



Save the Date

Nottawasaga River and Wasaga Beach Tour

Saturday August 18, 2018

Dip your oar into the historical waters of the Nottawasaga River, where warriors, voyageurs, missionaries, soldiers, and explorers once traveled.

*This 30 km day trip is open to all experienced rowers. The trip starts at Edenvale and ends at Wasaga Beach with a lunch stop at Wasaga Beach Sports Park. **Register now on Regatta Central.***

Beginning at Edenvale Conservation Area this section of the Nottawasaga River navigates through dense forests, silver maple swamps and open meadows teeming with wildlife. Before launching your vessel, discover a monument at Glengarry Landing, a National Historic Site, where a flotilla of 29 batteaux was built in a desperate expedition to relieve the British troops at Fort Michilimackinac during the War of 1812. Downstream of Edenvale, the river cuts through the 25 meter deep gorge of the Edenvale Moraine, and flows into Jacks Lake, part of an ancient lagoon passing under the Klondike Park Road Bridge, the Wasaga Beach Sports Park launch and our lunch stop is on the right. The section downstream of the park is home to the largest group of parabolic sand dunes in the entire province, this section of the River meanders along sandy shores, where you can get lost in the beauty of the crest shaped sand sculpted by glaciers and rimmed with dense vegetation. Just beyond the Park there is a series of rapids that are easy to chute through no matter what your skill level, but add a sense of adventure to the journey. The river twists and turns through provincial park lands and fragile habitats, offering majestic views of the iconic Oxbow Dune, home to Bank Swallows and their tiny nests. Downriver expect to receive encouraging waves from the cottagers on shore and as you approach Schooner Town, the historical winter quarters of the Royal Navy of 1812. Then look to your port side as we pass Nancy Island, the final resting place of HMS Nancy, destroyed during a battle with American Schooners in 1814. Finally, prepare to come ashore at Beach Area one, the start of the longest freshwater beach in the world .