

BRATTLEBORO OUTING CLUB/2023

BOC PADDLING PROGRAM, SCHEDULE & CONSIGNMENT SALE/SWAP

The 2023 Paddling Schedule features 15 trips on local reservoirs, lakes, ponds & rivers in, and around the Brattleboro area. The Northern most outing is North Hartland Lake, Hartland, VT (at the down-stream end of the Quechee Gorge). On the East is Spoonwood Pond, Hancock, NH (a place motorboats can't access). The Southernmost water is Tully Lake, Royalston, MA, and in the West is Somerset Reservoir, Northwest of Wilmington, VT. Lots going on in that big circle.

BOC trips are FREE, and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; just show up at the time & place noted, with a boat/board, and all the safety gear (and lunch) necessary for a day's outing. Life jackets (PFDs) are required. Please note the recommended gear list at www.BrattleboroOutingClub.org click on SUMMER PADDLING.

Descriptions of all 'flat water' trips can be found in the AMC Quiet Water books for VT/NH and MA/CT/RI; both 3rd Ed. River trips are shown on the CT River Paddlers' Trail Maps, 2nd Ed. Meeting locations provide a place to car & boat pool.

Although there is no BOC sponsored camping trip this year, camping is available at/near 7 of the our paddling locations: Spoonwood Pond, Tully Lake, Grafton Pond, Somerset Reservoir, and at/near, all 3 CT River locations. Paddlers wanting to include camping in their outing are advised to plan early. Reservations are required in most locations. CT River camping is first come, first served, and locations are identified on the CT River Paddlers' Trail Map, 2nd Ed.

The COMPLETE SCHEDULE is as follows: (all times are 'AM')

Apr 22nd, Saturday- EARTH DAY- CT River, Hinsdale Setbacks, NH...meet at 9:30, Walmart's parking lot (Rte 119), Hinsdale, NH (songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, beavers, turtles, picnic lunch on an island, etc)

Apr 23rd, Sunday- Same trip as the day before, and same meeting location & time.

May 17th, Wednesday- Tully Lake, East Branch Tully River & Long Pond, Royalston, MA...meet at 9, in the Walmart parking lot (Rte 119), Hinsdale, NH. If you're camping, or coming from the South, call (413) 824-6613 to coordinate link-up. We will enter Tully River, off of Hill Rd. (songbirds, waterfowl, beavers, turtles, etc)

May 20th, Saturday- CT River: Hoyt's Landing, down river, to Herrick's Cove, VT...meet at 8:30, South end of Hannaford's parking lot, Putney Rd, Brattleboro, VT. If coming from the North, meet at Hoyt's Landing, off Rt 12; Exit 7, I-91, at 9:15. This trip will be one-way, down stream, and will require spotting cars at the end, at Herrick's Cove. We'll visit coves, marshes, wetlands & at least one bald eagle's nest. (songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, beavers, etc)

Jun 7th, Wednesday- North Hartland Lake, Hartland, VT...meet at 8:30, South end of Hannaford's parking lot, Putney Rd, Brattleboro, VT. If coming from the North, meet at the North Hartland Lake boat ramp, adjacent to the swimming area, at 9:30. (songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, beavers, deer, beaches, etc)

Jun 11th, Sunday- Somerset Reservoir, Somerset, VT...meet at 8:30, Coffee House, Wilmington, VT (Jct of Rtes 9West & 100South), or at the CAR-TOP launch area, at the end of the access road. This is a large body of water, subject to strong wind, big waves & long distance paddling; NOT a trip for small boats. (songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, beavers, otter, moose, bear, beaches, etc)

Jun 21st, Wednesday- SUMMER SOLSTICE- Spoonwood Pond, Hancock & Nelson, NH...meet at 8:30, South end of Hannaford parking lot, Putney Rd, Brattleboro, VT (or at the boat ramp to Nubanusit Lake, on Kings Highway, off NH Rte 12, at 10). (songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, beavers, etc)

Jun 24th, Saturday- Harriman Reservoir, Sunrise Paddle & Potluck Breakfast, Wilmington, VT...meet at 5:30, Royal Diner, Marlboro Rd (Rte9), West Brattleboro, VT (or at the Coffee House, Wilmington (Jct of Rtes 9West & 100South) at 6). (songbirds, waterfowl, beavers, beaches & a quiet lake, etc)

Aug 13th, Sunday- Gale Meadows Pond, Winhall, VT...meet at 9, at the West River Provisions store (old Jamaica Country Store), Jamaica, VT on Rte 30. (songbirds, waterfowl, beavers and floating sphagnum islands, etc)

Aug 16th, Wednesday- CT River, Vernon Dam, VT, to Northfield, MA...meet at 8:30, in the Brattleboro High School parking lot, 131 Fairground Rd, off Canal St (Exit 1, I-91). This will be a one-way, down river trip, requiring car & boat pooling, and a car shuttle. (songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, beavers & beaches, etc)

Aug 30th, Wednesday- Harriman Reservoir, Center Section, Wilmington, VT...meet at 8:30, Coffee House, Wilmington, VT (Jct of Rtes 9West & 100South), or at the Great River Hydro, Ward's Cove Picnic Area, off Rte 100South (turn right, at the stables), at 9. This is a large body of water, subject to strong wind, big waves & motorboat wakes; NOT a trip for small boats. (songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, beavers & beaches, etc)

Sep 20th, Wednesday- Somerset Reservoir, Somerset, VT...meet at 8:30, Coffee House, Wilmington, VT (Jct of Rtes 9West & 100 South), or at the CAR-TOP launch

area, at the end of the access road, at 9:30. This is a large body of water, requiring long distance paddling & subject to strong wind and big waves; NOT a trip for small boats. (songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, beavers, otter, moose, bear, beaches, etc)

Sep 30th, Saturday- Grout Pond, Stratton, VT...meet at 9, Coffee House, Wilmington, VT (Jct of Rtes 9West & 100South), or 10, at the pond (off Rte 100North and Kelly Stand Rd/West Wardsboro-Arlington Road). (Fall foliage, waterfowl, raptors, beavers, etc)

Oct 1st, Sunday- Leader's Choice (wherever the colors are peak)...Meet at 9, south end Hannaford parking lot, Putney Rd, Brattleboro, VT. (Fall foliage, waterfowl, beavers, etc)

Oct 4th, Wednesday- Sunset Lake & South Pond, Marlboro, VT...meet at 9, Royal Diner, West Brattleboro, (Rte 9), VT. (Fall foliage, waterfowl, raptors, beavers, back roads, etc)

The Annual BOC CONSIGNMENT SALE & SWAP of small human & wind-powered watercraft will be held on Saturday, May 13th, from NOON to 2 pm. The location is yet to be decided.

Boats will be accepted on Friday, May 12th, from Noon to 2pm & 5pm -7pm. On Saturday, May 13th, boats will be accepted beginning at 8am, until 11:30am. The SWAP will be 11:30am – 12. The SALE starts at NOON.

This is a consignment sale to fund the BOC Summer Paddling Program. Boat owners set the price, and BOC Paddling receives 10% of the eventual selling price. When 2 or more prospective buyers want the same boat, an 'auction' will decide the eventual buyer.

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<https://brattleborooutingclub.org/spring-consignment-sale-swap/>