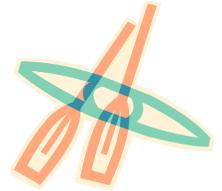


CANOEING TIMES



"Tips for a safe and fun Blue River canoe trip"

Thanks for planning a trip on beautiful Blue River with Cave Country Canoes! To help you have a super outing, please consider the following tips....

- If it is your first trip....
 - ✓ We suggest our half-day trip.
 - ✓ Don't take very small children with you. (Children must be at least 3 years old)
 - ✓ Expect to get wet (even though you may not).

Things to bring....

- ✓ Waterproof sunscreen and sunglasses.
- ✓ Insect repellent.
- ✓ Short lengths of rope or elastic shock cords to secure supplies to the canoe.
- ✓ Waterproof bags.
- ✓ Snacks.
- ✓ Cold water or other thirst quenching drinks.

What you should wear....

- ✓ We require that sneakers or river shoes be worn at all times to avoid foot injury.
- ✓ Shorts or a bathing suit with a cover-up to protect you from sunburn are best. You may want a visor or cap. On rainy days, a rain jacket works best; or a fair substitute.
- ✓ Be sure to bring a complete change of clothing. Our showers are available for your use after your trip. Carry your change of clothes in a watertight container tied to your canoe or leave it in your vehicle to change into for your ride home.

Things to do....

- ✓ Use the litterbags provided
- ✓ Allow sufficient time for paddling, resting, swimming and picnicking.
- ✓ Take breaks on islands and gravel bars that are not posted as private property.
- ✓ Use straps for eyeglasses or sunglasses.
- ✓ Lock your valuables in the trunk of your car. You may check your keys in at our office.
- ✓ Show respect to others on the river.
- ✓ Enjoy the wildlife and wildflowers, but leave them behind.
- ✓ Protect yourself from the elements (sun and storms).

No-No's

- X Glass containers.
- X Keys, wallets or money.
- X Fireworks, guns or weapons of any sort.
- X Heavy coolers that will overload your canoe.
- X Alcoholic beverages.
- X Expensive cameras.
- X Infants.
- X Don't overload the canoe
- X Never leave the canoe or equipment unattended. Do not abandon your canoe to "walk out". There is limited access to the river and you are apt to get lost due to your unfamiliarity with the area.
- X Do not abuse the equipment provided. Paddles are not pry bars, nor should they be used as weapons.
- X Do not jump or dive from the canoe, trees, bridges or rock ledges.

Remember....

- ✓ Canoeing is an assumed risk activity. With proper planning and the right attitude you can have a great time. We're glad you chose us! May you have happy memories of your time on Blue River. Our entire staff appreciates you!



Watch out for Otters on the river!

Dear Group Leader,

Thank you for scheduling a trip to Cave Country Canoes! We want to help you plan a great trip, so please take a few minutes to read over this information. If you are not personally coming on this outing, be sure to forward this information to the adult leader in charge. We also suggest you give each member of your group a copy of the "Canoeing Times".

Just a reminder: We provide canoes, paddles (two per canoe), and life jackets for each member of the group, a map of the river for your trip, litter bags and transportation to/from the river. If someone will be joining you who will bring their own craft, we can transport them and their craft for a fee (per boat).

Note: Canoe rental rates are subject to the Indiana 7% sales tax. Children 12 and younger may ride free as a third passenger in the canoe, if the water is high enough. Those 13 or older may go as a third passenger only if the water is high enough and are required to pay the full per person rate. We recommend only two adults per canoe. You may wish to try one of our kayaks if your party has an odd number of adults.

Upon your arrival, please have ready a count of total people, number of canoes needed and the number of canoes that will have more than two people in them. If any of these third passengers are over 12, we'll need to know. Have your money collected and your count ready before registering for your trip. Turn in completed release of liability forms. This will greatly reduce the time it takes to get you on the river.

An instructional video produced by the American Canoe Association is available. It has tips for safe paddling. Plan on arriving about a half hour earlier than your trip departure time to have ample time to view the video. It's always a good idea to call us a day ahead of your trip to check the water level. If you phone our automated system from a touch-tone phone, you can obtain river reports 24 hours a day. Call (812) 365-2705 and Ext "3" then "1", or during office hours choose "0" to speak directly to the reservations staff.

If circumstances prevent your group from coming, your deposit can be transferred to an alternate date within the calendar year unless you are camping/bunking.

DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE!

Seasonal tip: In the spring and fall, when the weather or water is cool, bring layered warm clothing. Wool or synthetics will keep you warmer than cotton. Nylon jogging suits that dry fast are terrific.

If you have any more questions, call our Reservations Office at:
(812) 365-2705, or fax us at: (812) 365-2705 Ext. 234.

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