



# The Haw River

Canoe & Kayak Co.

## THE HAW RIVER PADDLER

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*"Time is but the stream I go fishing in. I drink at it; but while I drink I see the sandy bottom and detect how shallow it is. Its thin current slides away, but eternity remains. I would drink deeper; fish in the sky, whose bottom is pebbly with stars."*

Henry David Thoreau

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### Haw River Festival – April 30, May 1 & 2 in Saxapahaw

The Haw River Festival is in its 21st year of providing exceptional local music, environmental education activities, local art, and unique children's activities. This event is one of the triangle region's premier outdoor spring environmental festivals and this year will be held in the charming village of Saxapahaw, a one of a kind, mill village on the edge of the mighty Haw River! Please join us on the first weekend in May to celebrate the presence of spring, the kindheartedness of the community and the river we treasure so much!

#### Festival Schedule:

**April 30 - 6:30pm to 9:30pm - Haw River Film Festival** with a fabulous dinner by the Saxapahaw General Store. Film schedule and more info available online at [www.hawriver.org](http://www.hawriver.org) and [www.RivermillVillage.com](http://www.RivermillVillage.com). Suggested donation \$15.

**May 1 - all day - Saxapahaw Open House**, tours of new mill construction

**10 am - Poker Paddle** with The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Co. email:[info@hawrivercanoe.com](mailto:info@hawrivercanoe.com) or call 336-260-6465 to reserve a spot.

**1-8 pm - Haw River Festival** - river fun, kid's activities & guided canoe rides, nature walks, rain garden plant sale, river monitoring, kayak raffle, farmer's market, craft sales, live art auction and much more!

**Live Music** - Saludos Company, Mosadi Music, John Howie, Django Haskins, Jimmy Magoo, Louise Kessel, D-Town Brass Band, Cynthia Crossen & Festival Jam

**8 pm - Dance Party** at the Paperhand Puppet Studio

**May 2 - 8 am - Peddle & Paddle** with The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Co. email:[info@hawrivercanoe.com](mailto:info@hawrivercanoe.com) or call 336-260-6465 to reserve a spot.

**11 am - History of the Haw River brunch & lecture** with Mayor of Carrboro, Mark Chilton at River Landing Inn. Suggested donation: \$15.

### Access Sites at Gerringer Mill & Saxapahaw

Two paddle access sites in Alamance County will open to the public this year. The first site opened will be at the 195-acre Gerringer Mill river park in northern Alamance County. Steel steps down to the river and a parking lot have already been constructed. A metal gate with the Haw River Trail logo has also been erected. Hiking trails are also underway along with a canoe-in campground.

A river park is also in the process of being built in Saxapahaw right by our office. The old tennis court next to the Saxapahaw Community Center is currently being turned into a parking lot. Construction of steps to the river will be following some time this summer.

Lawrence Petersen of The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Co. has cleared a trail along the river that will offer a safer access to Saxapahaw Lake than walking along the road as everyone does now.

### Schedule of Courses & Trips – May & June

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.

#### May

- 1 Whitewater Paddle
- Haw River Festival – Poker Paddle
- 2 Red Slide Park to Swepsonville River Park
- Haw River Festival – Pedal & Paddle
- 8 Paddle Dinner – Pittsboro General Store Café
- 9 Sunset Paddle
- 15 Stargazing Float
- 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)
- 15&16 Introduction to Whitewater Canoeing (16 hours)
- Introduction to Sea Kayaking (16 hours)
- 16 Picnic & Paddle
- 22 Paddle Dinner – Benjamin Vineyards & Winery
- 22&23 Spirit Island Campout
- 28 Full Moon Paddle
- 30 Swepsonville River Park to Saxapahaw Lake

#### 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

### Jordan Lake Clean-Up

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, NC Big Sweep, NC Department of Transportation's Stormwater Program, the Haw River Assembly and Clean Jordan Lake invite you to help clean up Jordan Lake on Saturday, May 8th. from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Volunteers will meet at the Jordan Dam Visitor Assistance Center and concentrate on picking up trash in the area around the dam and/or boat ramps. Supplies will be provided.

Anyone under the age of 18 will need a letter of permission signed by a parent. Everyone participating should consider wearing long pants, a long sleeve shirt and a hat and bringing bug repellent.

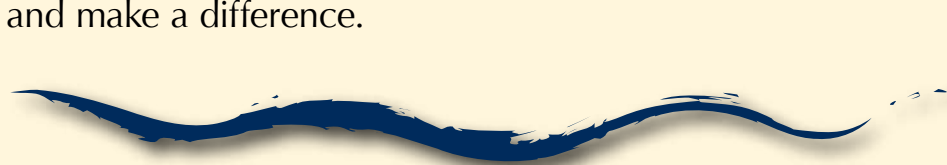
For more details you may either call Thomas Colson at 919-630-2569 or Fran DiGiano at 919-542-0829 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/HelpCleanJordanLake>.

### Great results from Annual March Clean-Up-A-Thon

Wow, what an effort it was! What a show of love and gratitude for the river! Thirty-four teams of volunteers, 209 volunteers in all, spent a beautiful Saturday in March cleaning up the Haw River, Jordan Lake and their tributaries. Without all of the teams reporting, we know that at least 590 bags of trash and 73 tires were removed.

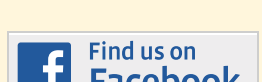
The most common item found was plastic soda bottles. Surely there is a better use of the energy needed to make throw away plastic bottles than to have them end up in the river or lake. We are such a wasteful society. A North Carolina Bottle Bill could help change that.

Speaking of gratitude, special thanks must be given to the Haw River Assembly for organizing the annual watershed clean up that has been going on each March for 20 years. Next March, give us a hand for a couple of hours on a Saturday and make a difference.



**Reconnect with nature, have fun paddling.**

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