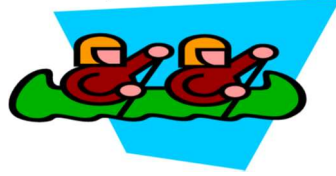


Baskahegan Stream Canoe Race

Saturday May 13, 2023



Hosted by the East Grand High School Outdoor Education Program

34 Mile Flat Water Race: A separate canoe/kayak race from the headwaters of the Baskahegan Stream to Bancroft. This will run in conjunction with the Adventure Race (Min. age is 16 unless accompanied by an adult). Note: race will be shortened if wind is forecasted. **34-mile racers check in is 7:00AM, then load and go!**

Pre-Registration online: Entry fee is \$20.00 per person when we receive your registration and payment no later than Friday, 1PM. **Registration the Day of the Race:** is \$30.00 per person. Entry fee includes a generous lunch, adventure race t-shirt, and attractive trophies to the top three finishing teams. Pre-Registering greatly speeds up the check-in process allowing us to get started on time!

Meeting Place: Check in is 7:00 AM at the East Grand School. After checking in and a short debrief, we load up (transportation provided for you and your boat) and head to the starting line on the White Farm Road in Kossuth. The finish line is 8 miles from the school and a shuttle service is provided to bring you and your boat back to the school.

The Course: From the White Farm Road, the river meanders for 7.75 miles to the Baskahegan Lake. The river is passable at low water but some wading is necessary. This should not be a problem in middle May. It is 4.25 miles across Baskahegan Lake to the outlet where there is some remains of a washed-out dam. Stay in the middle of the main chute (easy quick water) and you will avoid a spike that is on the far right next to the shore. It is 9.25 miles of stream to Crooked Brook Flowage. On the first stretch you will paddle through a Bog (watch for moose!) with the last four miles being a little stronger with a couple of spots that may be class I. Next paddle 3.5 miles on Crooked Brook Flowage north towards the dam in Danforth. CAUTION Portage left around the lowhead dam in Danforth (marked). Below Danforth the Baskahegan Stream is mostly flat water for 8.5 miles with a couple of quick water sections in the middle and one class I rapid in front of a cabin and 1/3 mile before the finish line. The finish line is the 3rd cabin on the right and just upstream of the 2000 Road Bridge. Be sure to take out here. CAUTION Below the bridge it turns into class III-IV with ledge drops. We will transport you back to the East Grand School for lunch and awards.

Note: In the event wind is forecasted, the race course will be modified. You can call the day before the race to confirm starting location. call Dave Conley 551-8729

Safety & Sweeps: There will be three motor boats on Baskahegan Lake (Buck Plummer 746-7982, Mark McKinnon 214-7834, & Jerry Downs 538-5380) and one on Crooked Brook Flowage (Ernie Spaulding 461-4611) in case you need assistance. PLEASE REVISIT THIS FORM A FEW DAYS PRIOR IN THE EVENT AND SEE IF IT HAS BEEN UPDATED WITH CHANGES TO WHO IS RUNNING SAFETY THAT DAY.

Access Points:

There really is no way to scout the stream as it is a remote wilderness section. Chuck's Road Bridge and a camp in Bancroft in front of the class I rapid will give you vantage points but scouting these points are not really necessary.

Outhouse: In Danforth at the boat landing on the left 500 yards before the portage.

Portage Left at the Lowhead dam (water and snacks on the trail)

Early Exit Points:

Landing in Brookton (Mark McKinnon 746-7982)

In Town Danforth (landing or lowhead dam)

Use your cell Phone to call a safety/sweep person if you need assistance along the way

Proper clothing and footwear: Clothing should be of synthetic materials (fleece & polypropylene) used with an outer shell. Check the forecast and plan accordingly. You may want to bring a waterproof bag with a set of warm clothing or a farmer Jon style wetsuit to place in your boat in case of cold, rainy weather or in the event of an upset.

Staying overnight: If you are coming a long distance and prefer to come the night before. Please contact Dave for accommodation options. They range from pitching a tent on East Grand Lake, to lodging in the area. (Links to lodging available on our website.)

Directions To East Grand High School

When coming from central and southern Maine, take 95 north to exit 227. In Lincoln, take a left onto Rt. 6. Follow Rt. 6 through town and east to Springfield. In Springfield, take a left onto Rt. 169, bear right twice over the next 20+ miles for Danforth. In Danforth, cross over the train tracks go up over the hill and take a left onto Rt. 1 north, the school is on the right. From the Houlton area and points north, take Rt. 1 South to Danforth, the school is on the left. From Down East Maine, take Rt. 1 north, Rt. 1 makes a right turn in Danforth, turn right and the school is on the right.

Questions? please contact race coordinator Dave Conley Hm. tel. 207-448-2743, Cell 207-551-8729 Email: dave@canoethewild.com

DOOR PRIZES: All racers will be entered in a drawing for a new 15'8" Old Town Canoe donated by Old Town Canoe and 4-North Maine Woods day passes, 4 t-shirts, 4 hats donated by the **NorthMaineWoods**. Must be present during the awards ceremony to win.



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