

2009 PADDLING SCHEDULE

Morning paddles. Meet at 9:45 (or earlier) to be on the water by 10:00 AM. New to the sport? Need help with boat unloading? We especially encourage beginners, but all are welcome to join. PFDs (and boats) required. We'll paddle for about 1.5 hrs. and then go out to lunch. These are beginner outings, so we will cancel if bad weather is a possibility. Be sure to call us to sign up so we can notify you in case of cancellation. We'll give you directions then. Jody and Bob, 231-932-9249, bennettj@charter.net.

Monday, June 22 – Pearl Lake

Paddle this small, peaceful lake that is only developed on the north shore. Eagles, osprey, and loons nest here and can usually be spotted.

Note: There is no 'official' potty at this site, but there are lots of trees. Poison ivy too, so you'll need to be watchful. This is a small lake that usually provides glimpses of eagles and loons.

Wednesday, July 15 – Lake Dubonnet

Enjoy this man-made lake created many years ago for flood control. It is almost undeveloped and has patches of standing dead trees in which various birds (including raptors) perch and nest, and there are several islands, including one that floats. Not sure which one it is. Perhaps we can figure it out.

Friday, July 31 – Boardman River, Hull Park

Join us as we paddle under the new TART pedestrian bridge and Eighth St. bridge, pass by apartments and condos, and meander our way to Union St. Dam (the stalwart structure that keeps invasive species out of the rest of the river). We'll also venture forth into Boardman Lake if there's time.

Tuesday, August 18 – Cedar Lake

We'll pick our way through the creek that will take us to the bridge at M-22, right by one of the most toxic areas (aside from Bay Harbor) in northern Michigan. But then we'll clean our boats by paddling in the lake itself.

Thursday, September 10 – Boardman River by YMCA

Paddle a short segment of the river that will be much livelier when the dams are removed. We'll go upstream (not much current) to the Sabin dam and then return.