

Join the HCKC on this “never before offered” Wisconsin River Trip

Wisconsin River Trip 2022 with 3 paddling days including 1 day paddling through the Dells. Optional hiking/touring (see below). Sections of this trip were paddled by the Cincy Paddlers in 2018.

Trip Sponsors: Suzy McCain & Mariann Davis (co-organizers of on-water & off-water activities).

Dates: Arrive: **Thursday, June 9th, 2022; Depart: Tuesday, June 14** (or choose desired participation).

Trip Level: Level 2-3: Kayak/Touring (Boat length: 14' and above)

Click here: [skill level outlined on page bottom](#) under Trip Level Guide; Paddling distances and possible choppy water through the narrows fall into a Level 3 trip. Paddling this area will be determined by the CFS on the Muscoda gage.

Trip Description: Limited: To 12 Paddlers. Although Wisconsin Dells could seem like a cliché from our childhood, the beauty of the area and its rivers are not diminished by its popularity. We will paddle an estimated 36 miles of this 420 mile river, 7 of those miles through the scenic rock-faced Dells and Narrows. Cliffs, rock shelves, and huge standing rocks dot this scenic corridor. The next paddling day which begins at the lower Dells will eventually reveal Rocky and forested islands, sandy beaches and some narrow channels for exploration. All paddling days will enjoy beautiful sites and scenery with stops on the many sandy beaches for lunch. On our hiking day, Devil's Lake offers spectacular hikes away from the crowded tourist areas around the water (see Day 3 below). Of course, individual options are also possible on this day.



Camping: Rocky Arbor State Park,

click: [Rocky Arbor SP](#) (6 sites purchased in advance; 3 non-electric). The electric sites can add a tent & the non-electric sites can have multiple tents. (see *availability below*) Recommend purchasing a **Wisconsin state pass,**



\$38; Daily admission for non residents is \$11. More on the

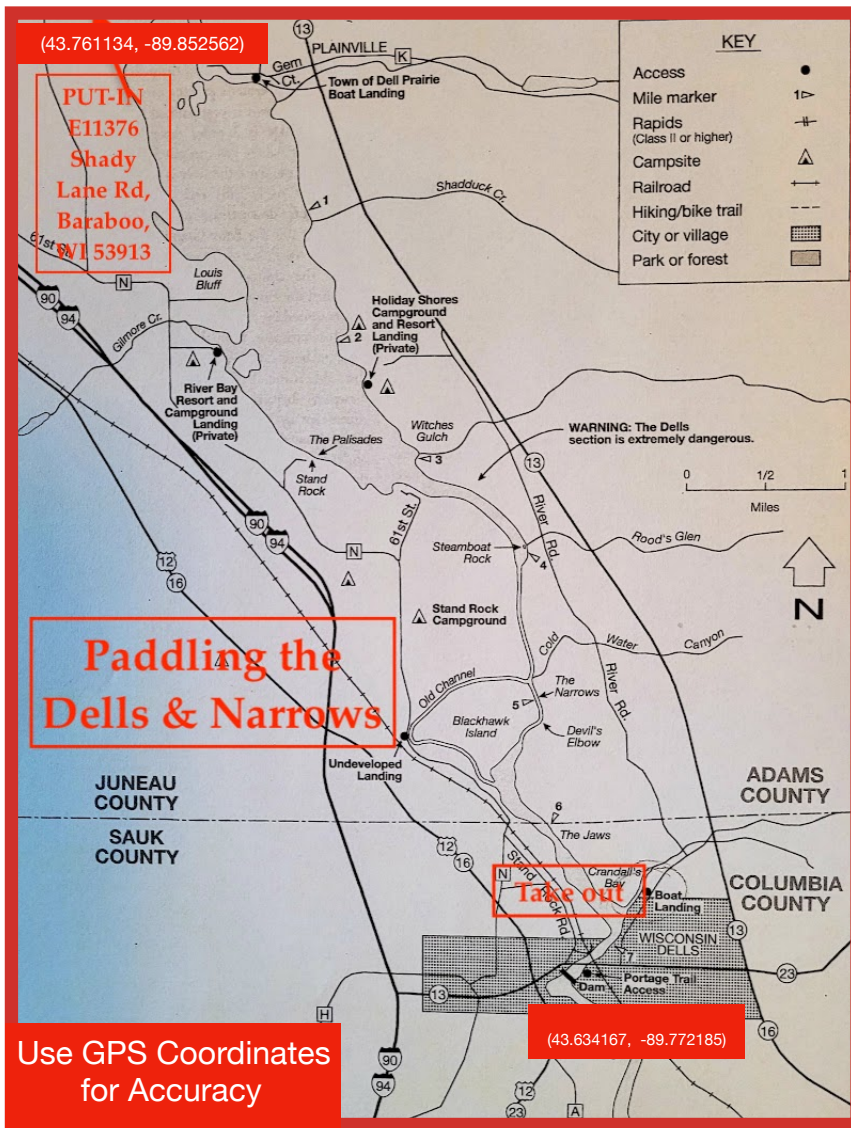
Pass: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/admission>.

Directions from Indianapolis: Click here: [To Rocky Arbor state park from Indy](#) . Travel time: 6 hours.

Trip Itinerary:

CFS through the narrows
>15K CFS = bad; < 10K = Great;
< 5K CFS = Best (Muscoda gage)

canoe rentals for CFS verification
608-253-6181

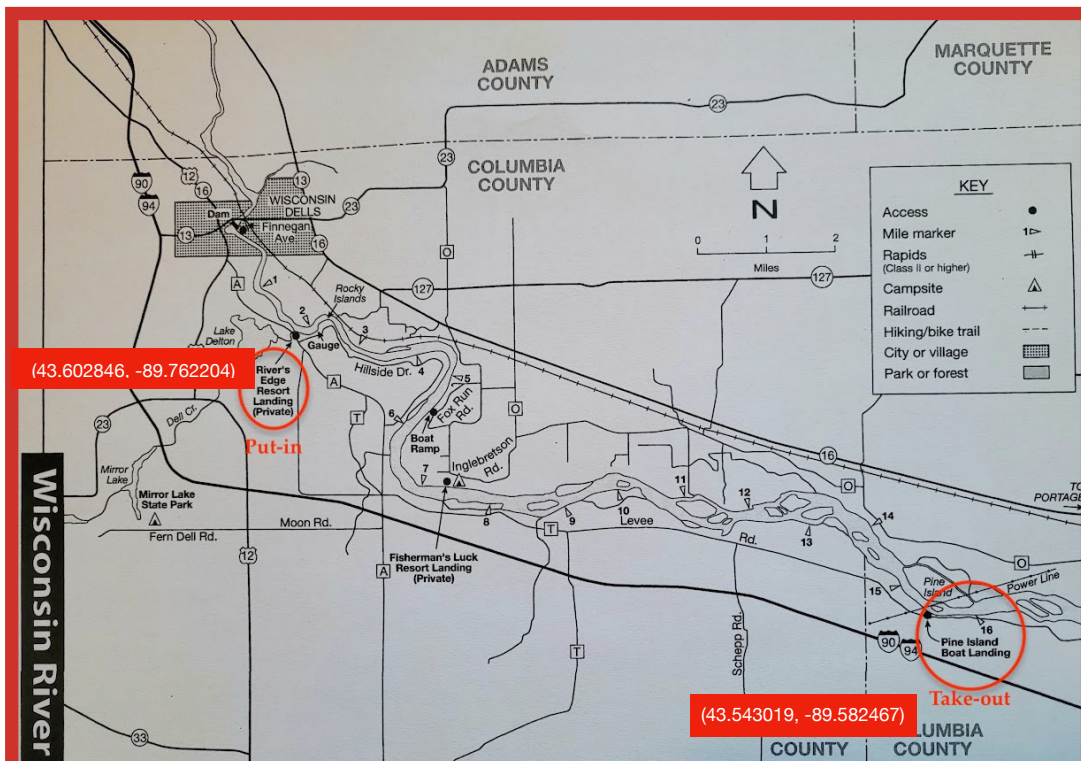


**Day 1 Paddling: Friday
June 10, 2022**—(paddle this section—through the Narrows—on a weekday to avoid motorized boat traffic).

Distance: 12 miles from the Wisconsin River trail ramp. Includes 4 miles through the Narrows.

Put-IN: E11376 Shady Lane Rd. Baraboo WI 53913 (43.761134, -89.852562)
Take-Out: Crandall's Landing, Downtown WI Dells (on Indiana Ave); (43.634167, -89.772185). Street parking

Day 2 Paddling: Saturday June 11, 2022



Distance:13 miles

Put-IN: Newport Park ramp (river's edge resort): 70 CO Road A, WI Dells
(43.602846, -89.762204).

Take-Out: WI River ramp, off Levee Rd. Just west of Starz Rd. Across Pine Island
(43.543019, -89.582467)

Day 3: Sunday June 12: Hiking @ Devil's lake [Devil's Lake SP](#) or touring on your own.
[Devil's lake hiking map](#) (click on links).

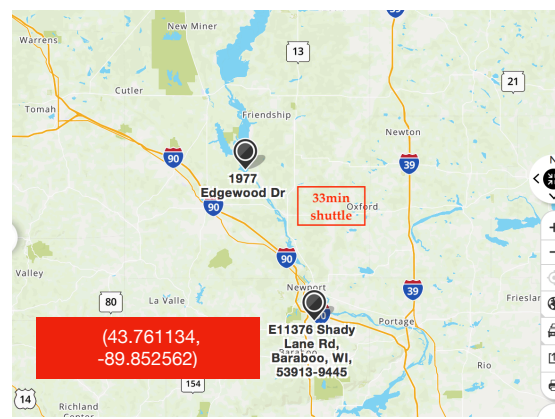
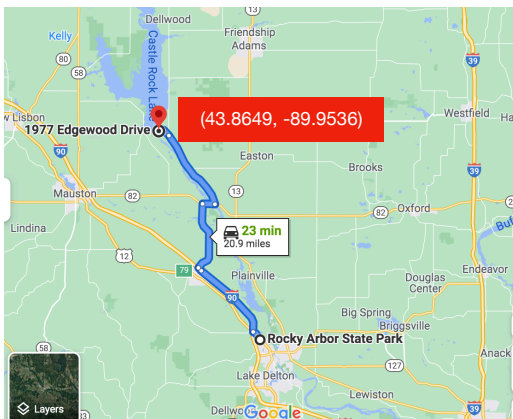


Day 4: Monday June 13: (3rd Paddling day)

Distance: TBD... but probably 10+

Put-In: [Castle Rock dam Bait shop] 1977 Edgewood Dr., Friendship Wi 53934
(43.8649, -89.9536) **for directions, use address only or GPS—\$3 Launch fee. (21 min TO PUT IN & 33 min Shuttle)**

Take out: E11376 Shady Lane Rd. Baraboo Wis 53913 (43.761134, -89.852562)



Important:

- All **shuttles** will begin caravanning from the Campground—Time to be determined
- **Meet up** on the night before each trip @ the trip leader's campsite
- **Paddling Gear to bring on each paddling day:** PFD, Paddle & spare paddle, bilge pump, sponge, spray skirt, dry bag with change of clothes, lunch, drinking water, sun screen, bug spray, ID, money, car keys (there will be a shuttles).
- **Campsites** that are available with a few non electric sites already reserved: please choose whether you would like a shared electric tent site or non electric tent site (Contact Mariann @ marianndvs@gmail.com with your choice).

Non-electric sites--#31, #33, #46 (2 tents on a campsite)

Electric sites to share—(accommodates 1 tent each): #34, #47 (Possibly #32 if needed)

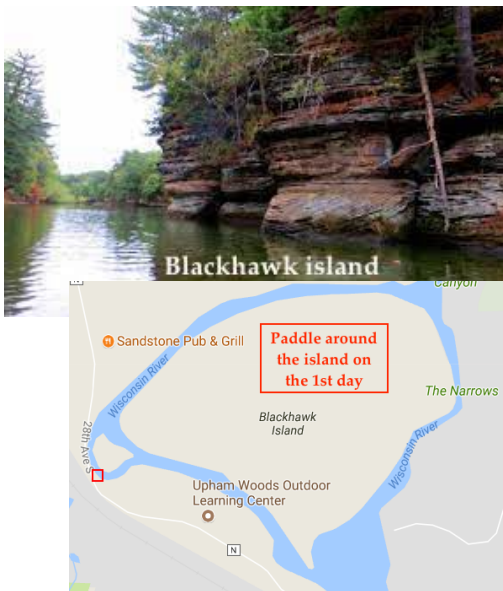
We secured these sites in early Nov, 2021 & only 3 electric sites were available.

- Send campsite info and cell phone numbers to Mariann Davis, mariandvs@gmail.com

Other Things To Do In The Area:

- **House on the Rock:** a Tourist attraction worth visiting; imagination and creativity gone out of control: <https://www.thehouseontherock.com>
- **Olbrich Botanical Gardens—**Madison WI. <http://www.olbrich.org> .A beautiful botanical garden worthy of a visit on either side of this trip. (Suzy and I visited last year and thought it was fantastic.
- **All trails hikes in the Dells area:** <https://www.alltrails.com/us/wisconsin/wisconsin-dells>

Photos of the area:



Click

here: [The Dells:Nature's Water Park](#)

HCKC Sea Kayaking Trip Levels

	Level 1 - Basic Kayaking	Level 2 - Kayak Touring	Level 3 - Coastal Kayaking	Level 4 - Open Water Coastal Kayaking
Location/Conditions				
Location Characteristics	Flat water protected from wind, within swimming distance from shore	Calm and protected water with constant access to safe landing. Within 0.5 miles from shore	Open water with access to safe landing. Within 3 miles from shore, including crossings	Open water with potentially long distances between safe landings. Greater than 3 miles from shore, including crossings
Expected Conditions: Wind	< 5 knots (6 mph)	< 10 knots (12 mph)	< 15 knots (17 mph)	Possibly > 15 knots (17 mph)
Expected Conditions: Waves & Surf	Flat water	< 1 foot, no surf	< 2 foot, possible breaking surf	>2 foot & breaking surf
Strenuousness/Endurance for Day	Expect 3 hours and/or 6 miles	Expect 3-4 hours and/or 6-10 miles	Expect 4-6 hours and/or 10-15 miles	Expect more than 6 hours and/or 15 miles or more
Paddler's Expected Ability				
Prerequisites	<i>*Beginner Paddling Class Recommended</i>	Demonstrated Performance at previous level.	Demonstrated Performance at previous level.	Demonstrated Performance at previous level.
Performance	Paddle forward, back turn and stop. Maintain 2-3 mph pace with breaks.	<i>Developing skills:</i> Efficient forward stroke, kayak control & maneuvering in conditions along with edging and bracing. Maintain 3 mph pace with breaks.	<i>Developing skills:</i> Can launch/land & paddle in & out of surf zone. Can maneuver kayak, maintain control & pace in conditions. Utilizes edging and bracing for support.	<i>Developing skills:</i> Paddles comfortably and confidently in conditions. Can control kayak and maneuver in surf & around hazards. Well developed bracing skills in breaking waves.
Recues	Wet Exit	Wet Exit with Spray Skirt Assisted Rescue Reentry	Assisted Rescue Reentry in conditions, ability to solo rescue	Proficient Assisted Rescue Reentry in conditions, reliable ability to solo rescue