

**Greater Grand Rapids Ski Club
School Section Lake Camping and Canoe/Kayak Outing
July 16-18, 2021**



This is a great location for camping and the Chippewa River is a peaceful paddle.

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. It is just 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 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 cabin 7)

Saturday

8:30-9:30 am Breakfast ON YOUR OWN, coffee provided at cabin 7

10:00 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)

11:00ish am Launch Canoes and Kayaks for a 3-4 hour trip on the Chippewa
Bring food, beverages, sun screen, water shoes, life jacket, etc.

2:00/3:00ish Arrive at the end of the trip (transport back to cars)

6:00 pm Dinner – Potluck back at the **North Shelter** at the campground (meat provided by the Club)
Games at the Shelter or bonfire at the campground

Sunday

9:00 am Breakfast ON YOUR OWN, coffee provided at cabin 7

10:00 to noon Teardown campsite

Noon to ? Play on the Beach

Cost:

\$5 for Members or \$8 for Non-members to cover shelter rental, coffee and meat for potluck

Camping fees – on your own (water/electric sites \$35/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

NO Jello shots, glass or Styrofoam containers on the river

Dinner Saturday night – potluck at North 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* \$5 (\$8 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 10:30 am on Saturday (be sure to mention that you are with the Greater Grand Rapids Ski Club). <http://www.buckleyscanoe.com/>

***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).