

Frequently Asked Questions about Paddle at the Park

What are we doing?

We take a ranger-led paddle on Great Bohemia Creek for approximately 1 hour. Boats, paddles and life jackets will be provided. Check-in at 5 pm at the paddle launch at Oak Point, which is approximately 0.5 miles on foot from our main parking lot at 4030 Augustine Herman Highway, Chesapeake City MD 21915.

How do I pay?

Payment is accepted via credit or debit card only. We cannot accept cash or checks at this site. The cost for the event is \$12 for in-state visitors, and \$15 for those attending from out-of-state. Additionally, there is a \$3 in-state, \$5 out-of-state charge to enter the park which is collected electronically at the gate on the way in, also by credit card only.

What boat will I be paddling in?

Max capacity is 18 people. Available boats are (6) 2-person canoes, (2) 2-person tandem kayaks and (2) 1-person single kayaks. Boats are available on a first-come first serve basis. You may be sharing a boat with another participant at Park staff discretion.

We're hiking and paddling. What should I wear? What should I bring?

Footwear: Old sneakers or hiking sandals like Tevas or Keens. Something you are comfortable wearing to walk into shallow water, since this is often done to enter or exit the boat. Wear comfortable clothing you don't mind getting wet and/or dirty. Also helpful are sunglasses and/or a hat and a bottle of water.

Is there storage for personal belongings at the boat launch site?

Storage is not available at the boat launch site. Dry bags are available for loan to carry small personal belongings such as keys or phones. It is best to leave valuable items at home.

Do I need to be a paddling expert?

Our trips are intended to be leisurely, fun excursions on Great Bohemia Creek. From this vantage point, we view our local wildlife, and see our park from a new angle. Participants are not expected to paddle at great speed, however, experience with canoeing and kayaking is expected.

Participants should be able to:

1. Enter and exit the boat with minimal assistance.

2. Propel the boat forward and backwards, steer the boat in order to stay with the group and avoid any obstacles encountered on the water (logs, docks, etc.)
3. The ability to discern and follow basic paddling and safety instructions on and off the water.