

Greater Grand Rapids Ski Club

School Section Lake Camping and Canoe/Kayak Outing

July 19-21, 2019



This is a great location for camping and the Chippewa River is a peaceful river. School Section Lake Park Campground is part of an 86-acre park with a large sandy beach area, clear lake for swimming, and historic fieldstone concessions building. The park is home to an original one room schoolhouse which continues to offer educational summer programs. It is one hour north of Grand Rapids on 90th Avenue in Mecosta (near Stanwood/Canadian Lakes).

We will camp Friday through Sunday with a canoe/kayak trip down the Chippewa River (Buckley's to Deerfield or Meridian Park) on Saturday. As always, there will be time around the bonfire both Friday and Saturday night and swimming/water sports Friday afternoon or Sunday. Feel free to bring your water toys (boats, rafts, kayaks, etc.) or rent onsite. If you prefer to just go canoeing/kayaking on Saturday, that's OK too.

Agenda:

Friday PM Arrive at School Section Lake Park Campground (1 hour from G.R.) in Mecosta County
131 North to exit 131 (M-20 W toward White Cloud); Right onto 8 Mile Road
Left onto 155th Avenue (5th stop sign); then Right onto Buchanan Road
Drive 6.4 miles and Left onto 90th Avenue; ½ mile to 9003 90th Avenue (on left)
7:00 pm Eat at the campground or meet at restaurant for a bite (Blue Lake Tavern-9965 11 Mile Rd)
Left on 90th, Left on 11 Mile Road
Bonfire at the campground (near cabins 6 & 7)

Saturday

8:30-9:30 am Breakfast at the site (cooked for you)
9:30 am Leave for Buckley's (east on M-20; 4700 W Remus Road) – recommend using them for transport
Straight out on 9 mile which turns into M-20 (slight right)
10:30ish am Launch Canoes and Kayaks for a 3-5 hour trip on the Chippewa (two options to consider)
Bring food, beverages, sun screen, water shoes, life jacket, etc.
2:00/3:00ish Arrive at the end of the trip at Deerfield or Meridian Park (\$8 transport back to cars)
6:00 pm Dinner – Potluck back at the **Beach Shelter** at the campground (meat provided by the Club)
Games at the Shelter or bonfire at the campground

Sunday

9:00 am Breakfast at the site (cooked for you)
10:00 to noon Teardown campsite
Noon to ? Play on the Beach

Cost:

\$13.00 for Members or \$15 for Non-members to cover breakfast on Saturday & Sunday and meat for potluck
Camping fees – on your own (water/electric sites \$30/night) + vehicle permit at \$7/day
Dinner Friday night if you go out
Buckley's Canoe/Kayak rental: canoes \$43 and single kayaks \$24 for 3-4 hour trip; \$8 transportation only
Lunch/snacks on the river – on your own (bring something to share!)
NO Jello shots, glass or Styrofoam containers on the river
Dinner Saturday night – potluck at Beach Shelter at the campground (meat provided by GGRSC)
Lunch on Sunday – on your own/leftovers

What to do:

- 1) Register online www.ggrsc.org and pay online or mail* \$13 (\$15 for non-members) for food/shelter
- 2) Reserve spot at School Section Campground**. There is tent camping and RV camping
<http://www.mecostacountyparks.com/school-section-lake-veterans-park.html> Or call 231-832-3246
- 3) Call Buckley's Mountainside Canoes at 989-772-5437 to arrange your Canoe/Kayak for our trip or
transportation back to your car, meeting there at 10:00 am on Saturday (be sure to mention that you are with
the Greater Grand Rapids Ski Club). <http://www.buckleyscanoe.com/>

****NOTE: I have reserved a cabins 6&7 for the weekend and most likely will be where we have morning breakfasts.**

***Mail Check to:** Lynne Black – 900 Paradise Lake Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Lynne at lblack@grfoundation.org or call 616-644-4765 (cell).