

TRIP SCHEDULE – OSSCC Blog

DATE	WHERE	TRIP LEADER(S)	TOWER(S)	TRIP INFO.
Tuesday, May 6	Conestoga River: (St. Jacobs) to Grand River (Kaufman Flats)			An interesting trip weaving from St. Jacobs, through the countryside, & meeting up with the Grand River. 3-hour paddle
Tuesday, May 13	Nith River: Ayr-Blenheim Rd. (Silver Bridge)			A challenging & exciting paddle for strong paddlers, with nice drops in the river & some small rapids. Intermediate training required. 3-3.5-hour paddle
Tuesday, May 20	Grand River-Inverhaugh to Kaufman Flats			Excellent views with a few challenging manoeuvres. Experienced paddlers & Intermediate training required. 4-4.5-hour paddle
Tuesday, May 27	Nith River: Blenheim Rd (Silver Bridge) to Canning			Exciting paddle, with rapids. Intermediate training & strong paddling skills required. 3-4-hour paddle.
Thursday, May 29	Grand River: Moyers Landing to River Bluffs			A relatively easy 1.5-hour paddle. Be prepared to navigate, or walk around rapids, depending on water levels
*Tuesday, June 3 (Easy Breezy)	Thames River—St. Mary's (overnight trip)	Michael De Andrade		A 2-km trip along Trout Creek & the Thames, (round trip) offering unique views of the Grand Trunk Trail's Sarnia Bridge—while enjoying gliding through peaceful waters.
Tuesday, June 10	Grand River: Shirley Dr to Freeport			An exciting paddle with a few drops in water levels to make things interesting. ~3-hour paddle
*Thursday, June 12 (Easy Breezy)	Grand River: Freeport - Moyers Landing			This trip involves a portage around the Mannheim weir. & passing golf courses and the Pioneer Tower. 2-2.5 hours
Tuesday, June 17	Paradise Lake	Social Committee		A fun day of water sports, games and paddling. Snacks and lunch are provided by the camp.
Tuesday, June 24	Grand River: Bean Park (Paris) to Brant Conservation Area			A lazy summer paddle with wide river vistas & a chance to see bald eagles and blue herons 2-2.5-hour paddle
*Thursday, June 26 (Easy Breezy)	Royal City Park, Guelph			A 2-hour trip, passing historic landmarks, with ice-cream after at the Boathouse tearoom a few minutes from our take-out.
Tuesday, July 1	Grand River: Kaufman Flats to Shirley Drive			A paddle through Bridgeport with a little excitement going under the Bridgeport bridge—& passing Bingemans' camp grounds. 2.5 hours
Tuesday, July 8	Grand River: Brant Conservation Area to Erie St			A ~2.5-hour trip on the Grand, with interesting challenges—& maybe sighting bald eagles and blue herons.

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*Thursday, July 10 & 11 (Easy Breezy)	Canard River (overnight trip)	Michael De Andrade		We paddle 12 kms. on Canada's most southerly river, past villages & a Carolinian forest.
Tuesday, July 15	Grand River: West Montrose to Kaufman Flats			A great trip down the Grand, under the Covered Bridge, and past golf courses.
Tuesday, July 22	Grand River: 210 Water St South, Cambridge (Galt, previously Petrocan) to Birley Gates			Stamina required for this 4-4.5-hour paddle—offering opportunities to practice river reading and other exciting maneuvers!
*Thursday, July 24 (Easy Breezy)	Stratford Lake: Avon River (Lake Victoria)			A lovely paddle on the Avon River's Lake Victoria, followed by a picnic lunch at the take-out.
Tuesday, July 29	Beaver River: Kimberley to Slabtown	Doug Arthur & Bruce Williams		Lower section has small rapids, with increasing difficulty approaching Slabtown. Intermediate training required.
*Tuesday, August 5 & ... (Easy Breezy)	Green & Black Rivers (overnight trip)	Anne Woolner		Paddle both rivers Tuesday. (Wed.) Paddle Orillia's shoreline, stopping at Stephen Leacock's home for lunch & tour.
*Tuesday, August 12 (Easy Breezy)	Hespeler Pond			A 2-hour paddle past marsh areas which are home to cranes & egrets. Option to lunch at a local pub offers a nice finish to the day.
Thursday, August 14	Saugeen River #1 Lobe Park-Concession 10 Access #5—Access #7			An all-day trip that usually ends with an ice-cream cone! Some moderate rapids and spectacular scenery as we meander north. Intermediate training required. 3+ hour paddle.
*Tuesday, August 19 (Easy Breezy)	Nith River: New Hamburg at William Scott Park			A leisurely & scenic paddle up the Nith River from New Hamburg. All are welcome! After, we could go for lunch and then walk the boardwalk.
Thursday, August 21	210 Water St. S. Cambridge (Galt) (previously-Petrocan) to Glen Morris			This is a 2-hour paddle with a few rapids to practice our river reading skills.
Tuesday, August 26	Saugeen River #3 Access #10—Access #13	Anne Woolner		An all-day trip that requires stamina & Intermediate training—followed by a swim at Port Elgin and supper at the Hotel! ~4-hour paddle
*Tuesday, September 2 (Easy Breezy)	Rockwood: Paddle and BBQ	Social Committee		An afternoon paddle through interesting rock formations, followed by a potluck and wiener roast. Everyone welcome!
September 8-12	Bondi Village, Algonquin Highlands	Anne Woolner		A memorable getaway, featuring day paddles, star gazing, evening wolf howls, and camp fires. Oxtongue River's Ragged Falls is spectacular!
Tuesday, September 16,	Big Creek, Norfolk County (known as "The Canadian Amazon"	Michael De Andrade		We meander through Norfolk County towards Lake Erie's Long Point. Requires stamina & maneuvering skills around downed trees and other obstacles. We could end it with a swim at the beach. ~3-hour paddle

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Tuesday, September 23 (rain date Sept.25)	Regatta	Social Committee		Games, canoeing, and fun times. Potluck lunch. Everyone welcome!
Thursday Sept. 30	Canoe cleaning at Frank's house			Bring buckets, sponges, and rags. There might be food and special beverages for after the cleaning!