Pee Dee River Recreation Flow Releases
Recommended Timing for Downstream Boaters

Location	Approximate river mile	Boatable flows start about…	Best window	Boatable flows end about…
Clark's Creek / Hwy 731 Bridge[1]	218	7:00 am	**8:30 to 10:30 am**	11:00 am
Rocky River Confluence[2]	213	9:00 am	**10:30 am to 1:30 pm**	2:30 pm
Griffin Road / NWR[3]	209.5	10:30 am	**12:00 to 3:30 pm**	4:30 pm
Red Hill / Highway 109 Bridge	206.5	1:30 pm	**2:30 to 6:30 pm**	7:30 pm

Typical Boater Travel Times

Most boaters travel about 2 to 3 mph. Travel times at 1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) may be slightly faster than at 800 cfs. Headwinds or crosswinds may also impact travel times and are more common in the afternoon.

Clarks Creek to Rocky River	2 hours
Rocky River to Griffin Road	1.5 hours
Griffin Road to 109 Bridge	1.5 hours

Recreation flow releases from Tillery Dam will increase base flows to 800 or 1,000 cfs at the Highway 731 USGS gage (depending on the day).

Releases occur for four hours from 6:30 to 10:30 am. ***Time your trip to "stay on the wave."***

The chart above shows the ***best window*** for four locations on the river, as well as the times when boatable flows will start and end at those locations.

The best window is ***designed for typical paddlers,*** who travel about 2 to 3 mph when moving and stop for about an hour over the course of the trip to fish, swim, or picnic.

It is easy to ***out-pace the wave,*** especially if you don't fish, swim, or picnic. If you plan to paddle steadily or stop less than an hour, you should leave these locations later in the best window. If you are fast, you should plan to leave just as boating flows end.

It is possible to ***fall behind*** the release if you stop too long to fish, swim, or picnic. If you plan to stop longer than two hours, you should leave these locations earlier in the best window.

For real time gage information and a schedule of recreation releases on the Pee Dee River visit: https://lakes.duke-energy.com/index.html#/flow or call: 800-899-4435

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