

TRIP SCHEDULE – OSSCC Blog

DATE	WHERE	TRIP LEADER(S)	TOWER(S)	TRIP INFO.
Thurs. May 9	Grand River-Inverhaugh to Kaufman's	Anne Woolner annewoolner@hotmail.com 519-743-2277	FrankKuntz	Excellent views of the countryside. A few challenging turns. Experienced paddlers only. (must have Intermediate training)
Tues. May 14	Conestogo River (St. Jacobs)-grand River-Kaufmans			This is an interesting trip weaving from St. Jacobs, through the countryside and meeting up with the Grand River.
Tues., May 21	Nith River-Ayr to Blenheim Rd (Silver Bridge))			This is a challenging and exciting paddle with some nice drops in the water and some small rapids. Must have Intermediate training and be a strong paddler.
Tues. May 28	Nith River Blenheim (Silver Bridge) to Canning			Another exciting paddle with lots of twists, turns and rapids. Intermediate training and strong paddling skills are required
Thurs. May 30	Grand River-Moyers Landing to River Bluffs			This is a relatively easy 1.5 hour paddle. There are some rapids to negotiate or walk over depending on the water levels, so be prepared.
Tues. June 4	Grand River-Kaufman's to Shirley Dr			A lovely paddle through Bridgeport with a little excitement passing under the Bridgeport bridge. We will pass by Bingemans and can check out the trailer park and camp grounds as we pass by.
Tuesday June 11	Paradise Lake Fun day	social committee	n/a	All are welcome for a fun day of water sports, games and paddling. Snacks and lunch are provided by the camp. Details to follow.
Thurs., June 13	Hespeler Pond			Easy Breezy-a 2.5 hour paddle past marsh areas which are home to cranes, egrets and other wildlife. A short walk to a local pub for lunch afterwards is a nice finish to the day for those interested.
Tues., June 18	Grand River Shirley Dr to Freeport			This is an exciting paddle with a few nice drops in the water to make things interesting
Tues., June 25	Grand River. Freeport to Pat's trailer			This trip does involve a portage around the Manheim Weir. It twists and turns around a few golf courses and the Pioneer Tower.
Thursday, June 27	Grand River-Petrocan to Birley Gates			This is a favourite trip for many of us. Lots of interesting and exciting challenges on this stretch of the river to practice river reading and other maneuvers learned in our lessons. You need to have stamina for this trip.
Tues. July 2	Saugeen River-#1 Walkerton-Lobe's Park concession 10 Access#5-			Some moderate rapids and spectacular scenery as we meander north viewing high cliffs and observing flora and fauna. We stop for lunch at a lovely bend in the river.

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	access#7			Some swim and surf in the river while others practice rope throwing skills. This is an all day trip with lots of paddling that usually ends with an ice-cream cone! Intermediate training required.
Tues. July 9	Grand River-Bean Park (Paris) to Brant Conservation Area			A lazy summer paddle with wide river vistas and a chance to see Bald eagles and Blue Herons
Thurs., July 11	Stratford Lake-Avon River			Lovely paddle through Stratfords followed by lunch and a corn roast
Tues., July 16	Grand River-Brant Conservation area to Erie st.			A great trip down the Grand, with a few interesting challenges.
Tues., July 23	Beaver River Kimberley to Slab Town	Bruce Williams brucewms@yahoo.com 519-501-1990 Doug Arthur djarthur29@gmail.com 519-504-0285		Lower section contains a delight series of small rapids with increasing difficulty as you approach Slab town. Intermediate training and strong paddling skills is required
Thurs., July 25	Speed River-Royal City Park			Easy Breezy- this is a 2 hours trip that starts in the heart of Guelph past many historic landmarks with wildlife along the way. There's a chance to enjoy ice cream after at the Boathouse tearoom a few minutes from our put in
Tues., July 30	Orillia- Green River			An interesting paddle on 2 rivers. this will involve a stay in Orilla overnight on Mond. July 29
Tues., Aug. 6	Big Creek			This area is called the "Canadian Amazon"! as we meander through Norfolk County towards Lake Erie's Long Point. This is a longer trip that does require maneuvering skills around trees and other obstacles as well as stamina. We could end it with a swim at the beach. Intermediate training required!
Tues. Aug. 13	Grand River-Conestogo to Shirley Dr.			This is a 4 hour paddle past 2 golf courses. See how many golf balls you can fish out of the river!
Thur. Aug. 15	Nith River at William Scott Park			Easy Breezy-A leisurely paddle up the Nith River from New Hamburg. All are welcome for this scenic paddle.
Tues., Aug 20	Big Otter			The Big Otter Creek is a waterway that empties into Lake Erie at Port Burwell, Ontario. It is 42 kilometers long. It starts somewhere near Norwich, Ontario and snakes through Tillsonburg until it finally empties in Lake Larke in the town of Port Burwell. The Big Otter is very similar to the Big Creek, but the water is much clearer and has sandy bottoms. The creek traverses

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				through Carolian forests with trees as high as 100 feet tall.
Tues. Aug 27	Saugeen #3			This is a favourite paddle with lots of interesting adventures along the way. We follow this with a swim at Port Elgin and then supper at the Hotel. This is an all day trip that does require some stamina. Great opportunity to practice river reading skills! Intermediate training required.
Turs., Aug. 29	Petrocan to Glen Morris			This is a 2 hours paddle with a few rapids to practice our river reading skills
Tues. Sept. 3	Rockwood paddle & barbeque	social committee		Easy Breezy - An afternoon paddle through the interesting rock formations at Rockwood, followed by a potluck and wiener roast Everyone welcome! Basic training required.
Sept 9-13	Bondi Village			A memorable getaway in an Algonquin highlands setting, east of Huntsville. Enjoy day paddles, star gazing, evening wolf howls and camp fires. Ragged Falls on the Oxtongue River is spectacular!
Tues., Sept, 17	Cootes Paradise			A surprisingly beautiful sanctuary of flora and fauna. This paddle take you through the heart of the Royal Botanical gardens surrounding lands. There is a small parking fee (\$3?/per car)
Tues. Sept.24	Regatta	Social Committee		Games, canoeing and fun times. Potluck lunch. Everyone welcome!
Thurs. Sept.26 Edit	canoe cleaning at Frank's house			bring buckets, sponges and rags