

The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company

PADDLE DINNER – BREWERY STYLE

Description of the Event:

For years, whitewater-paddling enthusiasts have known about the wonderful recreational opportunities associated with the Haw River in Chatham County. What most folks don't realize is that the river upstream of the dam at Highway 15-501 in Bynum is ideally suited for beginning paddlers or experienced folks who just want a leisurely paddle. Upstream of the put-in, the river on both banks is part of the Lower Haw River State Natural Area. The area includes numerous islands that make a nice hideout for birds and wildlife and an even greater escape for over-worked, stressed humans.

Want to have some fun, perhaps pick up a new skill and enjoy meeting new friends? What better way to top off a relaxing afternoon in nature than to share a wonderful meal with fellow paddlers? Modeled after our unique partnership with Haw River Trail vineyards and wineries, we have partnered with the Carolina Brewery in Pittsboro, NC to offer a similar experience. If you think you would like to meet new paddling friends, break bread together and enjoy a few beers, this is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon and evening.

Logistics:

We will meet at 2:30 p.m. in the Highway 15-501 parking lot on the north side of the bridge crossing the Haw River in Chatham County. Our 3-hour, river trip will end in time to enjoy a casual tour of the Carolina Brewery in Pittsboro, NC followed by a five-course dinner with various beers to sample.

What We Provide:

For the river trip, a canoe or kayak, PFD, paddle and at least one experienced guide/naturalist are provided. A tour of the brewery followed by a five-course dinner with various beers is also provided.

Your Responsibility:

Guests are responsible for transportation to and from the meeting place, light weight rain gear, foot wear that can get dirty and/or wet, water bottle, appropriate clothing for the season, hat and sunscreen. A camera and binoculars are recommended, but optional.

Trip Fee & Reservations:

The fee for the river trip and dinner with beer sampling is \$75.00 per person. If you bring a canoe or kayak, the trip fee is \$70.00 per person. You must be registered and paid in full before being allowed to go on the trip. You will be required to read and sign a liability waiver and pay attention to the safety briefing presented before the trip begins.

To register, please call 336/260-6465. When your registration has been confirmed, send payment to The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company, P.O. Box 22, Saxapahaw, NC 27340. Registrations are filled on a first come, first serve basis when payment is received.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made more than 30 days in advance will receive a full refund less a 15% administration fee. Cancellations made less than 30 days but more than 10 days prior to the trip start date, will not receive a refund – but 50% of the fee may be credited toward a future course or trip, to be used within 1 yr. Cancellations made less than 10 days prior to departure, or "no shows", will receive no refund or credit.

If The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company cancels the trip, participants are eligible for a full refund, but in no way shall The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company's liability exceed the cost of the trip, and The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company is not liable for extra expenses incurred in preparation for the trip. Trips are sold as a package, and credits are not given for services not used.

Dollar-A-Day for Conservation

All of the courses and trips offered by The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company are intended to raise public awareness to the need to protect our environment. We hope you will consider contributing one dollar per day to support the work of the Haw River Assembly, a local conservation group whose mission it is to protect the river, its tributaries and Jordan Lake. Simply add one dollar per day to The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company trip fee. We will make sure that your contribution gets to the Haw River Assembly.

Before and after your trip, we will have Haw River Assembly membership brochures available should you be interested in joining the organization.