

PRE-TRIP DETAILS



HISTORIC AUGUSTA CANAL DAY PADDLE

APRIL 22nd, 2017

We hope you are excited about your upcoming adventure! Be on the lookout for a pre-trip email detailing everything you will need to know about your trip 2-3 weeks before the scheduled trip. In the meantime, please use the general information below to prepare for your Stewardship Trip with us! We suggest leaving a copy of this document with a personal contact at home.

Prior to departure, please review the gear list in our pre-trip email and fill out the GC online waiver at: <https://www.smartwaiver.com/v/gctripswaiver/>

CONTACTS

If you have any questions before the trip, please email us or call our office phone. If you reach our voicemail, leave a message with your name, a phone number where you can be reached, and a brief explanation of the situation.

Laura: LBuckmaster@georgiaconservancy.org **Ben:** bfowler@georgiaconservancy.org

***For Cancellations or Questions:**

Email bfowler@georgiaconservancy.org

Call: (404) 876-2900 (ext. 111)

Office hours 9:00a.m.-5:30p.m. Monday-Friday

Meeting time: Saturday 9:30 a.m. (or 9:00 a.m. for early shuttle option)

Meeting Location: Savannah Rapid Pavilion, Savannah Rapids Park Martinez, GA 30907

Google Maps: [Link](#)

Staff Leadership: Ben Fowler and Laura Buckmaster

Duration: 1 Day

Expected Attendance: 100 participants

Look for: Georgia Conservancy signs and staff

ARRIVAL:

When you enter Savannah Rapids Park, go straight ahead as far as you can and then go right, down the very steeply pitched parking area, and drive by the cottage on your left. That drive will guide you right down to the canoe/kayak/SUP staging launch area by a fishing dock. There will be Georgia Conservancy signs to highlight the way. You can drop your gear, off in grassy area at the water by the fishing dock below and behind the Canal Information Center, a historical white cottage that stands alone within the Columbia County Pavilion campus/park and pull your vehicle off into the bus-stop indentation, then go and park in one of the several parking lots. (The closest will be to circle all the way back around to the steep lot you initially drove through at the information cottage.) This is where the caravan will leave for the take out spot if you would like your car waiting there when you finish the paddle.

BOAT RENTAL:

Rental boats are not included in the registration of this trip. You are responsible for arranging your own boating needs. If you are not bringing your own boats to the event then you will need to rent your own

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boat with Savannah Rapids Kayak Rental: They will charge \$30 - \$40 depending on your boat selection and all equipment is included (paddle, life vest, whistle, etc.).

Email savannahrapidskayakrental@gmail.com or call 706-832-5323 and let them know you need to reserve a boat for the Georgia Conservancy's Augusta Canal Paddle on Saturday April 22nd, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

WEATHER:

Temperatures on average are a high of 78° F and a low of 53° F.

Check here for current conditions and forecasts: <https://weather.com/weather/today/l/USGA0642:1:US>

RECOMMENDED GEAR:

<u>Gear List</u>	<u>Clothing</u>	<u>Optional Gear</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> PFD<input type="checkbox"/> Daypack<input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle (2)<input type="checkbox"/> Towels<input type="checkbox"/> Cash<input type="checkbox"/> Cooler with ice<input type="checkbox"/> Shoes that you can get wet<input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses & sunscreen<input type="checkbox"/> Extra snacks<input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen<input type="checkbox"/> Bug spray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Non-cotton clothing layers<input type="checkbox"/> Sun hat<input type="checkbox"/> Shoes and sandals<input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Camera<input type="checkbox"/> Extra clothing<input type="checkbox"/> Extra dry bags for personal equipment<input type="checkbox"/> dry bag (if you have one), Ziplocs, or trash bags<input type="checkbox"/> Allergy medicine <p><u>Provided Gear</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> First Aid

MEALS:

Please bring lunch, snacks, and water!

RECOMMENDED EXPERIENCE LEVEL: See FAQ's for more information

Augusta Canal Day Paddle = **Novice**