

The
Haw River

Canoe & Kayak Co.

Reconnect with nature, have fun paddling.

THE HAW RIVER PADDLER

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“Rivers have what man most respects and longs for in his own life and thoughts - A capacity for renewal and replenishment, continual energy, creativity & cleansing.”

*John M. Kauffman
EPA Journal, May 1981*

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Our 2010 Website Edition is Up and Running

We are very pleased to announce that the 2010 edition of our website www.hawrivercanoe.com is up and running. In addition to making the rental trips page more informative, several new features have been either added or replaced. Our schedule is now displayed in a calendar format with the ability to list activities chronologically and see a brief activity description along with start and end times.

You will find very useful road maps that show put-ins and take-outs as well as “call up” driving directions to each river access. You also have the ability to superimpose onto the road maps satellite images showing the surrounding landscape. This feature will give you an idea of what each section of the river is like.

We have improved the online registration process. A form with pop-up menus will “walk” you through the process of registering for a course, guided trip or rental. You also will have the option of doing your registration online or sending information via “snail” mail or phone call.

What Is New for 2010?

Each year we try to add something new to our offerings based on what we have either heard from our guests or what they seem to enjoy. A new course and new rental and guided trips have been added to our 2010 schedule.

A new one-day course, “Day & Multi-day Trip Planning”, will be offered at the end of this month. It will help participants gain the knowledge they need to plan a one-day paddle trip in North Carolina or a multi-day paddle trip to far away places like Alaska. If you have wanted to create an adventure for you and others but were not quite sure how to go about it, this course is exactly what you need to get started.

So that you never get tired of paddling on the Haw River, we are now offering rental trips on the more upriver sections to go along with the rental trips we have always offered. You will now be able to rent a boat and paddle the entire river in Alamance County and a significant portion of the river in Chatham County. Water levels will dictate which river sections will be available throughout the paddling season.

Most of our new guided river trips feature great food, drink, friendship and adventure. We will continue to offer trips with Benjamin Vineyards & Winery, Grove Winery & Vineyard, Cherafay Caterer and Pittsboro General Store Café. Additional partners this year will be the Saxapahaw General Store and a new pub in Saxapahaw, The Eddy. A full listing of guided trips, can be found on the [Guided Trips](#) page of our website.

Follow Us on Our Calendar & Facebook

This monthly electronic newsletter has always been intended to keep you up-to-date on news about the Haw River to include festivals, conservation issues, progress being made on the creation of The Haw River Trail and recreational opportunities. We hope the newsletter has done that job and we will continue to send it to you as long as you wish.

There are two other means of keeping you up-to-date through the internet which are more current than a monthly newsletter. By bookmarking the [Schedule](#) page on our website, you can keep current as we add or delete upcoming activities and/or change activity times. Another way of keeping current is by becoming a fan of our [Facebook](#) page. Like the schedule, we will update Facebook as things change or we get current news.

Schedule of Courses & Trips – February & March

The [2010 Schedule](#) of all our guided paddle trips and paddling courses can be found under both the [Instruction](#) and [Guided Trips](#) headings on our website. **Don't forget, you can rent a canoe or kayak and do a self-guided trip.** We will update the HRCK schedule with [Rental Trips](#) as they are requested. A brief listing of scheduled activities for February & March follows:

February

27 **Trip Planning – Day & Multi-day Trips**

Full Moon Paddle

March

6 **Red Slide Park to Swepsonville River Park**

13 **Stargazing Float**

14 **Sunset Paddle**

20 **River Clean Up**

Paddle & Potluck

Canoe & Kayak Classes

Quick Start for Canoe (3 hours)

Quick Start for Kayak (3 hours)

Introduction to River Canoeing (8 hours)

Introduction to River Kayaking (8 hours)

20–21 **Introduction to Whitewater Canoeing (16 hours)**

Introduction to Sea Kayaking (16 hours)

21 **Picnic & Paddle**

27 **Full Moon Paddle**

27–28 **Spirit Island Campout**

28 **Swepsonville River Park to Saxapahaw Lake**

20th Annual Haw River Clean-Up-A-Thon

Join with other enthusiastic volunteers for the 20th Annual Haw River Assembly's Clean-Up-A-Thon on Saturday, March 20. Volunteers will work in teams at established sites near bridge crossings, shorelines, islands or other places trash piles up. Local businesses and individuals sponsor the teams by making a donation to the Haw River Assembly to protect the river year round.

Want to join (or start) a team or sponsor a team? Contact the Haw River Assembly at info@hawriver.org or call 919-542-5790.

We are proud to once again be a business sponsor of the annual Clean-Up-A-Thon and will focus our efforts on both Spirit Island and at our riverside location in Saxapahaw. Please give us a call 336-260-6465 or send us an e-mail message info@hawrivercanoe.com if you would like to help at one or both of these sites.

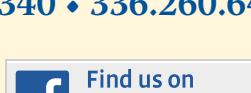
3rd Annual YEE HAW! River Paddle

The 3rd Annual YEE HAW! River Paddle will take place on April 10, 2010. A rain date is scheduled for April 24th. Paddlers with boats and paddling gear will paddle from the Glencoe paddle access to the Swepsonville River Park. Individuals and families without boats and paddling gear may rent them and paddle from the Red Slide Park access in the Town of Haw River to the Swepsonville River Park.

For more information and/or to register for the YEE HAW! River Paddle, please go to www.thehaw.org. By the way, The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company has been involved in organizing the YEE HAW! River Paddle since its inception as a way of supporting the creation and development of the Haw River Trail.

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