

SCOUTING ADVENTURES

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MERIT BADGE ADVENTURES: ONE DAY & MULTI DAY TRIPS

Scouting is an opportunity to experience adventure, camaraderie and learning for all involved. Professional River Runners of Maine wants to introduce your scout group to the adventures awaiting them in the great outdoors!

For over 17 years, PRO has offered fully guided adventures that excite and challenge scout groups in safe, structured environments. Our focus on fun is balanced with safety at all times.

We offer completely outfitted multi-day whitewater rafting and canoe trips designed with scout groups in mind. All adventures include camping gear, meals, equipment, guides and transportation shuttles for the entire adventure. All multi-day trips offer Merit Badge certifications and itineraries can be customized to accomplish your goals. Our programs are flexible and can be customized to include your own gear and equipment if necessary and an array of activities to choose from:

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| Hiking | Inflatable Kayaking | Wildlife |
| Whitewater Rafting | Fishing | Open Campfires |
| Camping | Canoeing | Camaraderie & Adventure |



Merit Badge Programs

- 50 Mile Badge: canoeing, rafting and camping through the Kennebec River Wilderness Waterway 4-5 Day Expedition
- Whitewater Merit Badge: whitewater thrills and instruction on the Kennebec or Penobscot Rivers
- 1-2 Day Expedition
- Other Badges available: camping, hiking and fishing. All expeditions available

May 1 -Sept 30

HOW TO RESERVE A MERIT BADGE ADVENTURE

Pro has taken the complexity out of setting up a merit badge adventure. Simply call our reservation office at 1-800-325-3911 and review your itinerary with our reservation staff. We will set up a trip ticket for your Troop. Keep in mind that PRO does not have a minimum number of guests required to run a trip! We will outline your trip details and send to you for review.

After the Troop has reviewed the details, Pro will send an official trip outline with deposit/payment information. Along with this, a Packing List, Participation Agreement Form and other pertinent information will be forwarded to you for distribution to the Troop. The trip is considered confirmed at this point.

We accept reservations for any Merit Badge Adventure program any Sunday—Friday, from May 1 through October 1 .



Customized Multi Day Adventure Options

50 MILE MERIT BADGE

Originating on the Kennebec River Wilderness waterway, PRO will complete 50 miles of instruction in a remote wilderness setting. This trip is designed to get back to nature and fulfill the whitewater merit badge, canoeing merit badge and camping merit badge.

PRO will include all gear, guides and equipment for this trip. We will allow personal camping equipment and send a pack list of what to bring for each leg of the trip relating to clothing and other personal supplies adventurers may wish /need to bring. This is outlined on the next page.

Day 1 We begin our trek in Canoes on the West Outlet of the Kennebec River. Day one will consist of Class II whitewater and flatwater paddling on Indian Pond. We will set up camp on the shores of Indian Pond for the evening. We will discuss the events of the day around a soaring campfire and review the itinerary for Day 2.

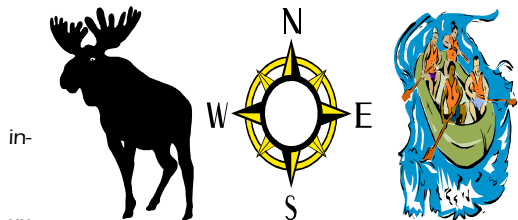
Day 2 will begin with a canoe paddle down Indian Pond after breaking camp. We will instruct the group on this leg of the trip about paddle commands, review paddle strokes, identify wildlife and can incorporate fishing on this leg of the trip. Day 2 will be spent on Indian Pond and we will break midday for a picnic lunch. By early afternoon, we will make camp at Indian Pond Campground. We will review throughout the evening the whitewater merit badge which will begin on Day 3.

Day 3: We will ready the group for a full day of whitewater rafting on Class III-V rapids on the Kennebec River. Here the group will achieve the whitewater merit badge and complete all necessary components of this certification with the assistance of our certified whitewater staff. We will serve a river snack, explore natural, remote waterfalls along the river gorge and take a swim on the lower river while introducing the group to the flora and fauna of the area and some local history about the log drives and the diversity of the Kennebec River and how it has supported the region's economy over the decades. The group will make camp at PRO's riverside Kennebec Campground.

Day 4: Today we will embark on the longest canoeing leg of the expedition and begin canoeing on the headwaters of Wyman Lake where the Kennebec River and Wyman Lake join. We will canoe the lake to a remote island campsite where we will set up camp for the night. Throughout the day we will paddle flatwater and enjoy the remote scenery and wildlife. This will be the final day of activity and commence with an awards ceremony on the island. Here our guide staff, with the assistance of the Scout Leaders, will award everyone with a 50 Mile Merit Badge Certificate of completion and personal "fun" awards for each scout. Awards in the past have been: Best Campsite Housekeeper; Most Organized Camper; Most Creative Menu Idea, etc...a fun way to wrap up the trip and give the Scouts a small send off after a BIG adventure.

Day 5: After breaking camp, we paddle back to the Wyman Lake Boat Launch where shuttles will await the group to return to PRO's base. Here the group will rejoin their vehicles and pack for the road home or stay another evening before leaving. In total all participants will have paddled 50 Miles of water way.

2 Day Wilderness Overnight



This adventure begins on the East Outlet of the Kennebec River at the outlet of Moosehead Lake. A total of 25 miles will be explored as we begin this adventure.

Day 1: Check in begins at 8:30 AM at the riverbase in The Forks, Me. Here we begin introductions, hand out water proof gear bags and begin to ready for departure by 10:00 AM. Everyone must bring a sleeping bag, personal toiletries and change of clothes for this trip. PRO provides all shuttles, meals through lunch on Day 2, equipment and camping gear.

We depart for the East Outlet of the Kennebec River a class II-III whitewater trip taken in small rafts/inflatable sport-yaks. This is a section of fun splashy whitewater where everyone will gain knowledge of reading whitewater, paddling instruction and safety. Our guides work with the group until everyone is comfortable with the instruction. Throughout the course of the day, there will be opportunity to review the material. After eating a picnic lunch at Swimmers Ledge, at the end of the whitewater section, we motor shuttle across Indian Pond and arrive at camp for the evening. Upon arrival everyone unpacks to ready for an evening of campfire tales, cooking and star gazing. Of course, a full review of the river dialogue too! Dinner is cooked over an open fire -including strawberry shortcake and hand cranked ice-cream, for dessert! We camp on a private island on Indian Pond roughly 4 Miles from the Kennebec River put in that begins Day 2.

- DAY 2: After a hearty lumberjack style breakfast cooked over an open fire, we break camp and motor shuttle by boat to the put in for the Class IV-V whitewater adventure on the Kennebec River. This trip is the highlight of everyone's summer! A shuttle bus arrives to pick up all gear after we arrive at check-in and we begin to get ready to raft the mighty Kennebec River! In the shadows of the Harris Station Hydro dam, we review information for the whitewater Merit Badge certification. Our guides will instruct and discuss different whitewater terminology, how to identify an eddy line and the mechanics of what makes up a rapid on the river. Safety issues and paddle commands are also reviewed. The group breaks down into groups of 7-9 guests with a guide per each raft. As we put in below the dam, after turning the first corner the waves begin! Shooting upward the raft climbs up and over the wave line as you pop and bounce down the river gorge! The high rock lined river gorge walls remind you that this is still an untouched wilderness experience. The first 7 miles of this trip are filled with natural waterfalls, osprey sightings and other wildlife. As you begin the second or lower half of the river trip, the gorge widens and the rapids are a Class II-III-excellent for short splashy rides and afternoon fun. We usually prepare a river snack to be enjoyed at this time. There are several sections where one can swim along side the raft and enjoy the river and scenery. We will also review the Merit Badge details throughout the day. Take out is on rivers edge behind the Kennebec River base camp. We simply pull the rafts ashore and walk back to the base where your personal gear awaits. A hearty BBQ lunch and picture show & or DVD of the trip wrap up your adventure and departure is usually by 4 PM.

THE FINE PRINT.....

50 MILE BADGE ADVENTURE

CHECK-IN: DAY 1 8:30 AM

COST: \$310PP LAST DAY ENDS 4:00 PM

INCLUDES: ALL MEALS: BEGINNING WITH LUNCH ON DAY ONE THROUGH LUNCH ON DAY 4. ALL MEALS WILL BE COOKED FOR THE GROUP AND PRO CAN HONOR ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUESTS WITH ADVANCED NOTICE. RIVER GEAR, CAMPING EQUIPMENT; SHUTTLES, GUIDES AND RIVER SNACKS.

WHAT TO BRING: ALL GUESTS MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING:

1. SIGNED PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT
2. SLEEPING BAG/PILLOW; PERSONAL TOILETRIES
3. REQUIRED SCOUT FORMS FOR WHITEWATER MERIT BADGE PROGRAM CERTIFICATION
4. CLOTHING TO INCLUDE: RAIN COAT; WOOL SWEATER; FLEECE PULLOVER; EXTRA PAIR SNEAKERS &/OR TEVA STYLE SANDALS; SHORTS & T-SHIRTS; BASEBALL CAP; BATHING SUIT/TRUNKS; FLASHLIGHT; BUG REPELLANT
5. ALL NECESSARY MEDICATIONS WITH ANY SPECIAL PHYSICIANS INSTRUCTIONS TO INCLUDE INHALERS AND EPPI PENS.



2 DAY WILDERNESS OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE-CHECK-IN 8:30 AM DAY 1

COST: \$130 PP LAST DAY ENDS: 4:00 pm

INCLUDES: ALL MEALS BEGINNING WITH LUNCH ON DAY ONE THROUGH LUNCH ON DAY 2. ALL MEALS ARE PREPARED FOR THE GROUP AND PRO WILL HONOR ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUESTS WITH ADVANCED NOTICE. CAMPING EQUIPMENT, SHUTTLES, GUIDES, RIVER GEAR ALL INCLUDED AS WELL AS RIVER SNACKS.

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5. ALL NECESSARY MEDICATIONS WITH PHYSICIANS INSTRUCTIONS TO INCLUDE EPPI PENS AND INHALERS

IN CLOSING.....

Thank you for considering Professional River Runners. We look forward to assisting you with any questions or further information. Remember, PRO can customize any of our trips to fit your Troop's needs. Our staff have been involved with Scout Activities for over 17 years and we look forward to hosting you while on your adventure in Maine!

Sincerely,

The Staff at Professional River Runners



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