

WCA TRIPS

For questions, suggestions, or anything else related to the WCA Trips, contact any of the members of the Outings Committee: Bill Ness (416) 321-3005; Mike Jones (905) 270-3256; Ann Dixie (416) 486-7402; Tim Gill (416) 447-2063.

Remember that WCA trips may have an element of danger and that the ultimate responsibility for your safety is your own.

March-April **HAVE PADDLE, WILL TRAVEL**

Steve Bernet, (519) 837-8774.

March and April weekends. Spring whitewater playboating. Call any time before 10:00 p.m. We will be going out nearly every weekend to wherever the good water levels are in Ontario, Quebec, or the northeastern United States. If you would like to join us for some serious grade 3 to 4, cold whitewater, give us a call. Limited to experienced whitewater paddlers with fully outfitted craft. Cold-water canoe clothing, helmets, and whitewater PFDs are essential. Limit six canoes per trip.

16 March **BRONTE CREEK**

Harrison Jolly, (905) 689-1733, book before 9 March.

A narrow creek similar to Oakville Creek. Cold water, tight manoeuvring, and the possibility of sweepers blocking the river. Experienced canoeists in outfitted boats. Limit six canoes.

28 March **MOIRA RIVER**

John and Sharon Hackert, (416) 438-7672, book before 21 March.

We will meet at Chisholm's Mill in the morning and run down the river from here to Latta. In the afternoon we will run the more difficult Lost Channel section. Wet or dry suits, helmets, and properly installed air bags are required. Limit six boats with advanced crews.

28 March **OAKVILLE CREEK**

Mike Jones, (905) 270-3256, book before 21 March.

Water levels are always unpredictable. A late thaw or a heavy rain can mean fast water. Early thaw and no rain makes for a shallow run. Plan for fast cold water and possible sweepers. Oakville Creek can be a long day's paddle if the conditions are bad. Put-in and take-out depend on weather. Limit six canoes.

29 or 30 March **LOWER CREDIT RIVER**

Barry Godden, (416) 440-4208, book before 22 March.

From Streetsville to the Golf Course. Cold, fast-moving water. The Credit can provide some exciting challenges. Intermediate paddlers and properly equipped boats. Wet suits or dry suits required. Limit six canoes.

30 March **UPPER CREDIT RIVER**

Paul and Diane Hamilton, (905) 877-8778, book before 24 March.

Inglewood to Glen Williams. The river will be fast and cold with some swifts. This is a very pretty section of the Credit, making for a good spring paddle for intermediate paddlers. Canoeists should be prepared for cool, wet conditions. Alternative date if the river hasn't broken up is 6 April. Limit six canoes.

5 April **TEESWATER - SOUTHERN BRUCE COUNTY**

Heinz Hoernig, (519) 524-6976, book before 28 March.

From Riversdale on Hwy. 9 to south of Paisley. This river is rich in bird life and provides some whitewater (maximum level 2) at its northern sections. The Teeswater leads us through a charming pastoral landscape of southwestern Ontario. For eager novice paddlers that are well equipped for a Spring run. Limit five canoes.

6 April **BRONTE CREEK**

Harrison Jolly, (905) 689-1733, book before 30 March.

A narrow creek similar to Oakville Creek. Cold water, tight manoeuvring, and the possibility of sweepers blocking the river. Experienced canoeists in outfitted boats. Limit six canoes.

12 April **LOWER CREDIT RIVER**

Gerry Yellowlees, (905) 607-0608, book before 5 April.

From Streetsville to the Golf Course. Cold, fast-moving water. Although the level should be dropping, the Credit can still provide some challenges. Intermediate paddlers in properly equipped boats. Kayakers welcome. Cold-weather gear and change of clothes required. Limit five boats.

12-13 April **BEAVER CREEK and UPPER BLACK**

Barry Godden, (416) 440-4208, book before 12 April.

Saturday's run follows Beaver Creek down to Fiddler's Rapids. Sunday the Upper Black River. Both of these require advanced paddling skills. Limit five canoes properly outfitted for cold whitewater. Dry suits or wet suits required.

13 April **UPPER AND LOWER BLACK RIVER**

Del Dako and Steve Lukasko, (416) 421-2108.

From Cooper to Hwy.7 the Black River offers strenuous paddling through a series of demanding rapids. As much scouting as possible will be done from the boats. Paddlers with fully outfitted boats and who are comfortable paddling in class 3 rapids. Limit five canoes with advanced paddlers.

19-20 April **SALMON and MOIRA RIVERS**

Glenn Spence, (613) 475-4176, book before 12 April.

Just north of Belleville, these two rivers offer exciting whitewater and fine scenery. The Salmon is the more gentle one but has some ledges to practise your skills. The Moira has larger rapids possibly up to class 3. This is one of southern Ontario's finest spring rivers. Intermediate paddlers welcome. Limit six canoes.

20 April **BLACK RIVER (WASHAGO)**

Bill King, (416) 223-4646, book before 14 April.

This trip will take us down the Black River from Cooper's Falls to Washago. For the most part, the Black flows along gently with a few easy rapids. The outing is suitable for novices and families who are equipped for cold weather. Limit eight canoes.

26-27 April **UPPER MADAWASKA and OPEONGO RIVERS**

John and Sharon Hackert, (416) 438-7672, book before 19 April.

Two days of whitewater excitement for advanced paddlers. Saturday we will paddle the Upper Madawaska, which is a fast-flowing pool-and-drop river with quiet stretches interspersed with some very serious rapids. All rapids can, and some must, be portaged. On Sunday we will move to the Opeongo, which contains long stretches of continuous riffles plus several significant drops. Portaging is more difficult here and in high water this can make for quite a strenuous trip. Wet suits or dry suits, helmets, and fully outfitted whitewater boats with good floatation are a must. Limit six canoes.

26-27 April **MISSISSAGUA RIVER, EELS CREEK**

Bill Ness, (416) 321-3005, book before 19 April.

On Saturday we will paddle the Mississagua which is a classic pool-and-drop run. The river is a series of class 1 to class 3 rapids separated by flat sections, and some scenic falls (class