

LAKE METROPARKS

Grand River Canoe & Kayak Race



Saturday, April 27, 2019
Boats depart 9 to 10 am

Race begins at Ashtabula County Metroparks' Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark and ends at Lake Metroparks' Hidden Valley Park in Madison. Race course is 8.5 miles.

CANOE & KAYAK RACE ENTRY FEE

\$18/person (*service fee applies*) pre-registered (by 4:30 pm, April 25)
 \$25/person same day (registration 7:30 am)

Save when you register by April 25!

T-shirts are not guaranteed for registrations received after April 9.

For more information, contact Brian Davidson at 440-256-2118 x4110 or bdavidson@lakemetroparks.com.

MADDEST HAT CONTEST Are you mad? (All racers qualify!) Design a hat (or some sort of river-worthy headgear) and wear it April 27. The "maddest hat" wins a prize! The more creative, the better—just go crazy! Hats must be worn during the race and fit under bridges (clearance approx. 140 ft.).

For race day conditions and information, call the SPORTS HOTLINE: 440-256-2118 x4178

- NO PRO OR ICF BOATS.
- AGES 10 & OLDER, YOUNGER THAN 18 WITH AN ADULT.
- NO RIDERS NOT PADDLING IN RACE. MAXIMUM TWO PEOPLE PER BOAT.
- PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS MANDATORY.
- Shuttle provided to and from start to finish lines; runs 7:30 am to 2:30 pm (or race completion). Racers only—no transportation for boats.
- The race begins at Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark and finishes at Hidden Valley Park.
- Parking is available on the north and south sides of Harpersfield Dam.
- Contestants leave in one-minute intervals. The first boats depart at 9 am. Last boats depart by 10 am.
- All canoes and kayaks start approximately 10 yards from shore, with participants outside their boats. No in-water start for kayaks this year.
- All participants finish by securing their boats onshore and ringing the bell located at the picnic pavilion at Hidden Valley Park.
- Life jackets must be worn at all times or racer will be disqualified. No inflatable life jackets. No Type II life jackets.
- In each closed boat, the boater is required to have sufficient flotation.
- ODNR Watercraft Division may inspect boats, equipment and registrations.
- All canoes and kayaks must be properly registered with the state of Ohio. For more information, call ODNR Watercraft Division at 440-964-0518.
- All racers not finishing the race on race day must report to the pavilion at the finish line.
- In the event of bad weather, high water, etc., Lake Metroparks reserves the right to cancel, postpone or alter the race for the safety of all racers and spectators.
- To register online, visit lakemetroparks.com and click on the race link. Registration cutoff is 4:30 pm on Thursday, April 25.
- Second runs not permitted.
- Results will be posted within one week of completion of race.
- Grand River Canoe Livery: 440-813-0413 & 800-ME-CANOE, Raccoon Run Livery: 440-990-0420 canoeraccoonrun.com
- Map available at lakemetroparks.com
- Race directors reserve the right to combine or eliminate classes.

NOVICE CANOE

- Novice A (combined age of 65 or younger)
- Novice B (combined age of 66 & older)

Novice classes are open to aluminum and plastic canoes. Novice racers are individuals who have never placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any race longer than five miles.

PLEASURE CANOE

- Pleasure (all canoes, non-racing type)
- Over & Under (one participant is age 15 or younger, the other participant is at least 18 years older than the first.)
- Coed
- Master (age 40 and older; 10 second handicap will be deducted for every year over 40)

KAYAK CLASSES

- Women's Solo Kayak (all kayaks):
 Ages 29 & younger Ages 40 to 49 Ages 60 & older
 Ages 30 to 39 Ages 50 to 59
- Men's Down River Kayak longer than 14 ft.:
 Ages 34 & younger Ages 35 & older
- Men's Kayak 14 ft. & shorter:
 Ages 29 & younger Ages 40 to 49 Ages 60 & older
 Ages 30 to 39 Ages 50 to 59
- Double Kayak (All)
- Non-conforming class
 (Race for time only, no awards)

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