

# NORTH COUNTRY KAYAKING

June 14-16, 2019

Join Sarett Nature Center paddlers as they complete several stretches of the beautiful Au Sable River. To go on this trip you should have some experience paddling on rivers. It is mostly an open river with few obstacles. We will stay for two nights at the Ralph A. MacMullan Center near Grayling

**Friday, June 14**..... Departure from the nature center will be at 7 a.m. Please arrive at 6:30 a.m. so that we can have time for loading up and using the restroom. With stops along the way, it will be a trip of over four hours to the Wakely Bridge put-in on the Au Sable River. Bring a sack lunch to be eaten at the landing or in the van. The paddle time from here to McMasters Bridge is about three hours. After check-in at the nearby convention center we will enjoy dinner in the main lodge building.

**Saturday, June 15**..... The section from the community of Mio to Alcona Pond is known as the Au Sable National Scenic River. We will paddle the stretch from Mio to McKinley landing. It is a five hour float time which includes some breaks and a stop for lunch. This is a very scenic stretch of river.

**Sunday, June 16**..... Today we will paddle the south branch of the Au Sable River. This stream provides a pleasant float through the Mason Tract property. The forest here has many large white pine trees. White cedar, tamarack, balsam fir, and alders grow closer to the river's edge. Expect to be on the water for about four hours. Since the drive between here and the nature center is lengthy, we may not arrive back until 6:30 p.m.

**Accommodations:** The Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center is located on the shores of Houghton Lake just south of Grayling. Lodging is in dorm style buildings. Rooms are basic with two twin beds. These buildings feature community bathrooms (including showers) and a lounge with television, microwave, refrigerator, and coffee maker. Towels and linens are provided. Dining takes place in the rustic lodge building. Dinner is served at 5:30 pm and breakfast is served 7:15 a.m.

**Food:** Dinners at the conference center are served family style. Breakfasts are buffet affairs. The staff will pack up a sack lunch for us on Saturday and Sunday. The conference center meals are included in the price of the trip.

**Equipment:** You are welcome to bring your own kayak, paddle and paddle vest. When you sign up for the trip please let us know if you need to use our equipment. We have kayaks, paddles and vests available for your use. They are included in the price.

**Membership:** A membership is required to participate in this trip. Family memberships are \$50.00 each and individual memberships are \$40.00

**Trip Cost:** \$ 420.00 /person based on double occupancy. This cost includes:

- Two nights lodging at the conference center
- Round trip transportation
- Six meals provided at the convention center
- Services of two naturalists
- Use of equipment.

**Trip Deposit:** You must pay \$50.00 deposit to sign up for this trip.

**Final Payment:** Your final payment is due by June 1, 2019.

**Cancellation Policy:** Every attempt will be made to refund any recoverable costs if you must cancel.

**Responsibility:** Sarett Nature Center reserves the right, at their sole discretion, to make changes in the itinerary should that become necessary, and is not responsible to any person for expenses, loss of time, money, or happenings resulting from a change of tour scheduling. Sarett Nature Center reserves the right to accept, decline, or retain any person as a member of the tour, and is not responsible for any losses or damages of personal property, injuries, expenses, or damages incurred or claimed by any tour member.