



Allegheny River Wilderness Sojourn

Important Information

What is Included:

Basic Registration Fee includes: educational speakers, entertainment, water, snacks, sojourn souvenir, goodie bag, and insurance, etc. Does not include meals, lodging, boat rental, vest, paddle, etc.

Registering with Boat Rental includes:

- Canoe or kayak, paddles, and life jackets (PFDs)
- Shuttle transportation to/from launch or take-out points for boat and yourself

Registration with Campers' Meal Option includes: available to campers only: Lunch and dinner on the first day; breakfast and lunch on the second day. Chef Sebastian will prepare your meals for you. All dishes and utensils will be provided. This option is limited to 25 participants.

Campers who are bringing their own food need to be totally self sufficient: bring their own, cook stove, pots/pans, plates, utensils, etc.

Registration with Camping Package includes:

Except for a sleeping bag and pillow, all camping equipment needed for primitive camping is not only provided for you but will be all setup for you when you get to the island where we will be camping. A comfy chair will also be provided for you to sit around the campfire. The Outfitter will take care of transportation, setup and teardown of equipment. This option is limited to 20 people.

A limit of 25 people is placed on camping on the island, so an additional 5 people with all their own camping equipment will be allowed to camp on the island.

Registration with lunch option for non-campers: will include a box lunch for both days.

Registrations are first-come, first-served. Completed Registrations with fees paid will take priority. A completed registration contains all paper fully filled out and signed and includes full payment.

For an updated Sojourn schedule visit our website at www.PennSoil.org or visit our FaceBook page.

Overnight Accommodations:

Lodging choices: Primitive Camping on one of the Allegheny River Islands or a Motel.

Primitive camping: You can bring all your own camping equipment or buy the camping package (see notes above).

Motel: Participants wishing to stay in a motel are responsible for their own overnight accommodations. The **Quality Inn & Suites in Warren, PA has a block of rooms** to be held until June 2 when those room wills be released. The rate is \$89.99 for either two double beds or a king bed plus applicable taxes for 1-2 people (Additional people in the same room is \$10 per person.) This rate is good for booking the nights of Wed. June 21 through Sat June 24, 2017. The rate of 89.99 will still apply after June 2 if rooms are still available. For a list of other lodging options in PA, visit the Warren County Visitor's Bureau at <http://www.wcvb.net/>, or call 814-726-7266.

Boats:

Bring Your Own: You may bring your own paddle craft if you wish. You can make your own arrangements for drop-off and pickup or for \$15 per boat, Allegheny Outfitters will provide the needed shuttle services. This would entail a one-way shuttle from the end point back to the starting point where your vehicle will be. If you choose to bring your own canoe or kayak, you will be responsible for providing your own paddles, safety vests, etc. Penn Soil RC&D Council will not be responsible for any lost, broken, or stolen personal items associated with your boat and there is no registration discount.

Rent a Boat: You can also rent a kayak or canoe. You have the option of a single kayak, a double kayak or a canoe. If you want a single kayak, please indicate whether you would like a sit-in or sit-on-top style kayak. If you do not have a paddling partner, Penn Soil will be happy to assist with coordinating partners. For safety, two beginner paddlers should not be in the same canoe. Rental includes boat, paddle, personal flotation device, and shuttling.

Shuttles:

One-Day Sojourn: Participants will be expected to leave their cars at the starting point at the US Army Corps of Engineers Big Bend Recreation Area just downstream from the Kinzua Dam. This is 9 miles/ 18 mins. east of Warren PA on PA Rte. 59.

Two-Day Sojourn Camping Option: Participants will be expected to leave their cars at the starting point at US Forest Service Buckaloons Campground parking area, near Irvine, PA. We will launch from the Buckaloons Campground launch. This is 8 miles/ 16 mins. west of Warren off of US Rte. 62. After we land at the final destination in Tidioute the second day, you and your boat will be shuttled back to the Buckaloons where your car will be.

Two-Day Motel option: Paddlers will float downstream from the island where the group will camp to the Wildwoods Launch. There the canoes will be landed and tied up for the night. Paddlers will then get on a shuttle and be taken to the Buckaloons where your cars will be. You can then go eat dinner on your own, and then go to your motels for the night. In the

morning you need to be back at the Buckaloons Campground by 8:30 am in order to catch the shuttle back to Wildwoods launch and continue your trip the next day.

Refreshments:

Water and snacks will also be provided for everyone with a standard diet. If you have special dietary needs, please bring your own food and snacks.

Boating Laws:

Participants are required to obey all PA boating laws. This includes wearing your PDF at all times while on the water.

Safety:

All participants and staff are required to attend the safety talk before the paddle begins. First aid staff will be on the water with the group. For safety all participants and staff must follow all safety rules. All participants and staff must wear Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs) at all times while on the water.

Clothing:

Due to the nature of a sojourn, there is a distinct possibility of becoming wet during the event, be it from inclement weather or a possible “spill” into the river. Hypothermia can be an issue even in the summer time. It is highly recommended that participants bring a water proof bag containing a change of clothes. Additionally, it is recommended that you avoid 100% cotton clothing while paddling, as it retains moisture and dries slowly. Wear material that dries quickly. Bring clothes in preparation for any kind of weather. Wear appropriate footwear suitable for getting in and out of water and the canoe. There may be sharp rock or objects, so flip-flops or other open-toed shoes are highly discouraged.

Weather:

Sojourn activities will take place rain or shine. Please be prepared for inclement weather. In instances where water levels prohibit travel on the water or severe weather, we will have alternate activities. The alternate activities may include hiking. Having appropriate hiking gear is therefore strongly recommended.

Personal Comfort and Safety:

Persons should bring insect repellants, sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, personal medications and medical devices, etc. to make the one-day or 2-day-long trip as comfortable and safe as possible. Please refer to our packing list for more information. See the packing list for more ideas on what to bring.

Boat Launch Permits OR Registration:

PA Fish and Boat Commission (PAFBC) supported launches will be used during the sojourns, so each paddle craft must either have a PA canoe/kayak registration OR a PA Launch Permit from the PAFBC. Rental boats will have the needed permits. It is recommended that you permit or register your personal boat before you get to Warren. These can be obtained online or at issuing agents. Launch permits cost \$10 for 1 year or \$18 for 2 years. Local launch permits can be obtained at the following local parks or businesses: Chapman Dam State Park (Clarendon), Bob’s Garage (Youngsville), The Trading Post (Tidioute). Check the PAFBC website for details and permit issuers outside the Warren area.