

# LAKE METROPARKS

## Madhatters Canoe & Kayak Race



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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](http://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](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 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)

- 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)



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Official Race Timer



Race results posted at:  
[GCXCRacing.com](http://GCXCRacing.com)

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