



Paddling in the New Jersey Pine Barrens
Sunday June 27, 2010 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

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Discover the world famous New Jersey Pine Barrens! See just one reason why New Jersey and you are indeed perfect together. This vast wilderness of pitch pine, oak forests, and white cedar swamps covers one-fifth of the Garden State with its amazing natural ecology. We will explore Wharton State Forest from canoe or kayak in the slow-moving-tea-colored Wading River. It is encouraged that participants access Micks Canoe and Kayak Rentals' website in advance (see link below) to find out more details about the trip.

The Wading River provides for comparatively easy paddling and beautiful riverbank covered with diverse foliage. This river is perfect for novice boaters, as well as for the more experienced adventurer, making it ideal for a diverse group of skills. We will be putting in at Hawkin Bridge, enjoy a casual picnic lunch along the river bank, and pulling out at Evans Bridge. There will be places along the route to jump from rope swings to intentionally cool down.

We anticipate being on the river for approximately 4 hours, including the lunch stop. Along the way, we will learn about the natural beauty of the landscape and the colorful history of the Pinelands. After the day on the river, we will stop at the Historic Chatsworth General Store, a classic New Jersey Pine Barrens establishment for local gifts and collectables, as well as an iconic "Jersey Hot Dog Stand" for light refreshments. We will return to New Brunswick by 5:30 PM.

Cost: The trip will cost \$50 per person, which includes canoe rental (double occupancy), life preservers, transportation, and box lunch from the hotel. Single person kayak rentals can be arranged on the day of the trip with the outfitter, and will include an additional charge of approximately \$20 per kayaker.

Experience Level for the trip: Plan on using a boat with which you are already familiar. There will not be instruction or guide service from the outfitter. If you have not ever paddled a kayak, this is not the trip to try it for the first time. A canoe provides for an equally enjoyable journey. Participants are required to wear the personal flotation devices provided by the outfitter while on the river.

How many people: Registration is limited to 16 people and through the AASG registration process only.

Inclement weather: If necessary, we will notify you in advance if the trip is cancelled due to a forecast of inclement weather. However, expect to go in the event of light rain.

Liability Release Waiver: Let's speed up our administrative process once we arrive at the outfitters by completing Micks Participant Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement in advance. You can download the forms from the outfitter's website www.mickscanoerental.com. Each

participant must sign the agreement. Children under 18 years old are required to have permission of their parent or legal guardian in advance.

Precaution: Due to the natural ecology of the area, there are limited locations with poison ivy. We will do our best to point out these areas to you. Also, it is recommended to paddle in clothes, not in a swimsuit, to limit your exposure to deerflies and ticks and the sun.

What to Bring (try to keep the amount SMALL):

Sunscreen

Sunglasses (and strap for glasses)

Hat for sun protection

Swimsuit (under river clothing)

Camera (maybe waterproof, or disposable)

Insect repellent

Shorts and a T-shirt that can get wet (preferably synthetic, fast drying)

Light sweater or jacket

Rain jacket

Small towel

Canteen or water bottle

River shoes/sandals or sneakers

A change of clothes (leave in the van for the trip back to New Brunswick)

Money to pay for an optional dry bag rental at the outfitters and for snacks and drinks at the hot dog stand. The country store takes cash and credit.

You will (or can) get these at the river:

Personal flotation device (provided by outfitter)

Small zip bag for your cell phone (provided by NJGS)

Waterproof bag for carrying gear (can rent from the outfitter)

A bag for your trash (provided by NJGS)

Extra snacks (can be purchased at the Outfitter's)

Basic First aid kit (provided by NJGS)

What not to bring:

Any electronic device, except cell phone, if necessary.

Jewelry or other personal valuables

A valuable camera

Web Links

Mick Pine Barrens Canoe and Kayak Rentals

www.mickscanoerental.com

Chatsworth General Store

www.themoose.com/barnegat

Pinelands National Preserve

www.nps.gov/pine/index.htm

Pinelands Preservation Alliance