



The Haw River

Canoe & Kayak Co.

THE HAW RIVER PADDLER

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“And the thought that was born to me in the quietness of that adventure – that in the wilderness, in uneventful solitude, men for companionship must find themselves – has come to be for me the truth. Maybe the only truth I know.”

Rockwell Kent

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New Landing Dock Built for Puryear Portage at Swepsonville Dam

If you have paddled the Haw River from Swepsonville to Saxapahaw, you know what a muddy mess it can be after a high water event when you portage around the larger Swepsonville dam. A landing dock has been built by The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Co. to eliminate getting out of your boat in the mud.

Future plans at the Puryear portage include a launching dock on the downriver side of the dam and improvements to the boat slide over the dam wing-wall. The landowner has erected portage signs and wire indicating the path around the dam. Please respect his property rights and do not trespass.

Water Levels Continue to be Good for This Time of Year

Water levels continue to be good for this time of year. As the summer progresses, there will be sections of the Haw River that will be too shallow to paddle without running up on rocks in some places.

A good way to monitor water levels is to go to “Sites of Interest” on our website www.hawrivercanoe.com/links.htm. Click on the [River Levels at Haw River, N.C.](#) When the reading is below 2 feet, we do not provide canoes on several sections of the river, but may provide kayaks, depending on how low is the water.

Remember, we always have enough water from the Town of Swepsonville to the Village of Saxapahaw to provide both canoes and kayaks. Don't let low water levels discourage you from paddling. When the river is running low, it is a great time to see fish and turtles as you glide along.

Schedule of Courses & Trips – June & July

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.

June

- 5 Whitewater Paddle
- 6 Red Slide Park to Swepsonville River Park
- 12 Paddle Dinner – The Grove Vineyards & Winery
Stargazing Float
- 13 River Clean Up
Sunset Paddle
- 19 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 Paddle Brunch – Saxapahaw General Store
- 26 Triangle Land Conservancy Bird watching Paddle
Women's Evening Paddle – Benjamin Vineyards & Winery
Full Moon Paddle
- 27 Swepsonville River Park to Saxapahaw Lake

July

- 3 Paddle & Potluck
- 10 Paddle Dinner – Benjamin Vineyards & Winery
Stargazing Float
- 11 Sunset Paddle
- 17 Owl Prowl
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)
- 18 Picnic & Paddle
- 24 Full Moon Paddle
- 31 Swepsonville River Park to Saxapahaw Lake

Come Visit Us at “Saturdays in Saxapahaw”

The Village of Saxapahaw is becoming well known as the place to go late on Saturday afternoons to enjoy art, music, food, drink and an ole time sense of community. Known as “Saturdays in Saxapahaw”, activities get started with a Farmer's Market at 5:00 p.m. Live music is from 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. “Saturdays in Saxapahaw” will take place on each Saturday through the end of August.

The grassy hillside is the perfect place to throw down a blanket, just like in the old days. There are a lot of activities for young kids. The live music is phenomenal. Go to www.rivermillvillage.com for a list of who is playing each Saturday.

We have a small display at each “Saturdays in Saxapahaw”. Come by and see us. We have free maps to give away, and besides, we love talking about the Haw River and paddling.

Sale of T-shirts & Caps to Benefit Haw River Assembly

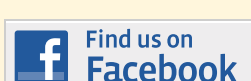
As you have probably guessed by now either through paddling with us or reading about us, we are committed to the conservation of the Haw River. We want to demonstrate that what is good for conservation is good business.

For several years, folks asked us if we had either T-shirts or caps for sale, something with which to remember their Haw River paddling experience. Two years ago, we started offering T-shirts. We now have caps.

The difference between what it costs us to produce the T-shirts and caps and what they sell for goes to the Haw River Assembly, a local conservation organization who's mission it is to protect the Haw River and Jordan Lake.

Reconnect with nature, have fun paddling.

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