

## TENTATIVE TRIP SCHEDULE 2025—OSSCC Blog (May 16/25)

DATE	WHERE	TRIP LEADER(S)	TOWER(S)	TRIP INFO.
<b>Tuesday, May 6</b>	CHANGED: Inverhaugh to Kaufman Flats	Anne Woolner	Bruce B	An interesting trip weaving from St. Jacobs, through the countryside, & meeting up with the Grand River. 3-hour paddle
<b>Tuesday, May 13</b>	Nith River: Ayr-Blenheim Rd. (Silver Bridge)	Anne Woolner	Bruce B	A challenging & exciting paddle for strong paddlers, with nice drops in the river & some small rapids. Intermediate training required. 3-3.5-hour paddle
<b>Tuesday, May 20</b>	Conestoga River: (St. Jacobs) to Grand River (Kaufman Flats)	Anne Woolner	Bruce B	Excellent views with a few challenging manoeuvres. Experienced paddlers & Intermediate training required. 4-4.5-hour paddle
<b>Tuesday, May 27</b>	Nith River: Blenheim Rd (Silver Bridge) to Canning	Anne Woolner	Bruce B	Exciting paddle, with rapids. Intermediate training & strong paddling skills required. 3-4-hour paddle.
<b>Thursday, May 29</b>	Grand River: Moyers Landing to River Bluffs Inaugural trip for new members followed by lunch at Riverbluffs	Michael D	Bruce B	A relatively easy 1.5-hour paddle. Be prepared to navigate, or walk around rapids, depending on water levels. BBQ lunch to follow
<b>*Thursday, June 5 (Easy Breezy)</b>	St. Mary's/Trout River Day Trip	Michael De Andrade		Easy Breezy An 8-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.
<b>Tuesday, June 10</b>	Grand River: Shirley Dr. to Freeport			An exciting paddle with a few drops in water levels to make things interesting. ~3-hour paddle
<b>*Thursday, June 12 (Easy Breezy)</b>	Grand River: Freeport - Pat's trailer			This trip involves a portage around the Mannheim weir, passing golf courses and Pioneer Tower. 2-2.5 hours, followed by a potluck lunch at Pat's trailer
<b>Tuesday, June 17</b>	Paradise Lake	Social Committee		A fun day of water sports, games and paddling. Snacks and lunch are provided by the camp.
<b>Tuesday, June 24</b>	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
<b>*Thursday, June 26 (Easy Breezy)</b>	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.
<b>Tuesday, July 1</b>	Grand River: Kaufman Flats to Shirley Drive			A paddle through Bridgeport with a little excitement going under the Bridgeport bridge—& passing Bingemans campgrounds. 2.5 hours
<b>Tuesday, July 8</b>	Grand River: Brant Conservation Area to Erie St.			A ~2.5-hour trip on the Grand, with interesting challenges—& maybe sightings of bald eagles and blue herons.

<b>Tuesday, July 15</b>	Grand River: West Montrose to Kaufman Flats		A great trip down the Grand, under the Covered Bridge and past golf courses
<b>Thursday, July 17</b>	Thames River: Fanshawe Dam to Springbank Park (London)	Michael De Andrade	We paddle 22 kms. on Canada's most southerly river, past villages & a Carolinian forest. <b>Intermediate</b> training required
<b>Tuesday, July 22</b>	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!
<b>*Thursday, July 24 (Easy Breezy)</b>	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.
<b>Tuesday, July 29</b>	Beaver River: Kimberley to Slabtown	Doug Arthur & Bruce Williams	Lower section has small rapids, with increasing difficulty approaching Slabtown. Intermediate training required.
<b>*Tuesday, August 5 ... (Easy Breezy)</b>	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.
<b>*Tuesday, August 12 (Easy Breezy)</b>	Hespeler Pond	Janet Smith & Agnes Arthur	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.
<b>Thursday, August 14</b>	Saugeen River #1 Lobies 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
<b>*Tuesday, August 19 (Easy Breezy)</b>	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.
<b>Thursday, August 21</b>	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.
<b>Tuesday, August 26</b>	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
<b>*Tuesday, September 2 (Easy Breezy)</b>	Rockwood: Paddle and BBQ	Social Committee	An <b>afternoon</b> paddle through interesting rock formations, followed by a potluck and wiener roast. Everyone welcome!
<b>September 8-12</b>	Bondi Village, Algonquin Highlands	Anne Woolner Frank Kuntz	A memorable getaway, featuring day paddles, star gazing, evening wolf howls, and campfires. Oxtongue River's Ragged Falls is spectacular!
<b>Tuesday, September 16</b>	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

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