

Daily Plan ~ Day 2

Monday, June 22, 2009

Day Coordinator: Richard Rhodes

National Canoe Safety Patrol

Kittatinny's Staircase Rapids Access, N.Y. (RM 263) to

Kittatinny's River Beach Campground, PA (RM 251)

12 Miles ~ Flat Water, Riffles, Class I and II Rapids **See Note on Page 2**



- 7:30 a.m. Register and check-in at [Kittatinny Canoes and Campground's River Beach Campground, Milford, PA](#) (click here or see page 3 for directions)
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at Registration at Kittatinny's River Beach Campground, Milford, PA
- 7:30 a.m. Load Boats for Transport to Put-In at Staircase Rapids Access
- 8:00 a.m. Bus Shuttle to Kittatinny's Staircase Rapids Access
- 9:00 a.m. At Launch Site ~ **Safety Talk**
- 9:30 a.m. Launch and paddle 2 miles to the Mongaup river rest stop for a break (River Left, New York side of river) above the Mongaup Rapid (RM 261)
- Resume Paddling ~ Enjoy some of the Upper Delaware River's best rapids ~ paddle through Butlers Rift under Hawks Nest and navigate the series of rapids at Mill Rift.
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch ~ at Sparrowbush NYSDEC Access (RM 258), river left below the railroad bridge.
- Lunch Program ~ *Program on Geology*, David Kovach, DRBC ~ **GROUP PHOTOGRAPH**
- 1:30 p.m. Back on the River ~ Look at the impressive "Elephant's Feet Cliffs" as we float by them.
- 3:30 p.m. Rest Stop at West End Beach ~ Snack ~ Greetings from the City of Port Jervis
- 4:30 p.m. Take out at Kittatinny's River Beach Campsites [Rafts exit at Matamoras]
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner served ~ by the Matamoras Volunteer Fire Department
- 7:30 p.m. Evening Program ~ Musical Entertainment by PJ Lynch
- 10:30 p.m. Quiet Hours in camp

Camping at Kittatinny's River Beach Campsites, Milford, PA

Note: There are shower facilities at this location

Many Thanks to Today's Sojourn Partners:

Len and Jo's Restaurant, McDonald's Restaurant, Matamoras Volunteer Fire Department, Congressman Chris Carney, Mayor Gary Lopriore (city of Port Jervis), David Kovach - DRBC, Upper Delaware Preservation Coalition, National Canoe Safety Patrol, Upper Delaware Council, National Park Service - Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River and Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Kittatinny Canoes and Campgrounds, PJ Lynch.

Please Note: If interested, individuals can request to paddle in a raft on this day. Rafts will take out at Matamoras, Pa., a mile or so upstream of Port Jervis, N.Y. Individuals will then have the option to either continue the day's paddle by canoe or kayak to Port Jervis and then on to Kittatinny's River Beach Campground or be shuttled directly back to Kittatinny's River Beach Campground. If you would like this option, please note when you register. If you have questions, please contact Dick Rhodes at canoerrr@aol.com.

***Water Levels** - Water height is of critical importance for safety in the Upper Delaware section of the river for two reasons:

1. High water increases the speed of the river's flow and can inundate the riverbanks and islands where flooded trees and vegetation can create what are known as "strainers". Strainers are very, very dangerous and can trap boats and people under water.
2. High water changes the characteristics of the rapids on the Upper Delaware. Some "wash out" while others become more dangerous with higher waves.

The Sojourn's Policy for the Upper Delaware River is:

At average water levels: 2.5-4 ft - Everyone may take the trip in canoes or kayaks, even if it is raining.

At moderate water levels: 4 - 6 ft - We will take the trip even if it is raining. Rafts are recommended for less skilled boaters. The Sojourn Safety Staff will have the final word in determining who is a skilled boater and who should be in a raft.

At high water levels: 6-8 ft - Take the trip even if it is raining and the river is not expected to go above 8 feet. Rafts will be required for all people renting watercraft and for less skilled private boaters. High water waivers will be required for people using private boats; the Sojourn Safety Staff will have the final word in determining who is a highly skilled boater and who should be in a raft.

At very high water: 8-feet and above - There will be No Sojourn River Trip - Alternate Land Activities will be offered.

It is especially important to note that high water rescues endanger the people making the rescue. While Sojourn Safety personnel are well trained in rescue techniques, the person nearest to a boat or boater in trouble could be another Sojourner. High water makes the river more dangerous for everyone. Sojourn Safety Staff will determine whether it is safe to paddle on any given Sojourn Day.

Day 2 "High Water" Plan:

Breakfast will be served as planned at Kittatinny's River Beach Campground in Milford, PA.

Sojourners can visit the Gillinder Glass Museum, Elks Brox Park, and Fort Decker in Port Jervis, N.Y. and/or High Point State Park in N.J.

In the afternoon Sojourners could visit Grey Towers National Historic Site in Milford, PA and/or Raymondskill Falls on their way to Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort.

Dinner, evening program, and camping will still be provided as planned.



Directions to Registration Locale for Days 1 and 2, June 21 – 22, 2009:

[Kittatinny's River Beach Campgrounds](#)

(click for their website's directions page)

378 Routes 6 and 209

Milford, PA 18337

(570) 296-5890

From NY & NJ:

Take I-80 West to New Jersey Exit 34B.
Follow U.S. 15 North to Rt. 206 North across Milford Bridge.
Take 209 North for 3 1/2 miles north of Milford.
Campground is on the right.

From the Poconos:

Take I-80 East to Exit 309.
Take 209 North for approximately 35 miles.
Stay on 209 North 3 1/2 miles north of Milford; campground will be on right.

From New Jersey Route 23:

Take 23 North to I-84 West to Exit 53, Matamoras, Pennsylvania.
Left on 209 South; campground is in about 3 miles on left.

From I-84 (Scranton area):

I-84 to Exit 53, Matamoras, Pennsylvania.
Left on 209 South; campground is in about 3 miles on left.



