

River Guide

Delaware Water Gap
National Recreation Area

National Park Service
Pennsylvania/New Jersey



River Safety



Your 24-hour toll-free phone number for reporting crimes or emergencies in Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
1-800-543-4295
1-800-543-Hawk

- **ALWAYS WEAR A LIFE JACKET (PFD) WHILE BOATING!** Each boater must have a life vest which fits properly, is in good shape, and is accessible in an emergency. In Pennsylvania, children less than 12 yrs. old **must wear** a life jacket in a canoe, kayak or boat less than 20 ft. long.
- **YOUR LIFE JACKET CAN'T SAVE YOU IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT ON!** Tie your spare gear into your canoe but *wear* your life vest. *Don't* tie your lifejacket (PFD) into the canoe.
- **Never stand in a canoe. Kneel** in the canoe when going through rapids.
- Wear shoes to protect your feet from sharp stones and from glass.
- Protect yourself from the sun: wear sun screen, a hat, light clothing, sunglasses.
- **DRINKING AND BOATING DON'T MIX!** Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the area between Depue Island on the north and Depew Island on the south. This includes: Smithfield Beach PA, Hialeah Picnic Area PA, Worthington State Forest NJ and its campground, and Tocks and Labar Islands NJ.
- **DRINKING AND SWIMMING DON'T MIX! DON'T DRINK-THEN-SWIM.**
- The river has sharp drop-offs and strong currents. Do not try to swim or wade across the river.
- **NEVER SWIM ALONE!**
- Plan to be off the river before dark.
- Bring enough water. Don't drink river water unless it is boiled at least 3 minutes.



If you capsize ... DON'T PANIC!

- If you capsize, **stay with your canoe!** Even a swamped canoe will support you.
- Keep on the **upstream** side of the canoe to avoid being pinned against a rock or obstacle.
- If you lose your canoe, float **on your back, feet first and pointed downstream.**
- Don't stand up in rapids. Your feet and legs can get trapped; the current can pull you under.
- **Save people first!** Retrieve equipment only if it can be done safely.

Renting Canoes

These liveries have permits to drop off and pick up canoes and canoeists within the recreation area. Most liveries also rent tubes, rafts, and kayaks.

South end of the park near Interstate 80

North end of the park near Interstate 84
Additional canoe liveries along the Upper Delaware at www.nps.gov/upde/planyourvisit/boatrentals.htm

PENNSYLVANIA

Adventure Sports Canoe & Raft Trips Rt. 209, Box 175 Marshalls Creek PA 18335 (570) 223-0505 (800) 487-2628, 487-BOAT www.adventuresport.com
Chamberlain's Canoes P.O. Box 155 River Road (Maple Press Bldg.), Minisink Hills PA 18341 (570) 421-0180 (800) 422-6631 www.chamberlaincanoes.com

Delaware River Country Rt. 209 at the traffic light Fernwood Resort Bushkill Pa 18324 (877) 570-6700 (Trips from north end of park to Bushkill Access PA)

Kayak East RR 5 POB 5407 (guided kayak trips) East Stroudsburg PA 18301 (570) 421-3432

Pack Shack Adventures Box 127, 88 Broad Street Delaware Water Gap PA 18327

(570) 424-8533 (800) 424-0955 www.packshack.com

Shawnee River Trips Minisink Hills PA 18341 (570) 424-4000 Ext. 1120 www.shawneerivertrips.com

Dingmans Campground 1006 Rt. 209 (in park) Dingmans Ferry PA 18328 (800) 828-1551 (570) 828-1551 www.dingmancampground.com

Indian Head Canoes and Campgrounds 1065 Delaware Drive Matamoras PA 18336 (800) 874-2628 www.indianheadcanoes.com

(Jerry's) 3 River Campground /Canoes Box 7, 1891 Rt. 97 Pond Eddy NY 12770 (845) 557-6078 www.jerrys3rivercampground.com

Kittatinny Canoes & Campgrounds Rt. 739, Dingmans Bridge Dingmans Ferry PA 18328 (570) 828-2338, 828-2700 (800) 356-2852, 1-800-FLOAT-KC www.kittatinny.com

Silver Canoe Rentals 37 South Maple Avenue Port Jervis NY 12771 (914) 856-7055 (800) 724-8342 www.silvercanoe.com

Ten Mile River Enterprises (Lander's River Trips) 1336 Route 97 Narrowsburg NY 12764 (914) 252-3925 (800) 252-3925 www.landerrivertrips.com

NEW JERSEY

Delaware River Rafting & Canoeing Delaware River Campground Rt. 46, Box 142 Delaware NJ 07833 (908) 475-4517, 475-1006, (800) 543-0271 www.njcamping.com/delaware