

Greater Grand Rapids Ski Club

Sandy Beach Camping and Canoe/Kayak Outing

July 29-31, 2016



It's that time of year again. Camping and Paddling in Newaygo County. Join us at the beautiful campground at Hardy Dam in Newaygo County. We will take a 4 hour canoe/kayak trip down the Muskegon River on Saturday, have bonfires both Friday and Saturday night, and go swimming at Sandy Beach on Sunday. Feel free to bring your water toys (boats, rafts, kayaks, etc.) for Sunday. If you prefer to just go canoeing/kayaking, that is OK too.

Agenda:

Friday PM Arrive at Sandy Beach Campground (less than 1 hour from G.R.) in Newaygo County
 131 North to exit 125 (Jefferson Road – go left)
 Jefferson becomes 36th and then Croton Hardy
 Right on S Elm, Right on E 30th: Arrive at 6926 E 30th Street

7:00 pm Eat at the campground or meet at restaurant for a bite (Jimmy's Road House – Newaygo)
 Bonfire at the campground

Saturday

8:30-9:30 am Breakfast at the site (cooked for you)
 9:30 am Leave for Wisner's Canoe Livery (need to be at Wisner's at 10:00 am)
 10:30 am Bus ride/launch Canoes and Kayaks for a 4 hour trip to Newaygo (bring snacks/beverages)
 4:00ish pm Arrive at the end of the trip at the Train Bridge in Newaygo
 6:00 pm Dinner – Potluck back at the campground (meat provided by the Club)
 Bonfire at the campground

Sunday

9:00 am Breakfast at the site (cooked for you)
 10:00 to noon Teardown campsite
 Noon to ? Play on the Beach at Hardy Dam

Cost:

\$10.00 for Members or \$15 for Non-members to cover breakfast on Saturday & Sunday and meat for potluck

Camping fees – on your own (most sites \$25/night) + vehicle permit

Dinner Friday night if you go out

Canoe/Kayak rental – Wisner's: canoes \$42 and single kayaks \$27 per website;

Transportation only is available for those with their own equipment or let's arrange carpooling

Lunch/snacks on the river – on your own (bring something to share!) NO Jello shots allow on the river

No glass or Styrofoam containers on the river

Dinner Saturday night – potluck at campground (meat provided by GGRSC)

Lunch on Sunday – on your own/leftovers

What to do:

- 1) Mail in \$10 (\$15 for non-members) and trip application**
- 2) Reserve spot at Sandy Beach Campground*. There is tent camping and RV camping as well as boat docks to rent (if needed).
www.countyofnewaygo.com/parks
Click on Sandy Beach
Click on online reservations, choose dates, pick best available site
Or call 231-652-9298 or 231-689-1229
- 3) Call Wisner's Canoes at 231-652-6743 to arrange your Canoe/Kayak for 4 hour trip, starting at 10:30 am on Saturday (be sure to mention that you are with the Greater Grand Rapids Ski Club).
www.wisnercanoes.com

(If only canoeing/kayaking on Saturday – do step 3)

***NOTE: I reserved two cabins (Oak and Aspen) for the weekend. This is where we hang out for the nightly camp fires and morning breakfasts. If you want to camp near these, it is rustic camping (no electric or water).**

****Mail Check and Trip Application to:** Lynne Black – 900 Paradise Lake Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Lynne at lblack@grfoundation.org or call 616-644-4765 (cell).