

The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company

FLY FISHING PADDLE HAW RIVER MAINSTEM, TRIBUTARIES & SAXAPAHAW LAKE

Trip Description:

The Haw River is a delight for anyone who enjoys fishing because of the diversity of fish habitat and the variety of fish species to be caught. There are many river sections that provide opportunities to fish from the bank. A few stretches have little to no fishing pressure. The 4 ½- mile stretch of the Haw River from the Town of Swepsonville, NC to the Town of Saxapahaw, NC has no riverbank or powerboat access. It does; however, have many types of water to test your fishing skills. Slow main channel water with submerged and overhanging trees, clear water tributaries, dead-end sloughs and open lake water exist in this stretch of river. A boulder garden just upstream of the launch site is an additional habitat to fish before paddling downstream to find other fishing spots.

Whether the fishing is slow or not, the paddler will enjoy the floodplain forests of sycamore, birch, sugarberry, box elder, willow and ash trees bordered by high rocky bluffs in some areas that are characterized by beech, oak, pine and hickory trees along with cane and mountain laurel under the forest canopy. Birds and wildlife abound. In addition to great blue herons, Canada geese, cormorants, muskrats, beaver, deer and turtles, ospreys, red-tail hawks and belted kingfishers are often seen. It is not unusual to also see bald eagles fishing in the downstream river reaches.

Logistics:

This 5 ½-hour trip will begin when participants meet at 6:30 a.m. at The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company office in Saxapahaw, NC. From there, guests will be transported to their launch site. Basic instruction will be offered to those with little or no previous paddling experience. The trip will conclude by 12:00 p.m. Total actual paddling time is approximately 2 ½ hours, leaving 3 hours to fish. Guests are free to fish where and when they want; however, they need to reach the take-out by noon. **Please note** that this is catch and release fishing, only. Also, **please respect private property**.

What We Provide:

A canoe or kayak, PFD (Personal Floatation Device) and paddle are provided. We transport guests to the launch site and pick them up at the end of the fishing trip.

Your Responsibility:

Guests are responsible for transportation to and from our meeting location, foot wear & clothing that can get dirty and/or wet, dry clothes to leave in their vehicle, appropriate clothing for the season, hat, insect repellent, water bottle and snacks. Guests are also responsible for all of their fishing gear and a current fishing license. A camera and binoculars are recommended, but optional.

Please remember that **this fishing trip is catch and release**. It is recommended that fly fishing gear be used; however, spinning gear is adequate.

Trip Fee & Reservations:

The trip fee is \$50.00 per single kayak or \$55.00 per canoe or double kayak. If guests bring a canoe or kayak, the trip fee is \$20 per person. Guests must be registered and paid in full before being allowed to go on the trip. They 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 activity, we will have Haw River Assembly membership brochures available should you be interested in joining the organization.