Equipment Rental

To help newcomers experience paddling without a substantial investment, we rent boats for use on our trips. All you need to do to try paddling is sign up for a trip and ask to rent a boat! We have solo and tandem canoes, kayaks and even a cataraft! Paddles and PFD’s are included.

Safety and Leadership

Safe and enjoyable paddling is our primary goal and to achieve that goal we offer training in beginner through intermediate paddling technique; follow an ability-rating system based on the internationally recognized river rating system and, in addition, offer special training classes in safety and rescue procedures. AMC policy requires that every trip participant sign a liability release or they cannot participate.

Check out the AMC!

You do not have to be an AMC member to paddle with us, but AMC membership can be a great first step for bringing a whole range of wonderful outdoor experiences into your life. See what the AMC has to offer today. www.outdoors.org

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Great Paddling Opportunities
Touring

Touring trips can contain flatwater, swamps, beaver dams, whitewater and fallen trees and are not always leisurely floats downriver. The idea is to travel down a river and see all it has to offer. A touring trip is usually a day trip, but can last several days or even weeks.

Leisurely mid-summer flat-water trips are often accompanied by swimming, picnicking, and for the young (at heart), riverbank rope swings.

Trip leaders will help you choose the right trip for your skill level.

Sea Kayaking

These trips are geared for those paddling Sea Kayaks and Touring Kayaks. They are generally held on lakes, quietly flowing rivers, and coastal bays and estuaries.

These trips are a wonderful opportunity to get out and see the natural surroundings and some of the most beautiful scenery that New England has to offer. Often bald eagles, osprey, kingfishers, mergansers, loons, and other waterfowl are seen. Several of our trip leaders are experts or enthusiastic amateurs in ecology, birding, or nature viewing.

Whitewater

Class II whitewater trips are extremely popular, bringing together expert paddlers with those new to whitewater paddling. Negotiating these rivers requires some skill, and if you’re new to the group the trip leader will want to be sure you have the ability to run the river. A good system for improving your paddling skills is to choose progressively more challenging Class II rivers from those scheduled every season. In addition to the Spring School, which qualifies you to run Class II rivers with the group, our schedule includes a Class II-plus one-day school, designed for those who want to upgrade to Class III, or just sharpen their existing skills.

Whitewater School

Our whitewater school is a weekend of whitewater instruction for flatwater and quickwater paddlers. Register to learn tandem canoe, solo canoe, or solo kayak. The school will be held in Henniker, NH and on a nearby river.

During this course, you’ll learn the basic skills of river reading and maneuvering through whitewater, as well as some basic safety and rescue procedures. Topics covered will include various water conditions and rescue techniques. We’ll review and help you improve your basic paddling strokes, as well as how to perform a forward- and back-ferry, eddy out, peel out, and so on.

The instructors are passionate about whitewater paddling and are eager to show you how to thoroughly enjoy this active outdoor sport. They are very supportive and will guide you through the exercises so that you feel comfortable at all times and learn that whitewater presents many opportunities for fun, rather than being viewed as an obstacle. The objective is for you to become comfortable in whitewater while learning the techniques of whitewater paddling. We also hope you will build new friendships and feel the sense of camaraderie of our paddling community. The course consists of sessions on Friday evening, all day Saturday, and all day Sunday. The NHAMC Paddlers offer additional river trips each weekend throughout the paddling season. Join us, and continue to improve your whitewater skills!

The school fee includes all instruction, all river equipment, and Saturday’s dinner. Students need only to bring personal gear. Wetsuits and helmets are required.