

Paddle at the Park FAQs

Bohemia River State Park Paddle Trips 2025 Updated May 2025

What are we doing? We take a ranger-led paddle on Great Bohemia Creek for approximately 2 hours. Boats, paddles and life jackets will be provided. The paddle trips launch from Oak Point, which is approximately 0.5 miles **on foot** from our main parking lot at 4030 Augustine Herman Highway, Chesapeake City MD 21915. Please arrive early to complete payment and allow time to park and walk down to the water.

How do I pay? Please call the Fair Hill Park Office at 410-398-1246 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to pay by credit card, or pay by cash on the day of the event. 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, payable 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 based on availability and safety.

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. Our rangers do carry large dry bags, and can carry guests' 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 paddle trips are intended to be a leisurely, fun excursion 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.