

Kayak Adventure

June 25-28, 2020

On this year's trip we will explore rivers near the northern tip of the Lower Peninsula. These will include the Jordan River, the Thunder Bay River, the Ocqueoc River, and a short stretch of the Crooked River. Our accommodation will be the Crooked River Lodge located just east of Petoskey. You should have some experience paddling on rivers to consider this trip.



Daily Itinerary

Thursday, June 25 Departure from Sarett Nature Center will be at 8 a.m. Please arrive by 7:30 a.m. for loading up. We will drive north with a fast food stop on the way. The plan in the afternoon will be to paddle a couple hours on the Crooked River near our lodging before we check in.

Friday, June 26 After 1 hour of driving to the east of the lodge we will launch onto the Thunder Bay River. We'll paddle from the Hillman access to the Salina Road bridge. This stretch meanders for 10 miles through state forest land. The river is about 50 feet wide and flows at a moderate speed. We will be on the river for about 4 hours.

Saturday, June 27 The upper Ocqueoc River is a narrow stream which connects several very small lakes. Between the lakes it flows slowly through marsh and forest. We will paddle 10 miles from Emma Lake to the Millersburg Road bridge. Time on the water will be 4-5 hours. After this we should have time to visit the scenic Ocqueoc Falls at Ocqueoc Falls State Forest Campground which is located downstream from Millersburg. It's a short walk from the car park to the falls and then we'll have the option to do some of the trail along the river.

Sunday, June 28 The Jordan River is a designated Wild and Scenic River. The river is known for its fast flowing, crystal clear water. It will be a fun 3-hour paddle through northern forest between Graves Crossing Road and Rodgers Road. We should return to the nature center by 6 p.m.

Extra Information:

Paddling Skills: To participate on this trip you must have experience maneuvering a kayak on rivers.

River Locations: The Crooked River connects Burt Lake and Crooked Lake. The put-in for the Thunder Bay River is a one-hour drive southeast from our lodging; the Ocqueoc is due east forty-five minutes away, and the Jordan is a forty-five-minute drive south of the lodge.

Food: The nature center will provide you with fixings so that you can make your own lunches for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Continental breakfasts are complimentary. You are responsible for your Thursday lunch and all dinners out.

Accommodation: The Crooked River Lodge is situated on the banks of the Crooked River near the village of Alanson. Features of this place include an indoor pool and hot tub, an outdoor fire pit, a large loft lounge area, well-appointed guest rooms and a complimentary continental breakfast. Most rooms have an outdoor balcony. The lodge provides continental breakfast but has no on-site restaurant. There are plenty of good quality restaurants in the area that we will drive to.

Guest Rooms: These large rooms feature two queen beds, coffee makers, hairdryers, bath tubs with shower, mini fridges, and flat screen televisions.

Equipment: When you pay your deposit tell us if you need to use one of our kayaks, paddles, or floatation vests.

Membership: You must be a member to participate. Yearly membership fees are \$40.00 for individuals and \$50.00 for families.

Deposit: You must pay a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 to sign up for this trip.

Cost: \$ 575.00 /person based on double occupancy. Your payment includes:

- 3 nights accommodation at the Crooked River Lodge
- 3 continental breakfasts
- 3 lunches
- Round trip van transportation including river shuttles
- Services of nature center naturalists
- Use of nature center equipment

Payment: You may pay by credit card over the phone (269-927-4832) using Visa, Mastercard, or Discover. **Don't delay calling as the trip will fill quickly.**

Cancellation Policy: Every attempt will be made to refund any recoverable costs.

Final Payment: This is due on June 1, 2020.

Nature Center Naturalist Contact: You may contact Rob Pearce at 269-363-2753 or at robp@sarett.com if you have any questions.

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.