



Granger Island Canoe Camping (17 River Miles)

Saturday, June 11 at 9:30 AM through Sunday, June 12 at 5PM

Treat yourself to a weekend staycation on our very own Maumee River Water Trail. Enjoy two days of scenic paddling filled with birds and wildlife. At night enjoy tent camping on our own private island, with access to the rustic Granger Island cabin. Let Metroparks staff worry about the gear and food while you focus on making memories that will last a lifetime.

All you need to bring are your personal items. We'll provide everything else.

What's included?

- Two days of paddling on the Maumee River with a naturalist paddling guide
- One canoe per reservation (seats 2 paddlers) and all paddling gear (life jackets, paddles, safety gear, dry bags, etc.)
- One two-person tent per reservation with two sleeping bags and sleeping pads
- Private access for the group to Granger Island overnight
- Access to the Granger Island cabin as a common area during waking hours
- A hot breakfast cooked in camp for Sunday morning, including coffee and tea
- A cold trail lunch and snacks for both paddling days
- A hot dinner cooked in camp Saturday evening

Please note that this is not a private camping experience, and our group will have 8 guests total. Each tent platform will have two tents on it.

Attendance at the pre-trip informational meeting is required (Thursday, June 2, 6:00-8:30PM, Wiregrass Lake Metropark). We will cover canoeing basics, meet the group, check and fit gear, talk about the trip, and answer any questions.

Fee: \$400 covers registration for two guests. Registration covers all campsite rentals, food, camping gear, and paddling gear.

Because of the intense planning for this trip, 50% of the fee is considered a non-refundable deposit per the refund policy. If you need to cancel for any reason, please call Ashley Smith at 419-265-2920. Anyone who would like to cancel their trip due to concerns related to COVID-19 may do so with no financial penalty.

The following packet contains information and resources you need to prepare for the trip including the trip agenda, meal plan, and packing list. Please feel free to reach out to your trip leader with any questions.

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Tentative Schedule

This is the plan, however, it is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Saturday, June 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 AM Arrive at Providence Metropark, Kuhlman's Landing • Load personal gear into canoes • Launch from Providence Metropark, Kuhlman's Landing • Paddle to Otsego Road, lunch, restroom break (4.9 miles) • Paddle to Farnsworth Metropark, restroom break (3.5 miles) • Paddle to Granger Island (2.2 miles) (10.6 miles total for day) • Free time in camp, dinner, explore, free time/evening activities, sleep
Sunday, June 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 AM Wake up, breakfast • Launch, paddle to Side Cut, restroom, lunch and water break (4.1 miles) • Paddle to Orleans Park (2.4 miles) • Depending on time and river and wind conditions we may explore the Audubon Islands area before heading back to Orleans to take out • Load up gear and canoes, shuttle back to vehicles at Providence

Total mileage: 17.1 miles

Food Plan

Meals will be provided. Please contact your guide immediately with any food allergies. Please eat a hearty breakfast before you arrive on Saturday morning. Sunday evening we plan to have you back to Providence before dinner time.

Saturday

- Lunch: sandwiches with fruit, hummus and veggies (vegetarian options available)
- Dinner: Build your own burrito (chicken, rice, beans, cheese, veggies), campfire dessert
- Snacks: Trail mix, jerky, granola bars

Sunday

- Breakfast: French toast and scrambled eggs, oatmeal, coffee/tea/cocoa
- Lunch: Sandwiches with fruit, hummus and veggies (vegetarian options available)
- Snacks: Trail mix, jerky, granola bars

Please feel free to bring additional snacks or food items as desired.

Water: Please bring a reusable, refillable water bottle. Clean drinking water will be provided.

Packing List Metroparks will provide dry bags to keep your gear and personal items dry.

Clothing

NO COTTON, PLEASE. Cotton does not insulate if it gets wet. Opt for synthetic materials such as nylon, polyester, spandex, or wool. Fleece is good.

- 1 clean mask for the shuttle. Everyone is required to wear a mask during transit.
- 1 paddling shirt: non-cotton, light weight long sleeves recommended for sun protection
- 1 pair paddling pants or shorts: light weight field pants or athletic shorts
- 1 pair paddling shoes: must attach to the foot. No flip flops. Old tennis shoes, water shoes, or sandals with a heel strap recommended. These will get wet and dirty.
- Hat, sunglasses
- Biking or paddling gloves (optional)
- Raincoat or poncho
- Dry camp clothes: non-cotton. Light-weight pants and long sleeves recommended for insect protection.
- Dry camp shoes (optional but suggested if wearing tennis shoes or water shoes to let feet breathe)
- Camp socks (optional): wool
- Sleep Clothes – these are only for inside the tent. Depending on how cold or warm you sleep opt for tee-shirt/shorts or long johns and wool socks. Avoid cotton.
- Undergarments: try to avoid cotton. Women: opt for sports bras
- Wool sweater or down or fleece jacket. Do not recommend cotton hoodies as they will not insulate if they get wet.

Miscellaneous

- Inflatable pillow (optional) or stuff a jacket into a stuff sack. No full-sized pillows.
- Lip balm (with sunscreen recommended)
- Sunscreen
- Bugspray (optional)
- Toothbrush
- Travel tube toothpaste
- Personal meds
- Wet wipes (optional)
- Deodorant (optional)
- Extra cell phone battery/ external charger (optional)
- Cell phone (optional): must be in a dry bag! Cell-phone specific dry bags with a strap recommended. We cannot guarantee the safety of your cell phone or other electronics if you choose to bring them.
- Feminine hygiene items
- Hand sanitizer

Optional

- Camera (waterproof with a wrist strap recommended. We cannot guarantee the safety of your camera or other electronics.)
- Note pad/pencil for journaling in camp

Metroparks will provide the following for each guest:

Tent	Plates, bowls,	Paddles	Staff will carry:
Sleeping bag	cups, etc.	Life jackets	• Safety gear
Sleeping pad	Headlamp	Safety gear	• Group soap
Food and all	Canoe		• First aid kits
cooking gear			• Repair kits
			• Fire supplies

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What do I do with my trash on the trip? Will there be garbage cans?
 - a. We will pack in and pack out all trash and practice Leave No Trace on the trip. For an overview of Leave No Trace (LNT) outdoor ethics: <https://lnt.org/>
2. What if I am a beginner?
 - a. This is a beginner-friendly trip. No camping experience required, but some canoe experience is recommended.
3. What will camping be like?
 - a. We will be camping on Granger Island. Restroom facility with composting toilet is available at the Granger Island Cabin, but no showers. There will be potable water and picnic tables available.
 - b. We will stop to use pit toilets, flush toilets, or portable toilet facilities on the way, but if you have to go in-between those stops, we will use the trowel/cat-hole system.
4. Not to get into the dirty details, but what does trowel/cat-hole system mean? How do we go #1 and #2 on the trail?
 - a. #1 should be aimed at rocks if possible. Animals are often attracted to the salts and minerals in urine will chew on bark – damaging trees. Using the rock also prevents eroding loose soils.
 - i. Used TP for drying purposes should be packed out.
 - ii. A “pee-dana” or bandana used for wiping #1 only is an excellent option. Keep on the outside of backpack for drying and UV sunlight sanitizing.
 - b. #2 needs to be buried in a cat-hole. We have trowels, but the waste does not touch this tool. Use a stick to push the waste in the hole if your aim is not true.
5. Ok, now that I know that, what if I am on my period?
 - a. Similarly, all products, before and after use, will need to go in your bear bag. You cannot bury any products. Multiple zip-top bags are recommended for this.
 - b. Please be prepared as several factors like tenting with others, altitude, or exertion can bring on a menstrual period even if it is not scheduled.
6. Why all the info? This is overwhelming.
 - a. None of this information is intended to scare off potential guests but it is very important to make sure you have a full understanding of this trek. Our hope is that you either have all the information you need or feel comfortable asking us the hard questions! We are very excited about the planning and execution of this trip and hope to fulfill some adventure dreams!

Going in the Woods

Please follow these simple steps when nature calls:

1. Find a spot at least 200 steps from any water source
2. Dig a hole 6-8 inches deep and bury human waste
3. Pack out used toilet paper



When people are not responsible going in the woods they contaminate the water you swim in, fish from, and drink. Bacteria and viruses found in human feces are known to cause hepatitis, blue baby syndrome, salmonella, giardia, and other gastro-intestinal diseases. Remember, the water in the rivers and lakes you visit may flow into your own drinking water supply.