

LAKE METROPARKS

Madhatters Canoe & Kayak Race



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MADDEST HAT CONTEST

Are you mad? (All racers qualify!) Design a hat (or some sort of river-worthy headgear) and wear it April 25. 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

Registration ends at 11:59 pm on Sunday, April 19.

- 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.
- Life jackets must be worn at all times or racer will be disqualified. No inflatable life jackets. No Type II life jackets.
- All canoes and kayaks must be registered with the state of Ohio as ODNR Parks & Watercraft may inspect boats.
- Out of state craft visiting Ohio: provide proof of residency and registration as required in your home state.

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)

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Saturday, April 25, 2026
Boats depart 9 to 10 am
NO SAME-DAY REGISTRATION

NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER SUNDAY, APRIL 19 at 11:59 pm

Race begins at Ashtabula County Metroparks' Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark and ends at Lake Metroparks' Hidden Valley Park in Madison. Race course is 8.5 miles.

CANOE & KAYAK RACE ENTRY FEE

\$25/person (*service fee applies*)

ON-LINE REGISTRATION ONLY. VISIT LAKEMETROPARKS.COM AND CLICK ON THE RACE LINK.

Packet pickup available on Friday, April 24, 3 to 7 pm in the Environmental Learning Center at Jordan Creek Park, 7250 Alexander Rd., Concord Twp. 44077. Race day packet pickup also available at Harpersfield Covered Bridge beginning at 7:30 am.

For more information, contact Brian Davidson at 440-256-2118 x4110 or bdavidson@lakemetroparks.com.

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- Lake Metroparks reserves the right to cancel, postpone or alter the race for the safety of all racers and spectators.
- Grand River Canoe Livery: 440-813-0413 & 800-ME-CANOE, Raccoon Run Livery: 440-990-0420
- Race directors reserve the right to combine or eliminate classes.
- 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.
- Awards will be made available for pick up at the Lake Metroparks Environmental Learning Center starting Monday, April 27. First, second and third in each category will be awarded.

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)

Official Race Timer



Race results posted at:
GCXCRacing.com