

The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company

OWL PROWL BIG ALAMANCE CREEK & GLENCOE LAKE, NC

Description of the Float:

Big Alamance Creek upstream of its confluence with the Haw River and the river itself upstream of the dam at the old textile mill at Glencoe, NC are great places to search for and watch birds and wildlife, especially in the early evening hours. Both waterways are heavily forested along the shoreline creating ideal habitat for barred owls, one of the largest of owls.

At night, the woods next to waterways become alive with those creatures that are most active in the dark. That is the time when barred owls are easiest to locate. It isn't always easy to see them at night, but it is very easy to hear them as they call to each other. Male and female barred owls have different and distinctive calls, so it is easy to identify them, even when you can't see them. Their loud, sometimes hysterical sounding hoots along with the slapping of beaver tails make paddling at night an uncommon adventure.

Logistics:

Owl Prowls are held on either Big Alamance Creek upstream of its confluence with the Haw River or the river itself upstream of the dam at the old textile mill at Glencoe, NC. Participants must arrive at our meeting location by 6:00 p.m. if they want canoe instruction. The trip will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 10:00 p.m.

What We Provide:

A canoe or kayak, PFD (Personal Floatation Device), paddle and at least one experienced guide/naturalist are provided.

Your Responsibility:

Guests are responsible for transportation to and from our meeting location, foot wear that can get dirty and/or wet, dry clothes to leave in your vehicle, appropriate clothing for the season, hat, insect repellent and water bottle. A camera and binoculars are recommended for the start of the trip, but optional. A flashlight is useful at the end of the trip.

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 activity, we will have Haw River Assembly membership brochures available should you be interested in joining the organization.