

PLANNING YOUR CANOE TRIP

Pre-registration is required

What to Expect: Please arrive at the Hunterdon County Arboretum by 8:15 AM, unless otherwise noted. We will meet behind the building where your canoe leaders will fit you with a lifejacket and paddle (last chance to use an indoor bathroom). The group will shuttle to the river in our 15-passenger van. Your leaders will talk about canoe safety & maneuvering at the put-in. The group will paddle for about two hours, stop on the river bank for lunch, then paddle another two hours. We are flexible about time because it depends in part on natural forces, such as the river's water level. We aim to return to the Arboretum at 3:30 PM, give or take an hour.

Weather: Trips run rain or shine, but not in dangerous conditions. We will call you if we cancel. Canoe leaders may elect to alter the trip, based on weather, water levels, and the aims of our canoeists.

Children: Must be accompanied by an adult. Most trips are appropriate for ages 8 years and older. Check with us about specific trips.

What to bring: Lunch (packed in a waterproof container), plenty of water to drink, a rain jacket, a hat, sunscreen, and an extra set of clothes in a waterproof pack in chilly weather.

What to wear: We suggest dressing in layers so you can adjust to changing temperatures. Cotton is not a good material for cool, wet outdoor activities. Polypropylene or fleece dry quickly and wool keeps you warm even if wet. Please wear sneakers—no sandals or leather boots.

Alcoholic beverages: Not permitted.

Pets: Only guide animals are permitted.

Kayaks: Call to discuss bringing your personal kayak or canoe at your own risk.

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CANOEING HUNTERDON'S WATERWAYS FOR 39 YEARS



www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks

Office Location:

Arboretum, 1020 State Route 31,
Lebanon, NJ, Clinton Township

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 2900, Flemington, NJ 08822

Office Hours:

Mon.-Wed. & Fri. 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Thursdays 8:00 am to 6:30 pm

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Come ride a river – it's fun, educational, and great exercise! Spend a day out on the water. Just bring water, lunch, and a smile – we'll do the rest. We supply the canoes, gear, training, and transportation. Our experienced leaders teach the ways of currents and eddies and how to paddle mankind's oldest craft, with a few new tricks. Tell us what you want to learn – we're eager to teach.

PLEASE NOTE ...

Due to water levels, it may be necessary to choose an alternative river.

Leaders may make this change at any time in order to provide a safe & fun experience.

CALENDAR of CANOE ACTIVITIES... see inside for more details

Saturday, April 9

Saturday, April 16

Sunday, May 1

Saturday, May 21

Sunday, June 5

Saturday, June 11

Friday, June 24

Saturday/Sunday, June 25/26 Overnight campout/DELAWARE WATER GAP

Sunday, July 10

Saturday, July 23

Friday, July 29

Saturday, August 6

Saturday, August 20

Saturday, September 3

Saturday, September 24

Saturday, October 8

Saturday, October 22

CLINTON POND PADDLES (2 session 9am & Noon)

LAMINGTON

SOUTH BRANCH

DELAWARE: KINGWOOD TO BULL'S ISLAND

MUSCONETCONG

DELAWARE: PHILLIPSBURG TO RIEGELSVILLE

SUNSET PADDLE ON ROUND VALLEY

DELAWARE: MARTINS CREEK TO PHILLIPSBURG

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SOUTH BRANCH

LEADERS' CHOICE

We have four kayaks available on a first come, first served basis, or you can bring your own, at your own risk. Please make a note on your registration form.

River Trips

Arrive at 8:15 AM, Arboretum, \$30 per person. Your leaders will fit you with a lifejacket and paddle, and then drive to the river, where they will discuss maneuvering techniques and canoe safety. Our leaders will guide you down the river. We paddle for about two hours, stop for lunch, and paddle for about two more hours. We are flexible with our time, which depends in part on natural forces, such as the river's water level and whether or not there is a breeze. Our aim is to return to the Arboretum by 3:30 PM, give or take an hour.

Sat., April 16 **LAMINGTON**
Sun., May 1 **SOUTH BRANCH**
Sat., May 21 **DELAWARE:**
Kingwood to Bull's Island
Sun., June 5 **MUSCONETCONG**
Sat., June 11 **DELAWARE:**
Phillipsburg to Riegelsville
Sun., July 10 **DELAWARE:**
Martins Creek to Phillipsburg
Sat., July 23 **SOUTH BRANCH**
Sat., Aug. 6 **DELAWARE:**
Phillipsburg to Riegelsville
Sat., Aug. 20 **DELAWARE:**
Kingwood to Bull's Island
Sat., Sept. 3 **DELAWARE:**
Phillipsburg to Riegelsville
Sat., Sept. 24 **DELAWARE:**
Martins Creek to Phillipsburg
Sat., Oct. 8 **SOUTH BRANCH**
Sat., Oct. 22 **LEADERS' CHOICE: Fall Foliage**

If you would like to go on one of our canoe trips, please sign up by the Wednesday before the trip to help ensure that the trip will run. Thank You!

Note: Requests for refunds must be in writing and are subject to a 30% service charge. Cancellations made less than one week prior to program will **NOT** receive a refund.

Overnight Canoe Trip

Date: June 25 & 26
Time: Leave 8:00 AM on Saturday & return around 4:00 PM on Sunday
Location: Arboretum
Ages: 12 & up with an adult
Cost: \$65 per person (price includes cookout dinner on Saturday night, breakfast, and lunch on Sunday.)

This trip will leave the Arboretum at 8:00 AM on Saturday and head to the Delaware Water Gap to put in. We will paddle for a couple hours, stop to have a picnic lunch (please bring lunch for Saturday), then campout at one of the wilderness sites on the river.

The group will cook dinner and enjoy the nature around us. The next day, after Breakfast, we will head down the river. We will stop and have a picnic lunch (provided). There will be time to swim both days as we travel. All participants must attend a pre-camp meeting on June 22 at 7:00 PM at the Arboretum. On your registration form, please indicate any dietary restrictions or if you will need to borrow a tent. No kayaks on this trip.

SCHEDULE A RIVER TRIP, CANOE CLINIC, or POND PADDLE

We are happy to tailor a canoe trip to the needs of your group, school, club, family, or service organization.

A pond paddle makes a great birthday party! For more information or to be added to our canoe trip announcement e-mail list, contact

Patrick Eckard at
peckard@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

FLAT WATER PADDLES

CLINTON POND PADDLES... A GOOD FIRST TRIP

Saturday, April 9
Session A: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Session B: NOON-to 2:00 PM
Meet at the Clinton Town parking lot off of Halstead Street & Water Street, Ages 6 & up, \$20. Paddle around the scenic "Clinton Pond"... past the lily pads, under the road bridge, past the historic Red Mill, up to the spillway of the Spruce Run Reservoir, and back. Great for children ages 6 & up (with an adult), senior citizens, beginners, folks with special needs (please inform us in advance), or those with a hankering to take a leisurely paddle and commune with nature.

TWO SUNSET PADDLES ON ROUND VALLEY RESERVOIR

Friday, June 24 or Friday, July 29
6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Ages: 8 & up with an adult
Round Valley Reservoir Boat Launch, \$20
Treat yourself to a leisurely evening sunset paddle. The group will meet at Round Valley Reservoir at the boat launch (look for the trailer with green canoes). Bring a flashlight and an extra jacket; it's cooler by the water when the sun goes down.

Canoe Camp

Date: July 11 to July 15
Time: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Overnight campout on the Delaware River Thursday into Friday
Location: Arboretum
Ages: Entering grades 9 to 12
Cost: \$250

Do you enjoy the outdoors and the water? Then we have the camp for you. Canoe Camp is for teens who know about or who want to learn about canoeing. We will start out with the basics and work on improving your skills while having fun and learning teamwork. Every day, we will paddle on a different local waterway and then finish the week with a canoe camping trip Thursday into Friday.

TO SIGN UP FOR A CANOE TRIP:

Download a registration form from www.co.hunterdon.nj.us (click on "Parks & Recreation.")

Or visit our office, The Arboretum, 1020 Rt. 31 North, Lebanon, NJ, 08833 (5 miles north of Flemington & 6 miles south of Clinton)

Please sign up by the Wednesday before the trip, to help ensure that the trip will run.

Thank you!



Hunterdon County Parks' canoe leaders have all successfully completed the River Canoe Day Trip Leading Assessment Course in accordance with the American Canoe Association guidelines for paddling safely & technical skill development. SAFETY FIRST!