

MANISTEE RIVER PADDLE WEEKEND

September 10-12, 2021

We invite you to participate in our long weekend kayak trip completing stretches of the National Wild and Scenic Manistee River. This Manistee meanders through sections of Manistee National Forest and features high bluffs, clear water, and wildlife such as bald eagles. Its gentle current and lack of obstacles make this a very relaxing paddle event. Accommodation will be at the Econo Lodge in Cadillac.

The Itinerary:

Friday, September 10..... Please arrive at Sarett Nature Center by 7:00 a.m. We will load up kayaks and then be on our way in nature center vans. Remember to bring your own lunches for this day. Our put-in will be at the US 131 bridge located just North of Cadillac. We will paddle through scenic country with the takeout at Baxter Bridge. It is a 4- hour float. Your overnight lodging will be at the Econo Lodge in Cadillac.

Saturday, September 11..... Today we will launch below the Hodenpyle Dam and paddle/float for about 4 hours to the Red Bridge takeout. The highest bluffs are located on this stretch of river. We will spend another night at the Econo Lodge.

Sunday, September 12.....After checkout we will launch onto the Manistee at High Bridge and enjoy the scenery for 3.5 hours downstream to the Bear Creek takeout. We should arrive back at the nature center by 6 p.m.

Important Information:

Covid-19 Vaccinations: For everyone's safety riding in the vans and for rooming situations we are requiring that you provide proof that you are fully vaccinated to be able to participate. Guidelines for safety will be updated if recommendations by health officials change.

Rooming Situations: We will pair each person with a roommate if you are not traveling with a friend or significant other.

Lodging: The Econo Lodge in Cadillac is located across the street from Lake Cadillac. Rooms feature two queen beds, flatscreen TV's, mini refrigerators microwaves and free Wi-Fi. They serve a light continental breakfast. Several restaurants are within walking distance including Lakeside Charlies, a local favorite.

Food: Make sure to bring a sack lunch for Friday. The nature center staff will provide fixings for you to make lunches on Saturday and Sunday. Please let us know if you have any food



allergies. There will be plenty of food variety for those on a vegetarian diet. Evening meals are at your expense. The hotel provides a light continental breakfast. Transportation to restaurants in the downtown area can be arranged by your Sarett leaders for one evening.

Equipment: Kayaks, paddles and vests can be provided for those who do not have their own. Please let us know if you need to use our equipment when you pay the deposit. **We require everyone to wear a personal floatation device when on the water.**

Experience: Only those with some experience paddling on rivers should participate on this trip.

Membership: A current nature center membership is required for you to participate.

Trip Cost: \$ 375.00/person based on double occupancy. This cost includes:

- Use of equipment
- Round trip transportation
- 2 nights lodging
- Services of nature center staff
- 2 lunches
- 2 continental breakfasts

Deposit: A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to sign up for this trip. You will have to pay for your deposit at the front desk of the nature center and present your covid-19 vaccination card at the same time.

Final Payment: This is due on August 20, 2021.

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 to the itinerary should they 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.