

**2012
Rocky Mountain Sea Kayak Club
2012 Calendar**

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Disclaimer:

Any sport carries with it risks, and it's for you to understand those risks and decide whether you are prepared to accept them before undertaking any activity. Kayaking is no different; it can be dangerous if not undertaken in a safe manner and should never be done without proper training, experience and the correct use of relevant safety equipment. The Rocky Mountain Sea Kayaking Club cannot therefore accept responsibility for any injury or accident which may occur as a result of articles, advice or images published in its publications or on its website or in this schedule

General Notes:

- Club trips happen when members share information and work on research and planning together. Contact the paddling coordinator (Deb Jenkins at debjenkinsart@yahoo.com) if you are interested in coordinating a club trip.
- Please remember details in our Club schedules are tentative due to Trip Leaders' decisions about locations and dates, and the unpredictable Colorado weather. To avoid disappointments, always RSVP to the trip leader so you can be kept abreast of any last minute changes.
- **Starting Time:** "Starting time" means the time that the group will be in the water starting to paddle. Please arrive early enough to have your boat off the car, loaded and ready to go by that time.
- Day Paddles: Non-member guests may paddle with the Club on day paddles (one time only, please) if they sign an American Canoe Association Waiver and Release of Liability form and pay the \$5 ACA event fee. ACA members from other Paddle America clubs may join RMSKC day trips if they provide a current ACA card; they must also sign a Waiver but do not have to pay the event fee.
- Multi-Day Paddles: According to RMSKC policy, overnight and extended trips are open to RMSKC members only.

2012 events

January

- RMSKC Annual Winter Party

Winter Pool Sessions

- Meyers Pool Open Pool Kayak and Canoe Sessions
- Centennial Pool, Longmont CO

March

- Pre-spring Celebration
- 11th Annual Spring Kickoff Multi-Club South Platte Spring Trip
- Day Paddle on Pueblo Lake

April

- April 7: Jackson Lake
- April 28: "Fourth Saturday" Paddle at Lake McIntosh in Longmont

May

May 1: Introduction to Kayak Camping

May 5 : John Martin Reservoir State Park Day Paddle

May 19: Annual Union Reservoir Spring Paddle and Pot-Luck Picnic

- Starting Time: 10:00 in the water and ready to go (to approximately 3:00)
- \$8.00 daily fee, annual passes are available
- Address: 0461 WCR #26, Longmont
(http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/parks/park_list/overview/union.htm)
- The Club will provide Subway sandwiches; bring your own plates and beverage
- Contact person Lou Ann Hustvedt at lahustvedt@gmail.com

May 19-26th: Merritt Reservoir, North Central Nebraska Paddle with the Stars

- Paddle for 3 days on Merritt Reservoir-a 3 armed lake in the sand hills of north central Nebraska. It is full to the brim in the spring. Each day paddle is about 5-10 miles RT
- Car camp at Snake River campground at Merritt Reservoir
- Floating down the Middle Loupe River near Mullen NB (44 miles south of Merritt) for either 2 or 5 hours in a livestock watering tank.... yep, you read it right...a tank with seats and oars!!! \$18 per person....
- Paddling down the Dismal River for an overnigher ending in the Nebraska State Forest....

- For activities 3 and 4 we can stay at the Sand Hills Motel in Mullen for a night or two (\$50 per room) or camp out.
- LAST BUT NOT LEAST -- Viewing the stars in this most spectacular dark sky location. Bring your binoculars to see the myriad of stars in the Milky Way.... I may bring my telescope for all to check out some deep sky objects.
- RSVP to Larry Kline, who will be coordinating this trip: lkline146@yahoo.com

SKILLS NEEDED....

There could be high winds at times and the water is still cold....

Be able to paddle at 3mph into the wind....!!!!

Bring appropriate paddling gear for wind and cold dunks.

May 30th (Wednesday): Union Reservoir--second session for kayak camping

- Meet at launch area 9:00 am to begin packing kayaks
- \$8.00 daily fee, annual passes are available
- Paddle from 10:00 to 12:00
- Cook lunch on shore with camp stoves
- Contact person Brian Hunter at oldmanadrift@yahoo.com

June

June 3rd: South Platte: Brighton to Fort Lupton

- Car shuttle required
- Geared to beginners and we'll spend lots of time on moving water practice - ferrying and eddying, so expect a long day
- Trip is water flow dependent - too high will force a reschedule.
- RSVP to trip coordinator Anne Fiore: anne_fiore@yahoo.com for meeting time and place

Tentative date June 15-21: Glacier Bay, Alaska: Multi-day boating and kayak camping

The Alaska trip will be to the Beardsley Islands in Glacier Bay. We will fly to Gustavus and pick up kayaks from Glacier Bay Sea Kayaks in Bartlett's Cove at the Park HQ. We plan to paddle about 5 days around the Beardsleys. Whales, otters, seals, birds, and spectacular scenery are the big attraction. Five days of paddling, two-three days of travel. Total trip cost other than food and gear will be \$1,000-\$1,200 per person.

- The outfitter is Glacier Bay Sea Kayaks. They have a pretty good website with gear lists and rental costs. They don't open up for reservations until March or April. Rental rates for a single are \$45 per day. If you have your own boots and rain gear that's it.
- Transportation is by Alaska Air which flies from Denver to Gustavus. Fare in mid June is still around \$720 per person round trip. The flight arrives in the afternoon so we can catch the evening Park backcountry briefing (required) and pick up the kayaks the next morning to catch the tide out. The flight leaves in the afternoon so

we need to work out a schedule. Last year we spent an extra two days because of the airline schedule. One day hiking around Bartlett's Cove until the flight left and an evening in Juneau before catching the flight out to Denver. It is possible to avoid the layover in Juneau but the schedules last year made for a very long trip back if we didn't catch the morning flight out of Juneau.

- Camping at Bartlett's Cove is free. We bought and packaged all our food before we left. There is only one store in Gustavus; the only thing you need to buy is fuel for your stove. No other costs at Glacier bay unless you go to the gift store or restaurant.
- If we have the kayaks for 5-6 days the total cost should be right around \$1000 plus food. Check out the guide book "Adventure Kayaking: Glacier Bay" by Don Skillman on Amazon.
- Nothing special about the gear...the usual camping stuff. But, you must have a rainproof tent, a good rain suit, good high top boots. Mosquito net for your head also. We didn't use but a couple of dry sacks. Everything was stored in regular stuff sacks lined with plastic bags. These are lighter and more flexible than dry sacks. Small chair and table for dining.
- The bear proof containers are free from the Park office. I will bring a marine radio and my .44 for bears so you don't need anything like that.
- Look at the Glacier bay sea kayak website and the guidebook. If we kayak in the Beardsley Islands we probably wouldn't want to spend more than 5 days in the water.
- Trip coordinators are Lou Ann and Dave Hustvedt: lahustvedt@gmail.com

SKILLS NEEDED: Wilderness camping skills and equipment are essential. Water temperature is around 40F so good bracing and re-entry skills are also essential, even though the bay is sheltered and the water is relatively calm.

July

July 14th: Gross Reservoir: Local Day Paddle

- Paddle time 9am
- Contact Kristy or Richard Webber wearethey@comcast.net and/or Brian Curtiss bc@asdi.com for more information

July 28th: PaddleFest at Chatfield Reservoir

- This is RMSKC's annual summer get-together for games and competitions on the water, instruction, time to chat and try out other members' boats, and a great lunch of brats, burgers and excellent pot-luck side dishes
- Location is at Roxborough Cove at Chatfield
- Contact Jud Hurd at hurdofcows@q.com for details

August

September

October

Lake Powell early October, date tbd: Boating and kayak camping (no houseboat)

Trip is full, wait list only

Total group size will be limited to 6

Contact Anne Fiore at anne_fiore@yahoo.com if you are interested in putting your name on the wait list for this trip

October / November:

Fall Trip to Baja

Projected Time is Oct / Nov

Numbers of Days to be determined.

Trip coordinator is Jud Hurd at hurdofcows@q.com

End of Year Club Business:

Call for nominations for Steering Committee openings

Elections

Suggested Destinations Not Scheduled

Local Day Paddles

If you are interested in leading a day trip, either to one of the below suggestions or to one of your choosing, please contact the paddling coordinator

Cherry Creek

Pueblo-Jud Hurd

Horsetooth-Jud Hurd

Chatfield-Paddlefest

Dillon-Stan White

Boyd-Jud Hurd

Jackson Reservoir-Jud Hurd

Lake Estes

Rampart Reservoir

Ruedi Reservoir

Green Mountain Reservoir

Lake and Reservoir Trips

Apostle Islands Lake Superior: Multi-day boating and kayak camping

Trip coordinator: Brian Hunter at oldmanadrift@yahoo.com

McPhee (near Cortez) and Vallecito (near Durango) McPhee Reservoirs: Multi-day boating and car and/or kayak camping

A possible follow-on to a Navajo Trip

Numbers of Days to be determined.

Trip coordinator is Jud Hurd at hurdofcows@q.com

Blue Mesa Reservoir

The Blue Mesa, Elk Creek Boat launch is located about 235 miles from Denver. As planned, this trip would require paddle days of approximately 6 to 9 miles with 3 days and 2 nights on the water (5 days and 4 nights total, unless we drive home on the day we paddle back to Elk Creek). Wind can come up suddenly and exceed 20 knots. Often mornings are the best time to paddle as winds tend to come up at around 1:00. Water is generally cold and warms beginning in July into early September.

The chosen camp-sites are boat in only and do not require reservations. There is a \$15.00 fee for 7 day pass (or annual parks pass) into the Curecanti NP. Parking at the Elk Creek boat ramp is good. Reserved tent camp sites are \$15.00 per night (for the night before and possibly after the paddle).

When paddling we must be close enough to each other to effect a rescue. You must be comfortable paddling in 12-15 MPH wind (wind speed may exceed 20 MPH on this water requiring us to go ashore and wait it out) and be able to paddle 10 miles at 3 MPH. You must be proficient at getting back into your kayak in deep water. Dressing for immersion in 55 degree F water is required. Contact Brian Hunter: oldmanadrift@yahoo.com

River Trips

Ruby Horsethief Canyon, Fruita to Westwater

- Requires a car shuttle
- Beginning in 2012 requires a permit (check with the BLM for details)
- Camping on the river.

Gunnison River with overnight at Dominguez Canyon

North Platte: Saratoga to I-80

Early - mid June

NEED TRIP COORDINATOR

Colorado River: Dotsero to Hanging Lake

Trip Coordinator Brian Curtiss at bc@asdi.com

North Platte River from below Glendo Reservoir to Guernsey Reservoir

July

(Eastern Wyoming, about 3 hrs north of Cheyenne):

We will try and co-ordinate with Poudre Paddlers for this trip

Trip coordinator is Jud Hurd at hurdofcows@q.com