

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>

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Difficulty scale
1 a breeze : 5 tough

TBD

Wed, Sept 18

1:00 pm

Rain Date

Thurs, Sept 19

Bike

Bearskin

Bike the Bearskin

Meet at the south trail head parking area on Hwy. K west of Rhinelander, by Lakewood Rd. If you hit Hwy.51, you've gone too far. We usually bike up to Blue Lake, take a little break and head back. Bring water and a snack if you like.

Please **RSVP** to Mary Boyer if you are coming:
mboyer6311@gmail.com

Sat, Sept 21

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Paddle

Wisconsin River

Paddle the Wisconsin River

If you think paddling is over because all the tourists went home and school started, think again. Fall is a great paddling season in Wisconsin. So gather up your boat and paddling gear and join NPT members for our second Wisconsin River paddle this year. This time we will go north of Rhinelander. We will meet at the Put-In at the McNaughton Bridge Landing at 2:00 pm. and drop off our boats and gear. From there we will shuttle vehicles to the Apperson Drive boat landing about 3 miles (7 min) away. This stretch of river is all flatwater and very scenic. The upper section is mostly wooded and the lower section is a huge wild rice bed with interlacing waterways enticing one to explore. If you have binoculars you may want to bring them along. It is not uncommon to see great blue herons, bald eagles, and an assortment of waterfowl. For those interested, a social gathering after the paddle is a possibility at the Backwaters Bar & Grill very close by. PFD's are required on all NPT paddle events.

Directions: From Rhinelander take Hwy 47 north to the swiping big curve and take Bridge Road on the right. Follow Bridge Road about a mile and you will come to the landing on the right.

RSVP either on the NPT Meetup app or
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Wed, Sept 25

10:30 am – 2:00 pm

Paddle

Palette and
Escanaba Lakes

Paddle - Palette and Escanaba Lakes

Let's get outside and enjoy this beautiful fall weather by paddling two of Wisconsin's premier wild lakes, Palette and Escanaba. Both lakes are located south of Boulder Junction, about 10 miles, in the Northern Highlands State Forest. Paddle Palette-Escanaba Lakes on Wednesday, September 25th 10:30 am - 2:00 pm. Escanaba Lake is well known in the fishery science community throughout the world. On its shore, by our Put-In at the landing, is the headquarters for the Northern Highland Fishery Research Area (NHFRA). For over 70 years NHFRA has been conducting research on five wild lakes: Nebish, Palette, Mystery, Spruce and Escanaba. Escanaba is one of the most studied walleye lakes in the world. We will Put-In at the boat landing on Escanaba and explore its shoreline and islands. Then we will head to the portage to Palette Lake. This portage is flat and short. We will help each other in moving our boats and gear. According to John Bates in his book, Wisconsin's Wild Lakes, Palette is in the top10 of Wisconsin's wild lakes. Once we are on Palette we will search out one of the four campsites and have lunch. After exploring Palette we will start heading back to the landing on Escanaba. For those wishing for more wild lake paddling (or just walk into and see the lake) we can travel a short distance down the road and check out Nebish, Mystery, and Spruce. If you wish to learn more about these unique wild lakes, peruse Wisconsin's Wild Lakes, Pages 80-81 for Escanaba and pages 150-151 for Palette. PFD's are required on all NPT paddle events. Make sure to bring water, lunch and dress for the weather. Directions: From Rhinelander (60 min) take Hwy 47 north to Woodfruff. Turn right onto Hwy 51 north, turn right (east) on County Road M towards Boulder Junction. Approximately 5 miles turn right on Nebish Lake Road (Escanaba Lake Rd). Continue about 3.5 miles and turn left to the parking lot for the Escanaba Hiking Trail and continue on to the boat landing for Escanaba. I hope you can make this adventure to paddle these outstanding Wisconsin's wild lakes. - J

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or to Jay Joppa at 715-499-1022 [jajoppa1950@gmail.com](mailto:jayjoppa1950@gmail.com)