For all of our Paddling Programs... Bring water and sunscreen! Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet and fully secure to your feet. Go B4 U Go: Be aware there are no restroom facilities along Nippersink Creek.

Paddling Adventures

Lunch and Learn Kayak Trip

Ages 14+
Saturday, June 8, 11:30 am–4:30 pm
Nippersink Canoe Trail, Keystone Rd. Landing, Richmond
Fee: R $30.00/NR $38.00 Code: 6113

Join us for a catered picnic lunch and learn all about the lives of the various mussel species that inhabit the Nippersink Creek. After lunch explore the creek by kayak. The kayak portion of this trip is self-guided. Participants must have the physical ability to paddle for seven miles and the skills to navigate the meandering course. The trip ends at Pioneer Landing where staff meet you to pick up your kayak and answer questions you may have about what you saw on your journey. All kayaking equipment is provided. Kayaks are singles only.

Canoe Trip

Adults & Families, Ages 5+
Saturday, July 27, 9:00 am–3:00 pm
Nippersink Canoe Trail, Keystone Rd. Landing, Richmond
Fee: R $15.00/NR $20.00 Code: 6119

Spend a day in the wilds of McHenry County as we paddle seven miles of Nippersink Creek completely within the undeveloped areas of Glacial Park. Meet at Keystone Landing to learn basic paddling techniques, canoe safety, and river canoeing. The trip includes a stop for a primitive picnic so bring a sack lunch and plenty of water to drink. NOTE: Children ages 5 and 6 may attend but must sit in the middle of the canoe.

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Trip 1
Sunday, June 30, 9:00 am–3:00 pm
Keystone Rd. Landing, Richmond
Fee: R $15.00/NR $20.00
Single Kayak (Ages 8+) Code: 6127
Tandem Kayak (Ages 5+) Code: 6123

Trip 2
Saturday, July 6, 9:00 am–3:00 pm
Keystone Rd. Landing, Richmond
Fee: R $15.00/NR $20.00
Single Kayak (Ages 8+) Code: 6126
Tandem Kayak (Ages 5+) Code: 6129

Stand Up Paddle Board

Lake Atwood, The Hollows, Crystal Lake

L.L. Bean’s paddle boarding starter course is an excellent opportunity to learn the basic strokes and skills you’ll need for maneuvering a paddle board, allowing you to explore scenic lakes, coves and inlets. All equipment is provided.

Age 8+ (14 and under with parent or guardian)

L.L. Bean Outdoor Discovery Schools

$25 – Registration conducted through L.L. Bean Outdoor Discovery Schools Adventure. llbean.com/southbarrington, Questions? Call 1-888-552-3261

Youth 13 & under must be accompanied by an adult, except Just for Kids programs. Register at MCCDistrict.org.