

Paddle through Wye Marsh

Canoe excursions - take a trip into a marsh. Family groups and individuals are invited to enjoy an exciting experience at the Wye

Marsh Wildlife Interpretation Centre, Hwy 12, Midland. They start July 5, and run each Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday morning (10:00 a.m. to noon) and continue throughout the summer until August 31. Make a reservation for this free event by calling (705) 526-7809. Children must weigh over 45 pounds (for life jacket size) and all participants must be able to swim.

Paddles, canoes, life jackets and naturalist guides are provided. Each canoe holds six to seven people and the naturalist.

As visitors paddle along, they may see

nesting black terns, great blue herons, blue winged teal, wood ducks, dragonflies, water snakes, green frogs, muskrat feeding platforms, amazing giant lily roots and a great variety of pond vegetation. Our

naturalists will point out all this and much more to participants.

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Head for the nearest safe anchorage or landing when a storm threatens and avoid the temptation to "buck it".

Obeys the regulations regarding lifesaving equipment, using only that stamped or labelled "approved" by the Department of Transport.

Assist any boat in distress. The waving in vertical circular motion of a piece of light coloured material or a light by night is a distinctive distress signal.

Slow down when making sharp turns; and in bad weather.

Slow down when passing dredges or water where divers may be working.

Slow down when passing row-boats and canoes, especially in narrow waters.

Learn the Rules of the Road and practise them.

Keep the bilges of the boat clean, free of oil, gasoline and rags, etc. Vent any enclosed areas into the open air.

Check the battery and its ventilation.

Respect your boat and know its limitations.

Obeys the regulations regarding fire precautions and fire extinguishing equipment.

Carry an anchor and sufficient length of cable, rope or chain — at least five times the average anchorage depth. Be sure that the inboard end of the line is securely fastened to the boat.

Wear a lifejacket in a small boat whether or not lifesaving cushions are carried.

Boating at best

1. There are approximately 2,600,000 pleasure craft in Canada (based on Ontario MNR surveys and other sources).

2. There are 1,779,005

licensed or registered pleasure craft in Canada (i.e., over 10 h.p.).

3. Approximately 12,900,000 Canadians boated at least once in the 12-month period

prior to June 1982 (based on a June 1982 Gallup Poll).

4. There were 54,857 new boats manufactured in Canada in 1981 with a retail value of \$184,887,500 (Industry Trade & Commerce statistics from the last available year).

5. There are 713 boat builders and their related recreational manufacturers in Canada.

6. There are approximately 2,725 marine dealers and marinas in Canada.

7. Canada's recreational boating business develops a direct value of \$1,800,000,000 each year.

8. There are more fresh-water lakes and rivers in Canada than in any other country in the world.

9. Five of the ten largest lakes in the world are within Canada's boundaries, as are six of the world's longest rivers.

10. Our major lakes cover an area of close to one and one-half million square miles, and our major rivers run for over twelve thousand miles.

11. Compared to the U.S.A., Canadians own twice as many boats per capita.



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