

## Canoe trip itinerary, Aug. 20-24, 2019

Aug. 20, Tuesday Passadumkeag River, 15 miles.

8:30 am. Put-in on the Passadumkeag River near Lowell, Maine Atlas Map 34, 1B. Paddle 15 miles to the Penobscot River (one portage), and camp nearby at Point Passadumkeag Campground. (The campground is on Rt. 2 behind B&W Market, Map 33, 4B.) There is a fee for tenting. If you are departing after the day, you can take-out at the Passadumkeag Boat Launch, river left, just before the campground.

Aug. 21, Wed. Passadumkeag to Argyle, 12 miles.

If you are joining us, you can put-in at the campground (see Aug. 20) at 8:30 am. We'll paddle 12 miles to "Riverbilly's Retreat," a campsite on river right in Argyle. If you don't camp with us, you can take out 1 mile later, river left, at the Greenbush Boat Launch on Rt. 2, Map 33, 4D.

Aug. 22, Thursday Argyle to French Island in Old Town, 12 miles plus portage.

If you are joining us, you can put-in at the Greenbush Boat Launch on Rt. 2, and watch for us to pass by around 8:30 am. An optional visit to the Stillwater River campsite could add 1 mile to the day. We will paddle past Indian Island, portage the Milford Dam, and continue one more mile to Jim Mitchell's campsite at the south tip of French Island in Old Town. To join us there for the night, or at 8:30 the next morning, Jim's address is 3 Nadeau St., Old Town. Rt. 2 crosses French Island between Old Town and Milford.

Aug. 23, Friday French Island to Brewer, 14 miles.

This day has some whitewater challenges in store. First we go through Great Works rapids, Class II, where the dam was removed in 2012. There are Class I rapids in Orono where we will take-out briefly to have a look at the Orono campsite on the shoreline of Penobscot Valley Country Club. Then the Veazie rapids, Class II, where the dam was removed in 2013. From there it's just riffles to the Penobscot Salmon Club campsite, river left in Brewer, where we will camp for the night.

To join us there for the night or next day, drive 1 mile north of the Joshua Chamberlain Bridge (northern-most bridge) on Rt. 9/178 in Brewer. The Salmon Club driveway will be on your left, easy to miss. This is where NRCM and PPCS will congregate on Saturday to paddle voyageur canoes and personal craft on a day trip.

Aug. 24, Saturday Brewer to S. Orrington, 11 miles of flatwater.

PPCS, NRCM, and other paddlers will meet at the Penobscot Salmon Club (see Aug. 23) and begin paddling at 10:00 am, arriving at the South Orrington Boat Launch off Rt. 15, at 3:00 pm, a trip of 11 miles.

This day is free of charge, but NRCM would appreciate it if you RSVP at <https://www.nrcm.org/events/> When you RSVP, you can reserve a seat in a voyageur canoe instead of bringing your own.

4:00 Open PRPT Meeting

We PRPT folks will return to the Penobscot Salmon Club after the paddle for a 4:00 pm Board meeting, open to all, with updates about campsites, grants, etc. We are in need of board and regular members from the northern region of the river. You are welcome to camp at the Salmon Club after the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

You should know:

1. Call David in advance if you are going, so we can discuss where to leave cars.  
Home phone: 338-1147 or [dthanhauser@gmail.com](mailto:dthanhauser@gmail.com)
2. Be prepared for mosquitoes and poison ivy. Both love riverine settings as much as we do.
3. There is whitewater paddling every day, usually just Class I riffles. Aug. 23 will have some Class II at two former dam sites.
4. You are responsible for bringing your own food, water, and camping gear.
5. If you plan to fish, bring your gear and license.

We look forward to seeing you!  
David and Cloe  
Penobscot River Paddling Trail