

TWIN RIVER OUTFITTERS

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OVERNIGHT CANOE CAMPING TRIP OPTIONS

Take your group on a two day or three day canoe camping trip on the Maury or the Upper James Rivers. These trips make for a perfect weekend outing for your friends, scout, church, school, or corporate group. We have some of the best overnight canoe camping trips in Virginia. All our trips are self-guided and feature a fun two – five day paddle camping river side nightly. We have trip options that can meet a variety of difficulty levels depending on your groups' paddling ability. We have been safely running river trips such as these listed since 1978 and have refined our overnight trip offerings for groups to provide safe trips with the best mix of scenery, interesting paddling, and best camping locations.



James River Gorge – Near Camping Spot



Balcony Falls Run at 6 inches over canoe 0

2 Day Trips:

Trip Option # 1 2 day, 22 mile trip: Eagle Rock to Buchanan

River Map References: James River Eagle Rock to Horshoe Bend, Horshoe Bend to Alpine

Paddle Distance: 21 miles, 10 miles first day, & 11 miles day two, Class I-II

Camping Location: Private land, Oxbow farm. Primitive camping, no facilities.

Comments: This trip includes a 13 mile stretch of river designated a "Virginia Scenic River". Perfect overnight canoe camping trip. One of the most scenic river sections of all trips we run. Includes lots of wild life, and plenty of rapids to keep the paddling interesting. Over 26 Class I & II Rapids.

This is our most popular overnight trip by far and ends at our private boat landing in Buchanan.

Trip Option # 2 2 day, 19 mile trip: Buchanan to Natural Bridge Station

River Map References: James River Horshoe Bend to Alpine, Alpine to Snowden

Paddle Distance: 21 miles, 7 miles first day, & 12 miles day two, Class I-II

Camping Location: Private island, primitive camping, no facilities.

Comments: Enjoy a beautiful section of the Upper James, Is a great choice for those driving up in the morning. About half of the trip borders the Thomas Jefferson National Forest. Has some very impressive mountain views. Over 20 Class I & 5 Class II Rapids. Requires groups of four or more.

Trip Option # 3 2 day, 19 mile trip: Beans Bottom to Glasgow

River Map References: Maury River Beans Bottom to Route 60, B.V. to Glasgow

Paddle Distance: 19 miles, 7 miles first day (Warm Up trip Day 1), & 12 miles day two, Class I-II+

Camping Location: Glenn Maury Park, City Park in Buena Vista, Full Facilities

Comments: Run as two day trips, this trip features exciting sections of the Maury River. This trip is a great springtime run for those looking to work up to strong intermediate level canoe trip. The Maury has an average gradient of about 11 feet per mile which provides lots of class I&II rapids. Our customers usually camp at Glen Maury Park. Requires groups of eight or more.



James River – Jefferson National Forest



James River – Easy Class I Ledge

Trip Option #4 2 day, 16 mile trip: Alpine to Snowden

River Map References: James River Alpine to Snowden

Paddle Distance: 16 miles, 9 miles first day, & 7 day two, Class I-II-III

Camping Location: National Forest Land.

Comments: Experience two full days of paddling on some very scenic sections of the James River. This trip includes many class I, II rapids including our biggest rapid we run called “Balcony Falls”. Primary camping recommendation for this trip is Locher Tract as it eliminates the need to run Balcony Falls rapids with all camping gear in boats. Can camp at this location Friday night, then canoe back to campsite Saturday afternoon. Leaving the boats by the river, self launch in the morning and we pick you up at the Snowden boat landing mid afternoon (1pm, 2pm, 3pm). Makes for a great weekend trip with the benefits of being able to “car camp.” Will run this trip as long as the James River Buchanan gauge is below 4 feet for safety reasons. **For safety reasons, requires 8 person and previous experience.**

3 Day Trips:

Trip Option # 5 3 day, 35 mile trip: Iron Gate to Buchanan

River Map References: Iron Gate to Eagle Rock, Eagle Rock to Horseshoe Bend & Horseshoe Bend to Alpine

Paddle Distance: 35 miles, 13miles first day, & 10 day two, 12 day 3 Class I-II

Camping Locations: Private land near Gala & Private land, Oxbow farm. Primitive camping, no facilities.

Comments: Our Popular 3 day trip....Experience Three full days of paddling on some very scenic sections of the James River. This trip includes a 13 mile stretch of river designated a “Virginia Scenic River”. The trip starts a few miles down from the start of the James River. This trip includes many class I, II rapids.

Trip Option # 6 3 day, 26 mile trip: Buchanan to Snowden

River Map References: James River Horseshoe Bend to Alpine & Alpine to Snowden

Paddle Distance: 26 miles, 7miles first day, & 15 day two, 4 day 3 Class I-II-III

Camping Location: Private Land, National Forest Land

Comments: Experience Three full days of paddling on some very scenic sections of the James River. This trip includes many class I, II rapids including our biggest rapid we run called “Balcony Falls” (Class -III). The highlight of the trip is the last part of the 2nd day and the 3rd as the James River Gorge cuts though the Blue Ridge Mountains. We believe that it is the best 3 day wilderness **white water canoe camping trip** in the state. Its not a trip for 1st time paddlers. For safety reasons, requires 8 person and **previous white water experience.**

Trip Option # 7 3 day, 41mile trip: Eagle Rock to Natural Bridge Station

River Map References: Eagle Rock to Horseshoe Bend & Horseshoe Bend to Alpine, Alpine to Snowden

Paddle Distance: 41 miles, 11miles first day, & 18 day two, 12 day 3 Class I-II

Camping Locations: Private land, Oxbow farm, Private land past Arcadia. Primitive camping, no facilities.

Comments: Experience Three full days of paddling on some very scenic sections of the James River. This trip includes a 13 mile stretch of river designated a “Virginia Scenic River”. The trip has some incredible mountain view and also for a resupply option half way thru trip. This trip includes many class I, II rapids. Requires groups of 4 or more.

PRICING

2 Day Trips: Groups of 16 people or more: \$53 per person plus tax, groups of 16 people or less: \$58 per person plus tax

3 Day Trips: Groups of 16 people or more: \$80 per person plus tax, groups of 16 people or less: \$86 per person plus tax

Pricing includes rental of canoes, paddles, life jackets, safety orientation, and shuttle to and from river, river map, & camping fee if applicable.



James River side camping



James River – Blue Ridge Mountain Views

Reservations: **ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL TRIPS!!!** To place a reservations please call our main number at: 540-261-7334 or submit electronically through our website at canoevirginia.net.

Available Dates: These trips are most popular in the spring (April, May, and June) and fall (September & October). Call or email for availability. October is a great time in particular for these trips as the fall color adds greatly to the experience.

Arrival & Departure Times: We try to work our scheduled arrival times around groups travel requirements and will do our best to accommodate your schedule when ever possible. Typical group arrival times are 9,11 with the trips departing from Buchanan launching between noon till 3pm. Take out times are also by reservation and also consider second day paddle distance and drive time home of our groups. Take out times will be mutually agreed upon except for trips ending at our shop.

What to wear on the river: Shorts (Swim suit for ladies), tee shirts, appropriate river footwear (river shoes, old tennis shoes, or sandals with ankle straps, **NO BARE FEET OR FLIP FLOPS ALLOWED**). In the fall, a jacket (fleece or wool) and / or rain gear in case a participant gets wet.

What to Pack: Assuming you are going to canoe camp here is a minimum list of what we recommend you bring: Sleeping Bag (wrapped in a trash bag & put in a dry bag), tent, sleeping pad, lantern, stove, cooking equipment and utensils, matches, food, water (1 Gallon per person per day), camping chair, change of clothes, including rain / cold weather clothing, toiletries. All gear should be in a dry bags / boxes. Many folks also like to bring cameras, cell phones (note coverage is limited / non-existent in certain areas).

Liability Waivers: Waivers are required for all trip participants. Liability waivers forms can be downloaded and printed from our website at canoevirginia.net. For youth participating in a group that will not be arriving at our store with a parent or guardian, you will need to print off the waivers ahead of time and get their parents signature before they arrive at our store.

For Safety Reasons: All participants should be in good physical condition and be able to swim with the minimum age of 12 (down to 10 allowed with parent or guardian participating). The trip will only be run if the combined air and water temperate exceed 100 degrees. We will also only run the trip if the James River is below 6 feet on the Buchanan gauge for trips ending in Glasgow, and below 4 ft for trips ending in Snowden. In the event of rain or bad weather the trip will be canceled. Call our store a day or two before your scheduled arrival date for a weather and river forecast report to get a heads up if we anticipate a weather related delay or cancellation. Usually we know a couple of days prior based on recent and forecast weather conditions.

Call our shop at 540-261-7334 if you have more questions. We would be happy to help you plan a group trip.