

# LAKE METROPARKS

## Grand River Canoe & Kayak Race



**Saturday, April 22, 2017**  
**Boats depart 9 to 10 am**

Race begins at Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark and ends at Hidden Valley Park in Madison. Race course is 8.5 miles.

### CANOE & KAYAK RACE ENTRY FEE

\$13.81 per person pre-registered (by 4:30 pm, April 20)

\$20 per person same day (Registration 7:30 am)

**Save when you register by April 20!**

T-shirts are not guaranteed for registrations received after April 10.

For more information, contact Brian Davidson at 440-256-2118 x4110 or [bdavidson@lakemetroparks.com](mailto:bdavidson@lakemetroparks.com).

**MADDEST HAT CONTEST** Are you mad? (All racers qualify!) Design a hat (or some sort of river-worthy headgear) and wear it April 22. The "maddest hat" wins a prize! The more creative, the better—just go crazy! Hats must be worn during the race and fit under bridges (clearance approx. 140 ft.).

**For race day conditions and information, call the SPORTS HOTLINE: 440-256-2118 x4178**

- NO PRO OR ICF BOATS.
- AGES 10 & OLDER, YOUNGER THAN 18 WITH AN ADULT.
- NO RIDERS NOT PADDLING IN RACE. MAXIMUM TWO PEOPLE PER BOAT.
- PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS MANDATORY.
- Shuttle provided to and from start to finish lines; runs 7:30 am to 2:30 pm (or race completion). Racers only—no transportation for boats.
- The race begins at Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark and finishes at Hidden Valley Park.
- Parking is available on the north and south sides of Harpersfield Dam.
- Contestants leave in one-minute intervals.  
The first boats depart at 9 am. Last boats depart by 10 am.
- All canoes and kayaks start approximately 10 yards from shore, with participants outside their boats. No in-water start for kayaks this year.
- All participants finish by securing their boats onshore and ringing the bell located at the picnic pavilion at Hidden Valley Park.
- Life jackets must be worn at all times or racer will be disqualified. No inflatable life jackets. No Type II life jackets.

- In each closed boat, the boater is required to have sufficient flotation.
- ODNR Watercraft Division may inspect boats, equipment and registrations.
- All canoes and kayaks must be properly registered with the state of Ohio. For more information, call ODNR Watercraft Division at 440-964-0518.
- All racers not finishing the race on race day must report to the safety director, Seth Begeman, as soon as possible at the finish pavilion or call 440-781-7826.
- In the event of bad weather, high water, etc., Lake Metroparks reserves the right to cancel, postpone or alter the race for the safety of all racers and spectators.
- To register online, visit [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com) and click on the race link. Registration cutoff is 4:30 pm on Thursday, April 20.
- Second runs not permitted.
- Results will be posted within one week of completion of race.
- Grand River Canoe Livery 440-813-0413, 800-ME-CANOE
- Raccoon Run Livery 440-990-0420 [canoeraccoonrun.com](http://canoeraccoonrun.com)
- Map available at [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com)
- Race directors reserve the right to combine or eliminate classes.

### NOVICE CANOE

- Novice A (combined age of 65 or younger)
- Novice B (combined age of 66 & older)

Novice classes are open to aluminum and plastic canoes. Novice racers are individuals who have never placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any race longer than five miles.

### PLEASURE CANOE

- Pleasure (all canoes, non-racing type)
- Over & Under (one participant is age 15 or younger, the other participant is at least 18 years older than the first.)
- Coed
- Master (age 40 and older; 10 second handicap will be deducted for every year over 40)

### KAYAK CLASSES

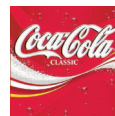
- Women's Solo Kayak (all kayaks):  
Ages 29 & younger    Ages 40 to 49    Ages 60 & older  
Ages 30 to 39    Ages 50 to 59
- Men's Down River Kayak longer than 14 ft.:  
Ages 34 & younger    Ages 35 & older
- Men's Kayak 14 ft. & shorter:  
Ages 29 & younger    Ages 40 to 49    Ages 60 & older  
Ages 30 to 39    Ages 50 to 59
- Double Kayak (All)
- Non-conforming class  
(Race for time only, no awards)

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