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## THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF PADDLESPORT PROVIDERS

Michigan is blessed with more paddling opportunities than any other state, and MAPP is an organization of more than 30 rental businesses, serving 23 of Michigan's premier paddling streams. We invite you to discover the new life of Spring, the warmth of Summer, or the beautiful colors of Autumn from a canoe or kayak. Whether you are a beginner or expert paddler, Michigan has an adventure for you.

MAPP professionals care deeply about Michigan's waters and are dedicated to preserving our rivers, preserving recreational paddling as an enjoyable, educational, and unparalleled lifesport accessible to all, and preserving the public's right to access and paddle our rivers.

To ensure that those paddling tomorrow may enjoy Michigan's rivers as well, MAPP members encourage you to be good stewards of the river, and treat all river users with respect.

- Secure all articles in a container tied to your canoe. Loose trash or belongings can easily become litter in the river.
- Respect the rights of private property owners, anglers and other river users. Trespassing is prohibited.
- Please help preserve and protect the river resources for future generations. Leave all wildlife and vegetation as it is.



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# MAPP's Adopt-A-River Program

MAPP professionals are dedicated to protecting our valuable rivers and the unequalled experience of paddling.

Recognizing that many of Michigan's rivers need a steward to watch over them and to provide litter clean up as necessary, the Michigan Association of Paddlesport Providers has established our Adopt-A-River Program.

Accordingly, we encourage public involvement, and our mission is to assist anyone interested in organizing and conducting a river clean-up project in Michigan.

The Program is suitable for most groups, including students, scout troops, recreationists and conservationists.

Our Adopt-A-River Clean-up Coordinator will provide "how to" assistance, trash bags, paddlecraft and equipment as needed, transportation assistance and trash disposal.

For more information, contact us at 231-947-3345 or e-mail: [info@michigancanoe.com](mailto:info@michigancanoe.com)

**NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP WEEK**  
First full week of June, annually

Contact a MAPP member on your favorite river and volunteer your group to participate.





# Questions and Answers to Enhance Your Experience

Each provider operates a little differently. Do your homework before your trip to have the most enjoyable experience. To choose the river and paddlesport provider that is right for you, ask the following questions:

## 1. What are the provider's recommended trips?

Many first time canoeists get too ambitious and not all sections of beginner rivers are for beginners. A family with small children may enjoy a two hour trip with a picnic verses a two day camping trip.



## 2. What are the transportation arrangements?

Some providers shuttle prior to the trip and have your vehicle waiting at your destination. Others shuttle at the end of your trip. Understand your providers transportation procedure prior to your trip.

## 3. Are reservations required?

Many rivers have "sold out" status on Saturdays. Ask your providers for recommendations on the best time to go.

## 4. What is the deposit/cancellation policy?

Most providers require a deposit to hold each canoe and/or a security deposit. Know what is required up front and what part of your deposit will be refunded upon completion/cancellation of your trip. Many providers have a two week cancellation policy for full refund of your deposit.



## 5. Are trips cancelled due to weather?

Rain is not a reason to cancel a trip, weather impacting safety conditions is. If the weather is in question, call your provider prior to your trip.

## 6. What clothing should be worn on a trip?

Wear suitable clothing for the temperature, tennis shoes or water shoes, and keep a change of clothes in your vehicle for after the trip.

## 7. What safety equipment is provided?

All providers should provide safety equipment at no additional charge. Let your provider know at the time of your reservation of any special safety needs. State law requires all children ages 6 and younger to wear a life jacket at all times.

## 8. Are pets allowed?

Most providers allow pets on the river with you. Some require leashes or restraints. Some will not provide shuttle service for pets.

## 9. What are the hours of operation?

Some providers are required by law to have watercraft off of the river by 6:00 p.m., others may provide evening or even moonlight trips.



## 10. What is the alcohol policy?

Many providers have established alcohol policies. MAPP strongly discourages the use of alcohol while paddling. It's against the law to operate a watercraft while intoxicated.

## 11. Where should car keys be kept?

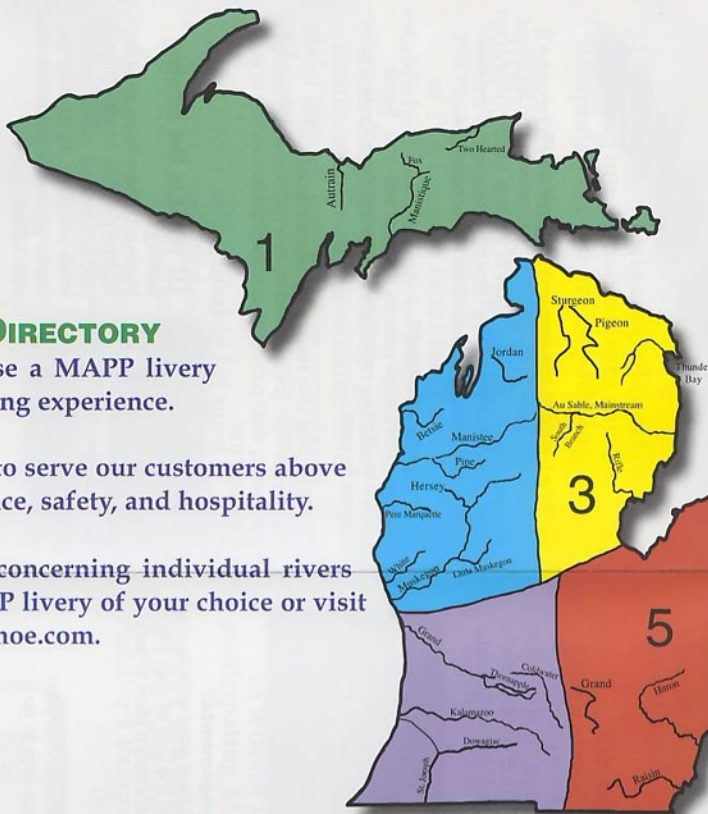
Leave valuables and car keys in a safe place, don't take them on the river with you. Most providers will keep your car keys in the office if requested.

## 12. What should we take with us on our trip?

Pack snacks or lunch in a water tight container. Take enough beverages per person to stay hydrated. Alcoholic beverages are not recommended. Glass containers are illegal. For litter control, styrofoam coolers are prohibited. Bring back what you took (or more) to help keep our rivers clean!







## MAPP DIRECTORY

We invite you to choose a MAPP livery for a memorable paddling experience.

MAPP members strive to serve our customers above and beyond, in excellence, safety, and hospitality.

For more information concerning individual rivers please contact the MAPP livery of your choice or visit us at: [www.michigancanoe.com](http://www.michigancanoe.com).

	Map Section #	Canoes	Kayaks	Rafts	Tubes	Other	Accommodations Campgrounds Modern Primitive	Open & Close Season	Trip Lengths
<b>AuSable River</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Intermediate									
<b>Borchers Ausable Canoe &amp; Kayak</b> 101 Maple St., Grayling MI 49738 800-762-8756, 989-348-4921	3						Bed & Breakfast	5/01-10/31	2.5 Hrs.-7 Days
<b>Hinchman Acres Canoe Rental</b> 702 N. M-33, P.O. Box 220, Mio MI 48647 989-826-3267, 800-438-0203	3					Cottages	Cabins	4/15-10/15	2.5 Hrs.-7 Days
<b>Penrod's Paddlesports Center</b> 100 Maple, Grayling MI 49738 989-348-2910, 888-467-4837	3					Mt. Bikes	Cabins	Mid May-Sept	2.5 Hrs.-5 Days
<b>Rainbow Resort</b> 731 Camp Ten Rd., Mio MI 48647 989-826-3423	3					Boats Store	Cabins	5/01-10/17	1.5 Hrs.-3 Days
<b>Watters Edge Kayak And Canoe Livery</b> 10799 Dana Dr., Roscommon MI 48653 989-275-5568, 800-672-9968	3							5/01-10/30	1.5 Hrs.-5 Days
<b>AuTrain River</b> Skill Level - Beginner									
<b>Northwoods Resort</b> N7070 AuTrain Forest Lake Rd., AuTrain MI 49806 906-892-8114	1						Cabins	Year Round	3 Hrs.-5 Hrs.
<b>Betsie River</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Intermediate									
<b>Alvina's Canoes And Boat</b> 6470 Betsie River Rd. So., Interlochen MI 49643 231-276-9514	2					Boats		5/01-9/30	1 Hr.-4 Hrs.
<b>Coldwater River</b> Skill Level - Beginner									
<b>Indian Valley Campground &amp; Canoe Livery</b> 8200 108th., Middleville MI 49333 616-891-8579, 800-810-8579	4						Cabins	4/01-11/01	2 Hrs.-6 Hrs.
<b>Dowagiac River</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Intermediate									
<b>Doe-Wah-Jack's Canoe Rental Inc.</b> 52963 M-51 N., Dowagiac MI 49047 269-782-7410, 888-782-7410	4					Car Spotting		5/06-10/29	2 Hrs.-6 Hrs.
<b>Fox River</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Intermediate									
<b>Big Cedar Campground &amp; Canoe Livery</b> 7936 M-77, Germfask MI 49836 (906) 586-6684	1					Car Spotting		5/01-11/22	3 Hrs.-3 Days
<b>Northland Outfitters</b> 8174 Highway M-77, P.O. Box 65, Germfask MI 49836 906-586-9801, 800-808-3FUN	1					Outfitting Store		5/01-10/15	2 Hrs.-7 Days
<b>Grand River</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Intermediate									
<b>Grand Adventures</b> 4590 Onondaga Rd., Onondaga, MI 49264 517-712-6475	5							5/15-10/15	1.5 Hrs.-7 Hrs.
<b>Huron River</b> Skill Level - Beginner									
<b>Village Canoe Rental</b> 1216 Garden, Milford MI 48381 248-685-9207	5							5/01-9/30	2 Hr.-2 Days



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<b>Jordan River</b> Skill Level - Beginner									
<b>Jordan Valley Outfitters</b> 311 N. Lake St (M-66), East Jordan, MI 49727 231-536-0006	2					Guided Winter Rafting		5/01-10/31 & 12/01-3/31	1 Hr.-3 Hrs.
<b>Kalamazoo River</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Intermediate									
<b>Old Allegan Canoe Rental</b> 2722 Old Allegan Rd., Fennville MI 49408 269-561-5481	4							5/01-10/15	3 & 5 Hrs.
<b>Running Rivers Inc. Kayak Rental</b> Wade's Bayou Park, Bayou & Center St., Douglas, MI 49406 269-673-3698	4					Campground Nearby	Cabins	4/15-10/15	1 Hr.-8 Hrs.
<b>Manistee River</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Intermediate									
<b>Chippewa Landing</b> (Big) Located 3 1/2 miles North of Manton East on 10 Rd. 231-839-5511	2							5/01-10/15	2 Hrs.-10 Days
<b>Pine Creek Livery</b> (Big & Little) 13604 Caberfae Hwy., Wellston MI 49689 231-848-7170	2					Kitchen Units Fireplace	Motel, Cabins	5/01-9/30	2 Hrs.-3 Days
<b>Pine River Paddlesport Center</b> (Big) 9590 South M-37, Wellston MI 49689 231-862-3471, 800-71-RIVER	2					Mtn. Bikes Rock Climbing	Cabins	4/01-10/31	2 Hrs.-5 Days
<b>Manistique River</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Intermediate									
<b>Big Cedar Campground &amp; Canoe Livery</b> 7936 M-77, Germfask MI 49836 906-586-6684	1					Car Spotting		5/01-11/22	3 Hrs.-3 Days
<b>Northland Outfitters</b> 8174 Highway M-77, P.O. Box 65, Germfask MI 49836 906-586-9801, 800-808-3FUN	1					Outfitting Store	Cabins	5/01-10/15	2 Hrs.-7 Days
<b>Muskegon River</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Intermediate									
<b>Duggan's Canoe Livery &amp; Campground</b> 3100 N. Temple Drive, Harrison MI 48625 989-539-7149	2					Picnic Campstore		5/01-10/15	3.5 Hrs.-5 Days
<b>Hersey Canoe Livery, LLC.</b> 625 E. 4th St., Hersey MI 49639 231-832-7220	2							5/01-10/31	3 Hrs.-5 Days
<b>Old Log Resort</b> 12062 M-115, Marion, MI 49665 231-743-2775	2					Rustic Log Cabins	Cabins	5/01-11/01	3 Hrs.-5 Days
<b>Sawmill Tube &amp; Canoe</b> 230 Baldwin St., Big Rapids MI 49307 231-796-6408	2							4/15-11/01	1 Hr.-7 Days
<b>White Birch Canoe Trips, Campground</b> 5569 Paradise Rd., Falmouth MI 49632 231-328-4547 (Houghton Lake Area)	2					Group Sites		4/01-10/31	1 Hr.-2 Days
<b>Pere Marquette River</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Intermediate									
<b>Baldwin Canoe Rental</b> 9117 S. M-37, Baldwin MI 49304 231-745-4669, 800-272-3642	2					Vehicle Spotting		4/01-10/15	2 Hrs.-3 Days
<b>River Run Canoe Livery, LLC</b> 600 S. Main St., Scottville MI 49454 231-757-2266, Camp 231-757-2429	2							6/01-9/01	2 Hrs.-6 Hrs.
<b>Pigeon River</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Advanced									
<b>Big Bear Adventures</b> 4271 S. Straits Hwy., Indian River MI 49749 231-238-8181	3					Groups Store Deli	Motel	5/1-10/31 and 12/20-3/15	1.5 Hrs.-overnite
<b>Pine River</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Intermediate									
<b>Pine River Paddlesport Center</b> 9590 South M-37, Wellston MI 49689 231-862-3471, 800-71-RIVER	2					Mtn. Bikes Rock Climbing	Cabins	4/01-10/31	2 Hrs.-5 Days
<b>Shomer Canoes, Kayaks, &amp; Rafts</b> 11390 M-37, Irons MI 49644 231-862-3475	2							4/01-10/31	1 Hr.-4 Days
<b>River Raisin</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Intermediate									
<b>River Raisin Canoe Livery</b> Plank Rd., Dundee, MI 48131 734-529-9029	5					Pontoon Cruises		5/01-10/31	1 Hr.-7.5 Hrs.
<b>Rifle River</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Intermediate									
<b>Riverbend Campground &amp; Canoe Rental</b> 864 N Main St, P.O. Box 6, Omer MI 48749-0006 989-653-2576	3							5/01-9/30	1 Hr.-8 Hrs.
<b>Sturgeon River</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Advanced									
<b>Big Bear Adventures</b> 4271 S. Straits Hwy., Indian River MI 49749 231-238-8181	3					Groups Store Deli	Motel	5/1-10/31 and 12/20-3/15	1.5 Hrs.-overnite
<b>Thornapple River</b> Skill Level - Beginner									
<b>Indian Valley Campground &amp; Canoe Livery</b> 8200 108th., Middleville MI 49333 616-891-8579, 800-810-8579	4						Cabins	4/01-11/01	2 Hrs.-6 Hrs.
<b>Thunder Bay River</b> Skill Level - Beginner									
<b>Campers Cove RV Park &amp; Canoe Livery</b> 5005 Long Rapids Rd., Alpena MI 49707 989-356-3708, 888-306-3708	3							5/01-10/22	3 Hrs.-8 Hrs.
<b>Thunder Bay River Canoe &amp; Kayak</b> 12520 Airport Rd., Atlanta MI 49709, 989-785-2187	3							5/01-10/31	1 Hr.-6 Days
<b>Two Hearted River</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Intermediate									
<b>Rainbow Lodge/Two Hearted Canoe Trips</b> 32752 Co. Rd. 423, Two Heart MI 49868 906-658-3357	1						Cabins Motel	5/15-10/31	1.5 Hr.-2 Days
<b>White River</b> Skill Level - Beginner-Intermediate									
<b>Happy Mohawk Canoe Livery</b> 735 Fruitvale Rd., Montague MI 49437 231-894-4209	2					Campground Nearby	Cabins	5/01-10/15	1 Hr.-2 Days

# EARN A FREE TRIP!

## Paddler's Passport

Your Reward for Exploring Michigan's Rivers.

The Michigan Association of Paddlesport Providers encourage you to use our Passport Program. The "Passport to Paradise" is available through MAPP members only.

Obtain your passport card  
take a canoe, kayak, or raft trip with the  
MAPP member of your choice  
and get your card stamped.

Collect four stamps from a minimum of  
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Collect one stamp for each canoe, kayak, or  
raft trip within a two year period.

To redeem your free trip, contact the  
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