

# St. Croix River Canoe Trip

Day Trips and overnight Trips 3-5 days  
Available Spring and July 16- Early October



**The St Croix:** Designated as a Canadian Heritage River, the St. Croix flows along the eastern Maine border with New Brunswick, offers great wilderness scenery, moderate whitewater, maintained wilderness campsites, fishing for small mouth Bass and the opportunity to spot Bald Eagles. With miles of quick water and numerous easy class I rapids, it's easy to see why the St. Croix is one of Maine's best canoe trips. Campsites located on the river's edge are rustic with picnic tables, fire pit and an outbox. We camp in tents and cooking is done over an open fire. Note: Paddling Little Falls (class II rapid) is optional, trip guides can make another run with you canoe if you are not comfortable with paddling it.

**Skill Level:** families, individuals and groups of all ages with little or no experience, the St. Croix is a great river to learn basic paddling and camping skills.

## Distances

Day Trips, Vanceboro to Little Falls, 9 miles  
3 Day Trips, Vanceboro to Loon Bay, 20 miles (most popular)  
4 & 5 Day trips, Vanceboro to Kellyland, 35 miles

**Putin:** Meet in Vanceboro 9AM

**Takeout:** Loon Bay early afternoon of day three and Kellyland at noontime of day 5. Your car can be shuttled around to the takeout location at Loon Bay for trips end. From there it is just over a 2-hour drive to Bangor and just under a 3-hour drive to Acadia National Park.

**We Provide:** all necessary camping equipment including river bags to keep your clothing dry, sleeping pads, durable Old Town canoes, comfortable type III life jackets, paddles, tents, group tarp, cooking & eating utensils, meals while on the river, well stocked First Aid kit and for a little added peace of mind, a satellite phone and Garmin InReach two-way satellite communicator. Guides take care of all the logistics including vehicle shuttle, trip planning, itinerary, and meals.

**Meals:** Breakfasts include the best organic coffee, assortment of regular & herbal teas, & hot chocolate, oatmeal with fruit, omelets, buttermilk pancakes served with real Maine blueberries & syrup, and the traditional Maine guide breakfast of local farm fresh eggs, meat and potatoes. Lunches are on the fly and may include make your own wraps with assorted breads, variety of meats and cheeses, Tuna, lettuce, pickles and tomatoes. Snack foods including trail mix and bars. Suppers may include the best cuts of locally raised rib-eye steaks and Alaska caught sockeye salmon, vegetables, fresh salads and freshly baked desserts including strawberry shortcake. We can accommodate vegetarians. Note: with gluten free folks, we'll discuss items for you to bring to substitute as needed. Vegans will need to bring substitutes that require no extra cooking.

**You Provide:** Personal clothing and sleeping bag. (See packing list)

**New to canoeing?** Be sure to view our instructional videos made in collaboration with Old Town Canoe. This short 3-part series covers: Basic Canoe Strokes, Canoe Paddling Maneuvers, Running Rapids. You can view them on our website by clicking on the gallery tab then click on the video tab.

## Common Q & A

- NO pets allowed
- Maintained outboxes at all campsites
- Toilet paper is supplied but most bring a secret stash of their own
- Bringing boxed wine is fine or a few cans of beer is fine, responsible drinking only please. It is against the law to drink while canoeing.
- NO marijuana or Cannabis (CBD) Products. If this is a must, then please use a different guide service.
- We'll often mix and match canoeing partners based on what works best.
- Solo paddlers welcome when bringing your own solo boat
- Camp chairs are provided
- Campsites are well maintained and are on a first come first serve basis. Each site has a fire pit & picnic table.
- We provide outfitter style tents that are easy to set up and take down. Outfitter tents come with a heavy #10 zipper and heavy-duty floor.
- There is no cell phone coverage in St. Croix.
- Paddling Little Falls, an easy class II rapid is optional.

**Getting There:** From Bangor, it is a 2-hour drive when taking interstate 95 and getting off the 227 exit in Lincoln. Take Route 6 to Vanceboro, then right onto Salmon Brook Road (on a sharp left-hand corner just past Holly's Store). One Canoe Way is your first left across from a house with lots of canoes in the yard and the launch location is at the bottom of the hill. Unless you will be making other plans, a couple of options for staying over the night prior to the trip include staying in Weston at the First Settler's Lodge in Weston near East Grand Lake or when travelling from southern Maine, reserve a motel room in Lincoln which involves less overall driving on your way to Vanceboro. On our launch day, both locations (East Grand Lake Area and Lincoln) are about an hour's drive to the Putin location.

### Lodging in the East Grand Lake Area the night prior to the trip:

<http://firstsettlerslodge.com/>

### Lodging in Lincoln the night prior to our trip:

<https://thewhitetailinn.com/>

<http://briarwoodmotorinn.com/>

**Purchasing Fishing License on Line:** [http://www.maine.gov/ifw/licenses\\_permits/fishing.htm](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/licenses_permits/fishing.htm)

Canoe the Wild reserves the right to cancel a trip due to safety, forces in nature that are beyond our control such as low & high-water levels. In these cases, your payments are refundable less 3% when paying with a credit card.

Please contact us with additional questions you may have and we look forward to having you on the trip!

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