

# Kayak Weekend

June 9-11, 2017

**This year's paddle weekend will feature three different rivers and three different experiences. The Muskegon River paddle will be wide open, the Pere Marquette will offer narrow channels, a sandy bottom and marshlands, while the White River is shady with a few obstacles to avoid. This trip usually fills up quickly so do not delay in sending your deposit!**

**Friday, June 9**.....Our first excursion of the weekend will be on the Muskegon River. We will do the four hour stretch from Newago down to Bridgeton. The river is clear and deep, with high banks covered in hardwood forest. Nader's Motel in Ludington will be our accommodation. The motel is an hour's drive from Bridgeton.

**Saturday, June 10**.....The Pere Marquette River empties into Lake Michigan just south of Ludington. We will complete a section of the river which is close to here. (below Walhalla Road bridge) This stretch features various channels through extensive marshlands We will be on the river for about four hours. We'll lodge at Nader's Motel a second night.

**Sunday, June 11**.....On our way back to the nature center we will complete a stretch of the White River from the Sischo put-in to the Diamond Point take-out. This is a three-hour paddle featuring maple swamp and hardwood ravines. It is a maintained stretch of River, though maneuvering around some downed trees is part of the experience.

**Cost:** \$350.00/ person based on double occupancy. This includes:

- \*2 nights' lodging
- \*transportation
- \*2 lunches
- \*use of equipment if need be

**Deposit:** \$ 50.00 This deposit is non-refundable. We do prefer payment by check. Please make your check out to Sarett Nature Center, and mail to Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Rd., Benton Harbor MI 49022.

**Final Payment Due Date:** May 15

**Cancellation Policy:** Every attempt will be made to refund any recoverable costs if you must cancel.

**Meals:** The nature center will provide you with lunch food on Saturday and Sunday. You will need to bring lunch food for Friday and buy Breakfasts and Dinners in Ludington.

**Group size:** There will be room for fourteen paddlers and two leaders.

**Equipment:** The nature center can provide you with kayak, paddle, and floatation vest. You must let us know if you need any of these. Bring a dry bag to keep valuables dry (I do not recommend leaving money or credit cards in the vans.) and for storing a change of clothing. You will also want the dry bag or another container to



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store lunch food. Rain or tip overs will drench everything placed on the bottom of a kayak. Finally make sure to bring a refillable water bottle and some sunscreen.

**Responsibility:** Sarett Nature Center reserves the right, at their sole discretion, to make changes in the itinerary should that become necessary, and is not responsible to any person for expenses, loss of time, money, or happenings resulting from a change of tour scheduling. Sarett Nature Center reserves the right to accept, decline, or retain any person as a member of the tour, and is not responsible for any losses or damages of personal property, injuries, expenses, or damages incurred or claimed by any tour member.