

Northern Paddle and Trail Calendar 2024

Please **RSVP** the trip leader – They need to know to expect you, and there may be changes in the details of the outing that you need to know.

Our WEBSITE is <https://northernpaddletrail.org>

Click on the link above to see pictures from recent events!

Difficulty scale
1 a breeze : 5 tough

TBD

Sun, May 5

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Paddle

Bearskin Creek

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Hi fellow paddlers! Have you been watching the weather report like I have? It has gone from nice, not so nice, to worse conditions possible for a paddle. So, I find it necessary to reschedule for the third time our paddle for this Sunday. - It's hard to believe, but it's time to dust off your kayak and canoe and grab your paddling gear. If you have been looking at next week's weather forecast it indicates we need to be on the water. So, let's paddle the Bearskin Creek from the Harshaw put-in, where the creek crosses Lakewood Road to the take-out at the Harshaw Rd/Church Rd intersection. We will gather at 1:00 p.m. at the put-in to unload our boats and gear and prepare for the shuttle. This stretch of the creek is one that most of us are familiar with, seeing that the state bike trail crosses it with its many historic railroad trestles. Canoes and kayaks can be easily used. No rapids or waterfalls to worry about. PFD's are required to have in your boat for each person. For those interested, a side trip to the Ten Point Bar/Grill, which is close by, is an option after the paddle. Invite a friend along and enjoy the first NPT paddle of the year. It's best if you RSVP me so I can notify you if we need to modify the plans for this adventure. - J

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Sat, May 11
12 pm, noon

Hike
Dells of the Eau Claire

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Want to go halfway between the North Pole and the Equator? Well, that's where we're going (45 degrees north latitude) when we venture south of Rhinelander to Dells of the Eau Claire County Park. Our designation is about 1 hour south of the intersection of Hwy 17 and Hwy 8 E. (Golden Harvest). Several of us were there the second weekend of May last year and were amazed at the abundance and variety of species of wildflowers we saw. There is no guarantee that the same experience will repeat itself. Who knows with this strange weather we had this year when the best viewing time will be, but we won't know unless we go and check it out. This adventure is low key and relaxing. Some in the group are very familiar with wildflower ID and can be most helpful. If the wildflower viewing is limited, the spectacular views on the 1-mile Loop Trail along the Eau Claire River won't disappoint you. The park offers visitors several other nature trails right on the banks of the Eau Claire River with spectacular waterfalls and rapids. If you want to add more hiking to your day, there are a number of other trails you can explore. The Dells of the Eau Claire Park surrounds fantastic geological features created by the Eau Claire River. Ancient volcanic rock palisades and potholes carved in the rock by the falling water create a unique place at the dells and gorge. Directions: Google map P2150 County Road Y and that will take you to the parking lot. Bring a picnic or sack lunch and a beverage or two. Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash. Hope to see you there. - J

RSVP is highly recommended. Once I know who is coming we could possibly car pool and/or follow each other from a designated meeting place in Rhinelander. - Jay

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[Dells of Eau Claire Map](#)

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June 21-23
All Day

Paddle/Camp
Bois Brule River

Paddle/Camp Bois Brule River

This event is full. A waiting list is being created.

If you haven't paddled Wisconsin's premiere Bois Brule River yet, this is your big chance. This adventure will start on Friday, June 21, and conclude on Sunday, June 23.

We will be camping in the Brule River State Forest at the Bois Brule campground just south of the little town of Brule. The campground is approximately a 3-hour drive from Rhinelander. There are opportunities to camp next to the river in the walk-in campsites and others in the family campground. NPT has reserved the two walk-in sites along the river. Let me know ASAP to hold a space for you in the walk-in sites and your space will be held with a \$20 fee. If you want to camp in the family campground you will need to reserve a site for June 21 and 22, go to: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/StateForests/bruleriver/recreation/camping>

We are staying at the Bois Brule campground, not the Copper Range campground. These sites fill up fast so reserve your site ASAP. Rules for paddling the Bois Brule River are here

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/StateForests/bruleriver/recreation/paddle>

We will paddle two sections of the river which will require basic/intermediate paddling skills. Saturday, we paddle from the Stone Bridge Landing to the campground. On Sunday, the paddle will start at the HWY 13 bridge landing and end when we paddle into Lake Superior. On Saturday evening we will gather around the fire for stew/crackers and dessert. Here is a great website (Miles Paddled) with videos and details of the actual paddles we will be doing <https://milespaddled.com/bois-brule-river-paddle-guide/> I suggest not watching the entire videos so as not to ruin the adventure of the unexpected.

Each participant will be responsible for their own boat/equipment, camping gear and food/drink, except the Saturday night meal will be provided. A PFD is required in your boat for each person on this trip. Please check out the DNR's website: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/StateForests/bruleriver/recreation/camping> for any restrictions in the campground and on the river. It is important to RSVP, so we know who is coming and can communicate any important information that you may need to know. Let me know if not having a boat is keeping you from going. The deadline to register for this adventure is June 1st. Once we know who is attending you will be given a list of the other paddlers and more specifics on the daily schedule, maps, etc. Hope to see you on the river in June!!!! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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