



Aqua Trails Kayaking and the Nature Center of Cape May

Summer 2011 Program Schedule

Reduced Prices Continue Into 2011!!!

Tidal Marsh Tour by Kayak (2 ½ hours)

Mid-June through September 6th

Daily Tours at 9:30 and 1:00

Cost: Single Kayak \$40.00, Double Kayak \$70.00

Get ready for close encounters with nesting ospreys, herons, egrets and beautiful salt marsh flora and fauna. Explore the historic and scenic Cape May Harbor and some of Cape May County's most beautiful and unspoiled salt marshes via a kayak. There is No Experience Necessary! These tours are perfect for families looking to gain something meaningful while visiting the shore. All kayak tours are led by experienced Aqua Trails guides and naturalists. Bring sunscreen, sunglasses, a towel, protective water shoes and appropriate clothing for getting wet/ damp.

Sunset Kayak Tours (2 ½ hours)

Mid-June through Early September

Tuesdays and Saturdays, times vary

Cost: Single Kayak \$40.00, Double Kayak \$70.00

The sunset kayak tour is our tidal marsh tour by Kayak, with the added bonus of a beautiful sunset over the marshes and harbor. See description above for details and suggestions.

Full Moon Kayaking Tours (2 ½ hours)

June 14th, 15th and 16th

July 14th, 15th and 16th

August 12th, 13th and 14th

September 10th, 11th and 12th

Cost: Single Kayak \$40.00, Double Kayak \$70.00

The full moon kayak tour has become one of most unique and special offerings, as well as our most popular kayak tour. This is the tidal marsh tour by kayak with the extra attraction of seeing a sunset over the water and the ascent of a full moon while an exceptionally high tide rises. Specific departure time vary, please call ahead.

Aqua Trails Kayak Camp (8:30 am to 12:00 pm)

July 18, 19, 20

August 15, 16, 17

Cost: \$150.00 for the 3-day session

Aqua Trails Kayaking Camp is kayaking fun for adventurers between the ages of 12 and 16. Young enthusiasts will be introduced to the sport of sea kayaking through hands-on activities and lessons. Experienced instructors from Aqua Trails Kayaking will cover topics including safety, basic paddling skills, the wet exit, and several self and aided rescues. Tours of the beautiful and historic harbor and wetlands are included. No kayaking experience is necessary and all equipment is provided. Students must be able to swim. Please pack lunch and bring plenty of water each day. Also students should bring sunscreen, water shoes, sunglasses (with retainer), a towel, a windbreaker and a bathing suit as everyone will get totally wet every day. The camp is held at the NCCM and in adjacent Cape May Harbor. Classes are limited to eight students and fill-up quickly, so please pre-register.

There will be no advanced Kayak Camp in 2010

Kayak Clinic

July 16th From 9:00am to 12:00pm

August 20th From 9:00am to 12:00pm

Cost: \$50.00 NJAS Members with own kayak, \$75.00 NJAS Members renting a kayak, \$60.00 Non-NJAS Members with own kayak, \$85.00 Non-NJAS Members renting a kayak

This informative program is designed to teach adults the basics of sea kayaking. Only sit-inside (sea) kayaks will be used for this program. This class will introduce the paddler to kayak equipment, water conditions, self and aided rescues. The Eskimo Roll will be demonstrated, but not taught.

Belleplain Pine Barrens Ecology Kayak Tour

June 29th (Wed), July 27th (Wed), August 24th (Wed), September 24th (Sat) and October 8th (Sat-fall foliage!). Tours meet at the NCCM and depart around 8:30 am and return at approximately 2:00 pm.

Cost: Single Kayak \$60.00, Double Kayak \$95.00. Bring a lunch if snacks aren't enough.

This is a terrific opportunity to experience the serene beauty of one of Belleplain Forest's beautiful lakes. The placid naturally tea-colored waters invite persons of all ages to enjoy a natural treasure. Be prepared for sightings of eagles, warblers, beavers and rare carnivorous plants! Come and see why the United Nations has included the Pine Barrens of New Jersey as part of the International Biosphere Reserve. All equipment, instruction, guide services, water and snacks are provided by the Aqua Trails staff. Space is limited, so reservations are required.

Cove Beach to Higbee's Beach Sunset Kayak Tour

June 20th (Mon) Meets 5:45 pm NCCM

July 6th (Wed) Meet 5:30 pm NCCM

July 18th (Mon) Meet 5:30 pm NCCM

August 1st (Mon) Meet 5:00 pm NCCM

August 15th (Mon) Meet 5:00 pm NCCM

August 17th (Wed) Meet 5:00 pm NCCM

August 29th (Wed) Meet 5:00 pm NCCM

Cost: Single Kayak \$50.00, Double \$90.00

This thrilling kayak tour is designed for the more adventurous paddlers. Enjoy the natural vistas of the Cove beach in Cape May while paddling the gentle ocean swells around Cape May Point and into Delaware Bay. Once in the bay, we will paddle north along the Higbee Beach WMA where over one thousand acres of maritime forest still grace the coastline. Skilled Aqua Trails Kayaking guides will ensure a safe and fantastic experience while seeking out dolphins, sea birds and other fantastic marine life. See the historic Cape May lighthouse from a totally new perspective! All equipment, instruction and guide services are provided. We also throw in a snack and bottle of water. Space is limited, so reserve ASAP.

******* New For 2011*******

Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP) Rentals!

SUP's are available for rent every day and are the perfect way to explore the harbor and adjacent marshes. As always, all equipment and instruction is provided. This rapidly growing sport is now available here in Cape May. Perfect for persons of all ages and abilities. An excellent core exercise, while providing a vista of the water like no other activity. If flat-water paddling is too tame, take them off-site to approved beaches.

Rates:

One Hour= \$20.00

Two Hours= \$30.00

Half Day (4 hours)= \$40.00

Full Day (24 hours) = \$50.00