



PADDLE TREK 2016

TRIP DETAILS

DATE: Saturday, July 30th, 2016
Rain date: Sunday, July 31st, 2016

SCHEDULE:

Please note that times are approximate and will be dependent on paddle conditions and the pace of the group.

If you are starting at a location other than Minnehonk, please wait for us to arrive.

7:00-7:30 AM Meet at the Minnehonk Public Beach (Mt. Vernon Village - across from the fire station). Register, unload boats and gear, and inspect boats for invasive plants

7:30 AM Welcome and overview of the day. We will depart together.

7:45 AM Part 1: Minnehonk, Hopkins Pond, Hopkins Stream, to Taylor Pond Boat Launch (at the Chimney in West Mt. Vernon)

9:00 AM For those beginning the trip with Part 2 - meet at the Echo Lake public boat launch (at Chimney) for a boat inspection and meeting with trip leaders for overview.

9:15 AM Part 2: Echo Lake to Rt. 17 near Fayette Country Store.

11:00 AM Part 3: Lovejoy Pond. Start from behind Fayette Country Store. If you are beginning your trip here, please check in with our volunteers.

12:30 PM Lunch break in North Wayne near dam. Please bring your own lunch.

1:30 PM Part 4: Lovejoy Stream, Pickerel Pond, Pocasset Lake

3:00 PM End at Memorial Park in Wayne, across the dam from Tubby's Ice Cream (free cone to all finishers!) Additional snacks will be provided.

PORTAGES:

Depending on water levels in the streams, there are 4-6 portages in the trip. We will let you know that morning what the conditions are like. If we are able to paddle the two streams, there are rocks to maneuver around, so if you are concerned about hitting rocks, or have a boat that is not easily maneuverable in a stream, we recommend you still portage.

Several of the portages cross private property. Landowners have generously given permission for us to cross their land for this trip only, not for future trips by those doing it on their own.

Portages are up to 300 yards long and are difficult for some people. If you need help, there will be volunteers available to assist you, so please ask us. In the past, a few people have used kayak/canoe dolly carts to pull their boats across the portages. If you have one of those, you may want to bring it; most portages are on even ground.

There may be poison ivy on some of the portages, so beware.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Please do not go ahead of the group. We don't want anyone getting lost.
- Please help us protect the lakes from invasive plants by inspecting your boat for any plant material before you enter and when you leave each lake. This applies to each part of the trip.
- Bring lunch, lots of water, sunscreen, a lifejacket, and sturdy footwear for portages and stream-walking (NOT flip-flops or Crocs).
- A van will be available to shuttle you back to your vehicle at end of the trip, as well as at the ends of Parts 2 and 3, for those who do not wish to do the whole trip.
- Paddling the whole trip will be strenuous for some and is not recommended for everyone.
- If the forecast changes and we have to reschedule the trip for Sunday, we will notify everyone via email.
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