

The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company

INTRODUCTORY PADDLE TOWN OF HAW RIVER TO HIGHWAY 54 ACCESS IN GRAHAM

Description of the Area:

The first 50 yards of this trip can be a little challenging since it is necessary to maneuver through a rocky area and past some bridge footings. Our guide(s) will assist you in successfully negotiating this initial difficulty. Then, the river flows unobstructed, occasionally passing over gentle riffles, as it makes its way through a canopy of trees. It is very easy to watch fish and turtles as they swim along since the river is normally rather shallow. Great blue herons and belted kingfishers are commonly seen along with a variety of flowering plants and typical river bank trees such as sycamore, birch, ash, sugarberry, box elder and willow.

Many stretches of the Haw River are not well suited for beginning paddlers, especially when accompanied by small children. The stretch of river from the historic Town of Haw River to the Highway 54 river access in the southeast corner of Graham, NC is well suited for those without much experience or for those who do not have the time to take a longer trip.

Logistics:

We will meet at the put-in at the Highway 54 river access in Graham, NC at 1:00 p.m. From there, participants will be driven upstream to the put-in at the Town of Haw River. Although this trip can be paddled in less than 1.5 hours, participants are encouraged to take their time and enjoy the natural surroundings.

What is Provided:

A canoe, PFD, paddle and at least one experienced guide/naturalist are 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 trip fee is \$25.00 per person. If you bring a canoe or kayak, the trip fee is \$20 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.