

April 17-18 BAYFIELD RIVER - MAITLAND RIVER

organizer: Herb Pohl 416-637-7632
book before April 10

The Bayfield River descends 60 m from a point just below Clinton to Lake Huron, a distance of 23 km. It is only navigable for about three weeks of the year; because it runs in a very confined valley the paddler has to be particularly alert in looking out for sweepers and jams along the way. The Maitland is an excellent river for practicing ferrying and general whitewater skills on the almost continuous limestone rapids which, at high water-levels, tax the skills of better than average intermediates. Participants can camp at a local conservation area or may decide on a motel if the weather is too miserable.
Limit of 4 canoes.



April 24-25 UPPER MOIRA - SKOOTAMATTA - BLACK

organizer: John Cross 416-487-0678
book before April 17

If waterlevels and temperature permit, we will try the hitherto unexplored Upper Moira, and one of the others. Otherwise its back to the (ho-hum) Skootamatta to look for some of the gray hairs my canoe lost last year. An advanced whitewater trip.
Limit 4 canoes.

April 24-25 BLACK RIVER

organizer: Karl Schimeck 416-222-3720
book between March 24- April 12

We will put in at Vancoughnet and make our way to Washago. There are several rapids and a few portages along the way. Because of the early season the organizer has classified this an intermediate trip.
Limit 4 canoes

April 25 ANSTRUTHER LAKE LOOP

organizer: Rob Butler 416-487-2282
book between April 14-22

This 28 km one-day loop involves traversing nine scenic lakes north of Peterborough; suitable for novices or better in good physical shape.
Limit of 4 canoes.

April 25 LOWER BLACK RIVER

organizer: Bill King 416-223-4646
book between April 1-18

A gentle trip through pretty countryside near Washago. At high water there will be at least one portage and some areas of moderate sized waves. Suitable for families and beginners with some sense of adventure. Trip time is about 4 hours.
Limit 6 canoes

May 1 MISSISSAGUA RIVER

organizer: Dave Auger 705-324-9359
book between April 10-24

The river traverses typical Canadian Shield country and provides a blend of flat water and short challenging rapids. Easy portages make it possible for less experienced participants to pass up the more demanding runs. For intermediates, limit of 5 canoes.

May 1-2 BONNECHERE - MADAWASKA

organizer: Tony Bird 416-421-3451
book between April 12-22

This weekend will consist of two one-day trips. Saturday will be spent on a section of the Bonnechere in Algonquin Park. This is a narrow river which runs through attractive hilly terrain. There are a number of long sets of rapids as well as waterfalls and scouting, because of the overgrown banks, is not always easy. Sunday will be spent on the Madawaska between the town of Whitney and the village of Madawaska.
Suitable for advanced canoeists.
Limit 4 canoes.

May 2 HEAD AND BLACK RIVERS

organizer: Bill Ness 416-499-6389
book between April 11-25

This will be a leisurely day trip starting on the Head River, northeast of Sebright. From the Head's confluence with the Black we will continue downstream to just east of Washago. These rivers feature some good, short drops with moderate sized waves separated by enough flat water to give you time to relax between runs. For intermediates or better.
Limit 6 canoes.

May 8-9 MISSISSAGUA RIVER-UPPER EEL'S CREEK

organizer: Bill Ness 416-499-6389
assistant: Jim Greenacre 416-759-9956
book between April 18-26

The Mississagua River, north of Peterborough, tumbles from its source in Mississagua Lake south to Buckhorn Lake in a series of scenic falls and rapids separated by sections of quiet water. For those with good whitewater skills it makes for a challenging, strenuous trip of about six hours. Upper Eel's Creek has more frequent rapids which are slightly more difficult. Participants can sign up for either day or both. The group may camp overnight, motel, or we may book a local housekeeping cottage.
Suitable for intermediates, limit 5 canoes.

May WHITEWATER TOUR

organizer: Penny Clarke 416-921-0047
associate: Cameron Hayne 416-924-989
book as soon as possible

Instead of doing several rivers on successive weekends, this trip will remain in central Ontario for one week around the beginning or middle of May. Included in our travels may be sections of the following rivers: Opeongo, Skootamatta, Bonnechere, Black, Missisagua, Madawaska, Petawawa and Eel's Creek. The exact dates and sequences of rivers will depend on the interests and availabilities of trip members. Intermediate to advanced skill in open-canoe whitewater is suggested. It will be possible to participate in all or just part of the trip. No more than 5 canoes at any one time. Those interested in the trip will meet to put together the itinerary.