

Safety Tips...

- Think and practice safety on all waterways
- Wear your life jacket...the experts do
- Know your ability...and the waterway's demands
- Do not go out alone...there is safety in numbers
- Dress in layers or wear a dry/wet suit, depending on the weather
- Leave a float plan before you put in. Let someone know where you are putting in, taking out and when you will return
- Learn waterway reading
- Learn CPR and First Aid
- Learn use of ropes and other tying materials
- Learn self rescue (including deep water re-entry)
- Maintain your gear throughout the year
- Keep your body in good physical condition
- Know how to swim
- Watch for motorboats. Stay to the right and turn into the wake
- Check local weather report prior to leaving

Safety Equipment Checklist...

- Floatation gear
- Extra paddle
- First aid kit
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Sharp knife or axe
- Whistle, bailer, waterproof matches, compass and map
- Drinking water

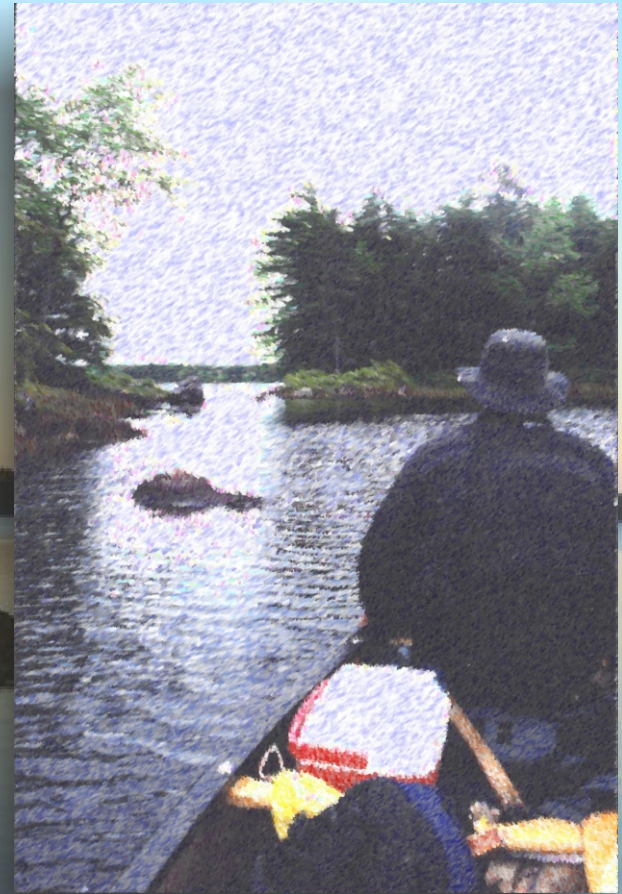
Respect Our Property...

- Do not litter or pollute the water with trash or other waste. Pack out what you pack in
- Obey fire regulations
- Respect private ownership. Access to private lands should be by invitation only

THE MERSEY RIVER

The Mi'kmaq called it Ogomkega, the place of departure. With the passage of winter and the arrival of spring the first inhabitants of Queens made their way down the Mersey River to summer encampments along the shores of the Atlantic Ocean. Today you will touch on a piece of that ancient canoe route which has served canoeists for thousands of years.

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MERSEY RIVER

MILTON TO LIVERPOOL

Routes whether for paddling, hiking, walking or biking are a great way to discover and explore "The South Shore's Great Experience." The outlined canoe trail has been designed to allow people to learn more about waterways within the Region and provide an enjoyable boating experience.

Access

These directions proceed from the South Queens Visitor Information Centre in Liverpool. Follow Henry Hensey Drive westerly to Main Street. Turn right onto Main Street. Follow Main Street to Milton 3.6km (2.25mi) arriving at Tupper Park boat launch located on your right.

Description

This scenic route, designed with family in mind, will take you from the historic community of Milton along the majestic Mersey River to the picturesque Liverpool waterfront. The journey begins at the beautiful Tupper Park and continues downstream for approximately 4km to the waterfront park located on the southern shore of the river. From here the traveller may stretch their legs by touring the downtown sites, hiking the Trestle Trail, picnicking in the Privateer Park or planning another adventure at the nearby South Queens Visitor Information Centre.

Mileage: approx. 8km (5mi) return

Skill Level: Beginner

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Notes and Precautions

Beware of sudden changes in current and water level due to tidal action and the regulation of water by Nova Scotia Power Hydro Dams. Also take note that the Mersey River is an all access river, so be prepared to encounter motorcraft.

A canoe trail is a publically owned waterway. When flowing through private property please respect owner's rights. Courtesy and common sense are important for a safe and memorable trip.



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