

Niobrara River Canoe Trip



CAMPUS RECREATION

Outdoor Adventures

Depart Sep 29, 2017 | 3:00 p.m. **Return** Oct 1, 2017

Pricing \$95 members | \$125 non-members

Pre-trip meeting September 26, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.

Trip Overview

Paddle one of the top ten most scenic floats in America on this weekend trip down the Niobrara River-Nebraska's only designated Wild and Scenic Riverway. The unique ecology of the area portrays the colliding worlds of the boreal forest and the Great Plains. We will take our time paddling down the river and exploring the area's waterfalls. You can't find a better alternative for your weekend than great conversation, scenery and gourmet meals around the campfire on this overnight paddling trip.

Location Overview

Designated by the National Park Service in 1991 as a National Wild and Scenic Riverway, the Niobrara River is listed in the top 10 most scenic floats in America. We will be paddling 24 miles where we will explore waterfalls and springs that cut through bluffs and rock formations that line the banks of the river. The valley serves as a converging point for 6 major ecosystems including northern boreal forest, western forest, eastern deciduous forest, tallgrass, mixed and shortgrass prairie. As a result, approximately 160 plant and animal species call the valley home. We will take our time paddling down the river by exploring waterfalls, enjoying the valley, and cooking yummy meals together along the way.

All Skill Levels Welcome

If you're new to canoeing, no problem. Be ready to learn. If you're an experienced paddler, that's great too. Be ready to challenge yourself in new ways. Know that this trip is physically demanding, however we strive to make the outdoors accessible for all. Contact us if you have any questions about your specific needs.

All Adventure Involves Risk

By signing up for this trip, you must understand that there is a certain amount of risk associated with any adventure activity. With our instruction and your attentiveness combined, we can reduce the risks involved. We ask that you pay attention to the instructors regardless of your experience level in the outdoors. Your attentiveness to lessons and communication to instructors of your own personal needs will set the crew up for success.

What will I get out of this adventure?

Outdoor Adventures trip staff are instructors, not guides. We won't put the mint on your pillow, but we will help you discover the outdoors. Our trip staff want to help you learn new skills, challenge yourself, and walk away from this experience with the curiosity and know-how to go out on your own. We are a resource for you and will help connect you with further opportunities to grow during and after this adventure.





Weather and Conditions

Average highs are in the low 70s °F (20 °C) to the mid 80s °F (25 °C) and average lows are in the low 50s°F (10 °C) to high 60s °F (15 °C). Weather can change quickly and forecasts can be inaccurate, so you must be prepared for all types of weather. Note that this trip will take place rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, we will find shelter or alter our plans as needed.

What We Provide & What You Need to Bring

All transportation, meals at the activity site, canoeing gear, camping equipment, camping fees, leadership and instruction are provided by Outdoor Adventures. The trip cost does not include meals on the road. Be sure to bring cash and/or card for meals on the road and souvenirs. [Click here to view a complete personal packing list.](#)

Food and Group Cooking

For most trips, we prepare meals as a group and eat meals together. We bring the ingredients and strive to provide a variety of high quality food. Be sure to inform us of any dietary concerns, food allergies, food intolerances, or special requests during the pre-trip meeting and indicate them on your health statement form.

Smoking & Alcohol Policy

Please do not bring alcohol or illegal substances on the trip. Cigarettes are acceptable at established areas but are not allowed in vehicles. We encourage you to not smoke on this trip as a wellness challenge. If you must smoke, please respect our participants, be aware of fire danger, and pack out all related trash.

Cellphone Challenge

We challenge you to try to “disconnect” from your phone and devices during this trip. Disconnecting enables us to escape from our everyday lives and gives us a chance to connect with others and the outdoors. We challenge you to use them sparingly or not at all in order to fully immerse yourself in this adventure.

Outdoor Adventures Mission Statement

Engage individuals and groups in adventure experiences for escape, enjoyment, and education.

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