

ALL MUST READ!!

Saco Valley Canoe, L.L.C. Safety and Liability Release

SACO VALLEY CANOE (SVC) provides Coast Guard approved lifejackets and basic orientation to canoeing. Canoeing on the Saco does require physical exertion and entails potential risks. SACO VALLEY CANOE cannot assume responsibility for loss of property or physical injury, and shall NOT be held liable for losses.

This release limits the renters right to recovery of damages in case of accident/property loss/theft.

- My participation in this activity is purely voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate and I elect to participate in spite of the risks. I AM VOLUNTARILY USING THE SERVICES OF SACO VALLEY CANOE, L.L.C., WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE INHERENT RISKS, HAZARDS, AND DANGERS INVOLVED AND HEREBY ASSUME AND ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY, PARALYSIS, OR LOSS OF LIFE.
 - I am aware that trees/branches laying in or over the water pose hazards of entrapment. I will steer my craft around the danger.
 - I will respect all rental equipment issued to me and will not accept any item unless it is in good condition. Any equipment that is damaged upon return will be reimbursed to SVC for the cost.
 - ★BURNT OR BROKEN PADDLES ARE \$10 EACH. ★
 - ★DAMAGED LIFE JACKETS ARE \$5 EACH. ★
 - ★KEEP PADDLES, LIFEJACKETS AND CANOES (\$700 each) AWAY FROM CAMPFIRES. ★
 - ★DO NOT USE PADDLES TO STIR CAMPFIRES. ★
 - I am responsible for all rental equipment until it is returned to SVC at the scheduled pickup time. I understand that the last pickup time is **4:30** and I will be charged a late fee of **\$15** per hour if I am late.
 - I will not overestimate my swimming ability, and will wear my life jacket at all times to prevent accidental drowning. I will not use my lifejacket for any other use. I will not tie canoes together with lifejackets.
 - I will wear protective footwear to protect me from broken glass/sharp objects.
 - I am aware that there are several rapids on the course that are rough. I will only attempt waters within my boating abilities.
 - I realize that the craft may capsize. I will stay upstream from the craft and hold on. I will pick up my feet to fend against submerged rock/obstacles.
 - I am aware that the water can rise sharply and increase in velocity after a heavy downpour. I understand I am responsible for all rental equipment and will seek high ground for camping/securing equipment.
 - I will not exceed the capacity of the craft.
 - I will carry my canoe to and from the river to avoid damaging the bottom.
 - ★I will not use my canoe for a bench or table while camping. No grills on canoe bottoms!!! ★
 - I will bury all human waste **6" deep (minimum)** and will carry out ALL trash. I will obtain a required fire permit if I plan to build a fire along the river. (Only dead & downed limbs/wood for fires.) **Fires On Sand Bars Only.**
- I have never canoed/kayaked and I WOULD like to request a Safety Presentation _____
DO NOT WANT a Safety Presentation _____
- I have canoed/kayaked before, but WOULD like to request a Safety Presentation _____
DO NOT WANT a Safety Presentation _____

**I understand the Saco River is patrolled by State Wardens with full authority.
I will respect the privacy of others and I will limit my intake of alcoholic beverages.**

Signature _____

Date _____