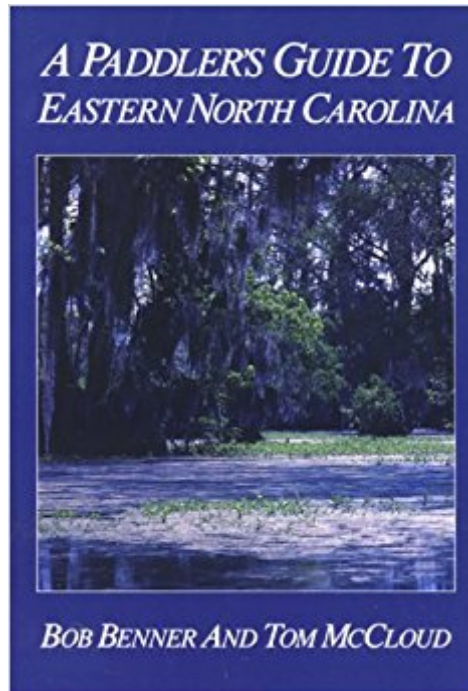




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The mountain streams of North Carolina are well-renowned, but the rivers that drain the Piedmont and Coastal Plain are virtually unknown outside the state. Stunning in their serenity and beauty, these streams are described for the first time in print, opening new vistas for Southeastern paddlers. A Paddler's Guide to Eastern North Carolina contains seven sections on rivers. Each section consists of streams within one of the seven major river basins located in the Piedmont and Coastal Plains area of North Carolina, including the Yadkin, Cape Fear, Roanoke, Tar-Pamlico, Neuse and Lumber basins. Maps, difficulty ratings, access points, and gauge locations accompany each section. The authors have also included informative chapters on North Carolina geography, flora and fauna, and clubs, as well as sections concerning the safety, legal rights, and etiquette tips useful to paddlers. (6 x 9, 270 pages, maps, charts, b&w photos)

It presented nothing but the facts! If you know where you wanted to kayak and needed stats on it, this is the book for you. I wanted a book to entice me to take a particular river over another. This was NOT that book.

Many of the spots have changes since 1985, but still a good starting point. There is a more recent

version you may want to Spence a little more for.

I've cussed the inaccuracies in this book more times than is printable. Benner claims to have canoed every single foot of every single river listed in the book, but it's pretty obvious by the listing of some very glaring errors that he hasn't. Still, if you intend to canoe or kayak eastern NC flatwater rivers, you'll need this book. It is 95%-98% accurate, but those 2%-5% errors are doozies. Use it as I think it was intended, as a guide, not as gospel, and you'll be okay. My copy has long been my canoeing logbook, too. After every trip, I sit down with my canoeing partner of that trip and fill the book with notes of interesting things seen and make corrections of errors listed in the book, writing in the book itself. That way, when I do another trip with another bowman, I don't have to depend on memory to highlight important things to come about the given flatwater NC river.

Just the value of the listings of put-in's and take-out's exceed the price of the book. All the distances and many help facts are bonus. Anyone paddling Eastern NC would be foolish not to own this book.

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