

# Pine Creek 2010

May 14 –16



**Join us for an exciting canoe trip through the scenic Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania. We'll camp under the stars, chow down at the famous Wellsboro Diner, canoe the spectacular Pine Creek and tour the wonderful countryside of northcentral PA.**

## Itinerary

**Friday Night:** camping at Leonard Harrison PA State Park (*which is about four hours from Philly*) (<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/leonardharrison.aspx>). There are about 40 sites and most should be occupied. I have reserved one site already and will reserve as folks sign up (provided there are some left).

**Saturday Morning:** we should wake by 8:30, pack up and drive into Wellsboro for breakfast at the famous Wellsboro Diner (<http://www.wellsborodiner.com/>) (featured in the Zippy the Pinhead comic!). After breakfast, it's off to the outfitters (about 15 minutes away). We arrive at Pine Creek Outfitters (<http://www.pinecrk.com/>) before 11am, sign in, load stuff (everything we're taking... because you won't see your car again until Sunday) into the canoes, and then set off on the Pine Creek (leaving the cars in the parking lot).

**Saturday Afternoon:** the Saturday paddling is about 4+ hours and will hit the one rough spot. We can eat lunch on the river or at camp – we should arrive at camp by late afternoon. Since it's first-come, first-served, it's best to push forward for a good spot on the shore. After that, relax and set up camp.

**Saturday Evening:** prep and start supper, so that we are done before dark. Then it's time for nighttime fun. We are in a very remote canyon (the Grand Canyon of PA), so cell phones will not work there.

**Sunday Morning:** wake up sometime early (probably before 8), cook breakfast, cleanup, and then back to paddling. I would like to tell the outfitters that we will be back by 2, but we could be back earlier. Depending on the pickup time, our wakeup time and paddling speed, we will either eat someplace on the water, or when we get to the end.

**Sunday Afternoon:** once we get to the end, the shuttle will pick us and our gear up and transport back to the outfitters. If folks are still hungry, we can grab food or ice cream in Wellsboro before departing for home.

**Cost (per person): \$80**

Includes:

- Canoe, 2 days (including paddle, jacket and transportation back from takeout)
- Camping Friday and Saturday
- Food (Saturday lunch and dinner; Sunday breakfast and lunch)

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## What to Bring:

- Tent (if you have one)
- Sleeping Bag
- Appropriate outerwear
- Clothes for camping (stored in waterproof container during canoeing)
- Clothes for canoeing (which may get wet)
- Clothes to change into during canoeing (in case you tip), which should be in a waterproof bag
- Clothes to change into on Sunday, after we're done
- Flashlight
- River shoes or boots
- Dry shoes for camp
- Suntan lotion
- Duct tape
- Close fitting raingear, if weather requires (ponchos are not recommended)
- Waterproof bags

*(I can provide an even more detailed list, if you want one)*

## What I will provide:

- Food for all the above meals (suggestions welcome!)
- Stuff to cook the food
- Extra tent (if needed)

## Meals

- Saturday lunch: a selection of cold cuts and cheese with rolls and condiments. Cookies and fruit, plus water and Power Ade
- Saturday dinner: traditionally have meat and meatless tacos for dinner (with all the trimmings). Suggestions always welcome!
- Saturday night: assortment of snacks. Feel free to bring your own S'mores ingredients (if you're into that). Enjoy the quiet outdoors!
- Sunday breakfast: French toast with sausage (veg and meat), oj, tea and coffee
- Sunday lunch: round two of selection from Saturday
- Note: **feel free to suggest any alternatives, dietary restrictions, etc. NOW**



## Suggestions for Packing Clothes

- **Friday:** whatever, though it will be colder than down here.
- **Saturday paddling:** good shirt and long sleeve top (at least in reserve), in case it gets chilly. A windbreaker or some semi-waterproof top is also good. Depending on the weather, shorts or comfy long pants. Swimsuits are always an option. River shoes (the shoes always get wet) or sandals (with good straps so they don't fall off in the water) and optional socks. A hat is always nice, and strap for glasses can prevent a tragic lose of sunglasses. You may also want a small towel, wrapped in something to keep it dry. Though it has never happened, it is always good to plan on everything getting wet.
- **Saturday camping:** dry clothing packed in waterproof bags (or several good trash bags), new dry shoes and warm outerwear, in case it gets cold.
- **Sunday paddling:** could wear the same thing, but I prefer at least one dry inner layer to start the day. Depends on your love of possibly wet clothing.
- **Sunday drive home:** have a complete set of dry clothes (maybe Friday night clothes) stored in car, so just in case you get everything wet there's one definitely dry set for the ride home.
- **Optional:** they do rent dry suits (or just tops or bottoms) in case you think you'll be cold.

## Miscellaneous Stuff

- I have two dry sacks, so I will stuff as much gotta-stay-dry stuff in there as possible. I recommend 2-3 trash bags for sleeping bags and tents (don't forget to compress and tie off each layer!). I will have two coolers, so we should be good for keeping stuff cold. I will bring rope, but feel free to bring more – everything in the canoe will be tied down, so in case anybody tips, their stuff won't float away. The zipper bags are really great – feel free to pack small things within your bag/pack.
- I have a first aid kit, axe, portable saw and shovel (for facilities). I have other camping odds and ends. We will cook on a single propane stove – and hopefully a campfire (which works great with the taco shells). I have plastic wear, cups, bowls, etc.
- Bring a flashlight – I recommend loading the (fresh) batteries backwards so that it doesn't turn on in your bag. Better yet, bring two flashlights.
- Any Saturday evening and Sunday morning cleanup is at the river's edge.
- It could rain at some point, so something waterproof is nice.
- If you bring a tent, a ground cloth is nice – old shower curtains also do the trick.
- Don't think we had a bug problem in years past, but bug spray is always nice.
- Bring sunscreen.
- It's a few degrees colder up there (Wellsboro is the closest town for comparison), so an extra flannel shirt or light jacket is always nice.



*Want to go... let me know!*

There are limited spots available for Friday night camping, so contact me ASAP if you are interested in going!

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