

**2019**

**BRATTLEBORO OUTING CLUB SUMMER PADDLING SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY, May 8<sup>th</sup> - CT River Setbacks, Hinsdale, NH (Lake Wantastiquet).** Meet at 10AM in the Hinsdale, NH, Walmart parking lot (Rte 119). We will drive a few miles east to the put-in, for a peaceful paddle and picnic lunch, on an island, off the main river, in the marshes. This often overlooked wildlife area is home to spring birds, big fish and white swans. Be sure to bring something warm to drink, and waterproof to sit on. We saw an active eagle's nest, the past two years, with both birds near the nest. Binoculars and a bird book would be good for this trip. The water will still be COLD. (See **BRING**)

**SATURDAY, May 11<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Annual BOC Canoe & Kayak Consignment Sale & Swap, The Outlet Center, 580 Canal St, Brattleboro (Exit 1, I-91) Swap 11:30-12; Sale noon-2. Consignments accepted, Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>: noon to 2 & 5 to 7, and Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>: 8am to 11:30 am.** For more information, check the website, or [Lmacyak@gmail.com](mailto:Lmacyak@gmail.com) or (802) 254-3666.

**SUNDAY, May 26<sup>th</sup> - CT River, Bellows Falls, VT to Walpole, NH.** Brattleboro area paddlers meet in the Hannaford's parking lot, in front of the abandoned Home Depot store, at 10am, where we'll car & boat pool, for the drive to the put-in. Paddlers coming from the north and west...meet us at the southern end of the Bellows Falls portage trail, just below the dam, on the NH side of the river, at 10:45. After we spot cars at the take-out, we'll paddle the 3mile stretch, and take out at the CT River cartop access, in Walpole. Four smaller rivers & brooks enter the CT River along our route: Saxtons River & Vally Brook from the VT side, and Cold River and Cobb Brook, from the NH side. As conditions allow, we will paddle upstream, as far as we can; investigating each. After take-out, and retrieving cars from the put-in, those who want to, can join us in a car trip to Burdick's Chocolate Store & Café. (See **BRING**)

**WEDNESDAY, May 29<sup>th</sup> - Sherman Reservoir, Whitingham, VT & Monroe, MA.** Sherman Res sets astride the two-state border, along the Readsboro, VT-Monroe, MA road. Its main water source is the Deerfield River, out of Harriman Reservoir. The dam, boat ramp & picnic area are at the south end, in MA. No houses or camps are visible, but there is a hiking/mountain bike trail along the lake's eastern shore. Eagles & otters have been spotted there in the past. This will be our first trip to Sherman Reservoir, so keep eyes peeled for surprises. Brattleboro area paddlers meet at the Royal Diner, in West Brattleboro, at 9am, or The Coffee House, Jct Rt 9W & 100S, in Wilmington, at 9:30. Paddlers coming from MA, meet us at the ramp, at 10:30. (See **BRING**)

**WEDNESDAY, June 5<sup>th</sup> - Tully Lake and Long Pond, Royalston, MA.** These two beautiful bodies of water are connected by a mile and a half long stretch

of the Tully River. The entire area is surrounded by a protected greenway, with hiking and mountain bike trails, waterfalls and vistas. We'll paddle the river, both lakes and visit many of the islands in Tully Lake. The Tully Lake Campground will be open, in the event paddlers wish to overnight. Contact the Trustees of Reservations, PO Box 100, Royalston, MA 01368, (978) 249-4957, or [www.tullylakecampground.org](http://www.tullylakecampground.org). We'll meet in the Walmart parking lot, on Rte 119, in Hinsdale, NH at 9am. (See **BRING**)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19th - Ashuelot River, Keene, NH.** This will be flat, quiet water paddling, with some upstream work. It's the meandering section above the dam, through the Ashuelot River Park. It's mayhem during race day, the first weekend in May, but we'll have a lazy, restful trip downstream to picnic in the park, near Starbucks, just off West St. Our return paddle will end at the put-in, however paddlers are welcome to continue north, as far as they wish. In high water, one can paddle all the way to, and beyond, the Cemetery Bridge, on Court St. Brattleboro area paddlers meet in the Hannaford's parking lot, near the old Home Depot store, on Putney Rd, at 9am. NH paddlers meet us in the very back parking lot (Blue Lot), behind the Cheshire Medical Center/Cancer Center/Kingsbury Pavilion, on Court St...waaay back, by the wooden bridge, at 10am. (See **BRING**)

**SATURDAY, June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sunrise/Early-Bird Paddle, Harriman Reservoir, Wilmington, VT.** This is our signature 'paddle and nosh' trip. Come early to enjoy sunrise, on an early summer morning, before the motorboat crowd wakes up. We'll lay out a light potluck picnic breakfast in the soft early rays of summer, on a secluded beach. Bring light breakfast snacks to share; OJ and 'glasses' will be provided. Also bring something warm to drink, and whatever else makes a picnic breakfast more enjoyable. Be sure to include a beach towel, for the early morning dip; bound to wake you up. We'll meet at 5:30AM at the Chelsea Royal Diner, West Brattleboro; or 6AM at the Coffee House in Wilmington, VT (Jct Rtes 9West & 100South). We'll be off the water in time to make the Brattleboro Farmer's Market for lunch; although paddlers are encouraged to stay as long as they want. For any questions, including weather, call (802) 254-3666. (See **BRING**)

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, August 24 & 25 - CT River Paddle & Camp - Wells River to Bradford, VT.** This is the reservations only trip. It will require camping Saturday night along the river, at a designated site. Each paddler, or paddling group, needs to be self sufficient in all aspects of paddling & camping. Reservations must arrive no later than August 17<sup>th</sup>, together with a non-refundable deposit of \$10 per paddler, addressed to "BOC Paddle trip, PO Box 6294, Brattleboro, VT 05302". Detailed instructions will be sent upon receipt of the reservation request. Maximum number of boats is 10. Reservation requests not accepted due to trip limit, will be returned with the deposit. A unique **BRING** list will be furnished.

**WEDNESDAY, September 18<sup>th</sup> - CT River, Herricks Cove, Rockingham, VT.** Herricks Cove offers a pleasant day of paddling through extraordinary marshes and coves, favorite areas for bird watchers, especially during spring and fall migrations. Expected sightings include muskrat, beaver, kingfisher,

osprey, bald eagle, and songbirds filling the alder, dogwood & willow trees. We meet at 9am in the Hannaford's parking lot, on Putney Rd. Paddlers coming from the north are welcome to meet us at the Herricks Cove ramp/picnic area (off Rte 5, near Exit 6, I-91) at 10am. (See **BRING**)

**WEDNESDAY, September 25<sup>th</sup> - Leader's Choice; wherever the colors are peak.** We'll meet in front of the closed Home Depot store, next to Hannaford's, on Putney Rd, Brattleboro, at 9:30am, for an all day outing to view fall foliage from the water, somewhere in the tri-state area. (See **BRING**)

**FYI...Friday and Saturday, September 27th and 28<sup>th</sup> - Connecticut River. 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual CT River Source-to-Sea Clean-up. Contact the CT River Conservancy for more information: (413) 772-2020, or [www.ctriver.org](http://www.ctriver.org). This is NOT a BOC event, however we do encourage public participation.**

**SATURDAY, September 28<sup>th</sup> - Somerset Reservoir, Somerset, VT.**

Come for an all-day, fall foliage paddle trip on a wonderful out-of-the-way, protected 'Great' reservoir, at a special time of the year. We almost always see loons, bald eagles and migrating waterfowl; and feel the crisp late season air. Four years ago, a pair of moose put on quite a show, and five years ago it was so warm and beautiful, nobody wanted to end the trip till dark. This could be the last swim of the season. Bring snacks, lunch and something warm to drink; it'll be a beach picnic. We'll meet at 9AM, at the Coffee House in Wilmington, VT (Jct of Rtes 9West and 100South), or the Car-Top launch site at Somerset, (very end of the road) around 9:30AM. Please do not block the trailer ramp with car-top boats. (See **BRING**)

**WEDNESDAY, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Leader's Choice; wherever the colors are peak.** We'll meet in front of the closed Home Depot store, next to Hannaford's, on Putney Rd, Brattleboro, at 9:30am, for an all day outing to view fall foliage from the water, somewhere in the tri-state area. (See **BRING**)