

**Introductory Paddle
Haw River Flatwater Upstream of Bynum, NC
Saturday, September 29, 2007
www.hawrivercanoe.com**

Description of the Area:

In 2006, land on both sides of the Haw River upstream of the dam at Highway 15-501 in Bynum was added to the Haw Slopes State Natural Area because of its biological and ecological significance.

(See <http://www.tlc-nc.org/news/articles/properties/hawriver06a.shtml>)

The river's diverse habitats include rich forested slopes, islands, rock outcrops and wetlands. Great blue heron, belted kingfishers, red-tailed hawks, and songbirds are commonly seen while paddling. Paddlers occasionally see beaver and muskrats.

The flatwater upstream of the dam is especially well suited for both the beginning paddler and anyone interested in nature. Parents, paddling with children, find the experience particularly gratifying.

Logistics:

We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the put-in at the Highway 15-501 river access next to the Haw River Bridge in Bynum, NC. From there, participants will paddle upstream among the lower islands, enter the main channel, explore interesting areas and features and return back to the launch site. Although this trip can be paddled in less than 1.5 hours, participants are encouraged to take their time and enjoy the natural surroundings. It is nice to bring a picnic lunch and relax on one of the many rock outcroppings in the river.

What is Provided:

A canoe, PFD, paddle and at least one experienced guide/naturalist are provided.

Your Responsibility:

Guests are responsible for transportation to and from the meeting place, help with running the shuttle, light weight rain gear, foot wear that can get dirty and/or wet, water, appropriate clothing for the season, a hat and sunscreen. A camera and binoculars are recommended, but optional. Something to snack on and even a picnic lunch are also recommended.

Trip Fee & Reservations:

The trip fee is \$25.00 per person. If you bring a canoe or kayak, the trip fee is \$20 per person. You must be registered and paid in full before being allowed to go on the trip. You will be required to read and sign a liability waiver and pay attention to the safety briefing presented before the trip begins.

To register, please call 336/260-6465. When your registration has been confirmed, send payment to The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company, P.O. Box 22, Saxapahaw, NC 27340. Registrations are filled on a first come, first serve basis when payment is received.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made more than 30 days in advance will receive a full refund less a 15% administration fee. Cancellations made less than 30 days but more than 10 days prior to the trip start date, will not receive a refund – but 50% of the fee may be credited toward a future course or trip, to be used within 1 yr. Cancellations made less than 10 days prior to departure, or "no shows", will receive no refund or credit.

If The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company cancels the trip, participants are eligible for a full refund, but in no way shall The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company's liability exceed the cost of the trip, and The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company is not liable for extra expenses incurred in preparation for the trip. Trips are sold as a package, and credits are not given for services not used.

Dollar-A-Day for Conservation

All of the courses and trips offered by The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company are intended to raise public awareness about the need to protect our environment. We hope you will consider contributing one dollar per day to support the work of Triangle Land Conservancy, a local conservation group whose mission it is to protect important open space—stream corridors, forests, wildlife habitat, farmland and natural areas—in Chatham, Durham, Johnston, Lee, Orange and Wake counties to help keep our region a healthy and vibrant place to live and work. Simply add one dollar per day to The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company trip fee. We will make sure that your contribution gets to Triangle Land Conservancy.

We will have Triangle Land Conservancy membership brochures available should you be interested in joining the organization.