

The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company

PADDLE DINNER

Description of the Area:

Known for its importance as a refuge for animals and plants and for the well being of humans that are nature deprived, the Haw River Valley is also an important agricultural region in the Piedmont of North Carolina. In recent years, the growing of grapes has begun taking the place of tobacco as a crop. The unique soils and climate of the Valley are proving to be a world-class region for growing grapes. A number of award winning artisan wineries and vineyards are located near the Haw River.

Recognizing the health benefits of red wine and getting outdoors on the river, The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company has partnered with several of the Haw River Valley wineries to offer a unique experience; a “Paddle Dinner. The river trip, enjoyed by paddlers of all skill levels, is a 2-3 hour scenic canoe and/or kayak trip with a naturalist. Immediately after the trip ends, guests get a tour of a winery before sitting down to a luxuriant five-course catered dinner with wine pairings.

Logistics:

We will meet at 2:30 p.m. Before the paddle trip begins, we will shuttle vehicles so that at the end of the trip we have a way of getting to the winery as soon as possible. The river trip will end in time to enjoy a casual winery tour followed by the catered dinner.

What is Provided:

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

Your Responsibility:

Guests are responsible for transportation to and from the meeting place, help with running the shuttle, 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 catered dinner with wine pairings 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 course, we will have Haw River Assembly membership brochures available should you be interested in joining the organization.