



One River - One Boat - 120 Miles AuSable Spring Trials

May 19, 2007 - Grayling, Michigan

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Trials**

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This is not your Saturday family canoe trip!

Michigan's earliest explorers used the AuSable River as their super highway from Grayling to Oscoda. They would paddle in groups up and down stream trapping and trading their way through the AuSable River valley. Today, the AuSable is known as one of the finest canoeing venues in North America.

Designed as a unique fundraiser for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, the AuSable Spring Trials provides the opportunity for six paddlers to experience the challenge of a non-stop river assault from Grayling to Oscoda in relay fashion.

Each team of two will paddle three separate river stages out of a total of nine

- handing their canoe off to fellow team members.

The total distance is 120 miles, with stages from 8 to 18 miles long. The total trip time to Oscoda is eighteen to twenty-two hours. This is truly an opportunity to participate in northern Michigan adventure of a magnitude that few will ever experience in a lifetime.

People watch reality shows - The AuSable Spring Trials is the real deal. Call five friends and tell them to turn off the TV.

Let's go paddling.

Let's race!

Limited to ten teams, the race will begin beside the Grayling Post Office in a LeMan's style start at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 19th.

Six paddlers per team will run with their canoe to the river where two paddlers will depart in stage one. Canoes will be of standard design, and provided by the Spring Trials committee.

Paddlers will then trade off at each stage. All teams will travel together, and assist at portages, serve as feeders for their paddlers and safety support.

		Estimated paddle time
Stage 1	Grayling to Wakeley Bridge	18 miles 2 hours, 50 minutes
Stage 2	Wakeley Bridge to Parmalee Bridge	18 miles 2 hours, 50 minutes
Stage 3	Parmalee Bridge to Mio Dam (portage)	13 miles 2 hours, 30 minutes
Stage 4	Mio Dam to McKinley Bridge	16 miles 2 hours, 40 minutes
Stage 5	McKinley Bridge to Alcona Dam (portage)	11 miles 2 hours, 30 minutes
Stage 6	Alcona Dam to Loud Dam (portage)	14 miles 2 hours, 35 minutes
Stage 7	Loud Dam to Cooke Dam (portage)	10 miles 2 hours, 25 minutes
Stage 8	Cooke Dam to Foote Dam (portage)	8 miles 2 hours, 15 minutes
Stage 9	Foote Dam to Oscoda	12 miles 2 hours, 30 minutes

Lettering for the sides of the canoes will be provided by the Spring Trials committee to reflect the name of the team's sponsor, city or team name.

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How do the AuSable Spring Trials work? At 3:00 p.m. on May 19th, all six members of the team will run with their canoe to the river where only two of them will paddle the first stage. At Wakeley Bridge, they will hand the boat off to another two members of their team for the second stage. At the beginning of each stage, fresh paddlers will take the boat towards Oscoda.

Why only ten starting positions? We hope to have enough entries to make the event interesting for those that enter, but not so many that it becomes unmanageable. Teams are self supporting and serve as their own canoe's safety support team. While all ten starting positions may not be filled, more than ten applications will only be accepted in the case that earlier entries drop.

How much is the entry fee? As a fundraising event for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, the entry fee per boat is \$1,800 or \$300 per paddler. A \$300 down payment per team is due with the application, with the balance due by May 14th. Entry fees may be paid by the paddlers themselves, or raised by taking pledges or seeking sponsorships. This entry fee is a minimum, and if your team has the highest amount of pledges or sponsorships raised, there will be special recognition for each member of the top fundraising team.

What will the Spring Trials committee provide? Each team will be provided a typical livery-type canoe, paddles, a competitor shirt and detailed maps for each of your individual paddlers. The committee will also provide custom lettering for your canoe to provide recognition for your paddlers and sponsors. We intend to make the event known to the press and make at least one press release to the print media after the event has concluded. We are excited about the accuracy of the map set that will be provided the paddlers, as it will be the most comprehensive maps of the AuSable River provided to the paddling public ever.

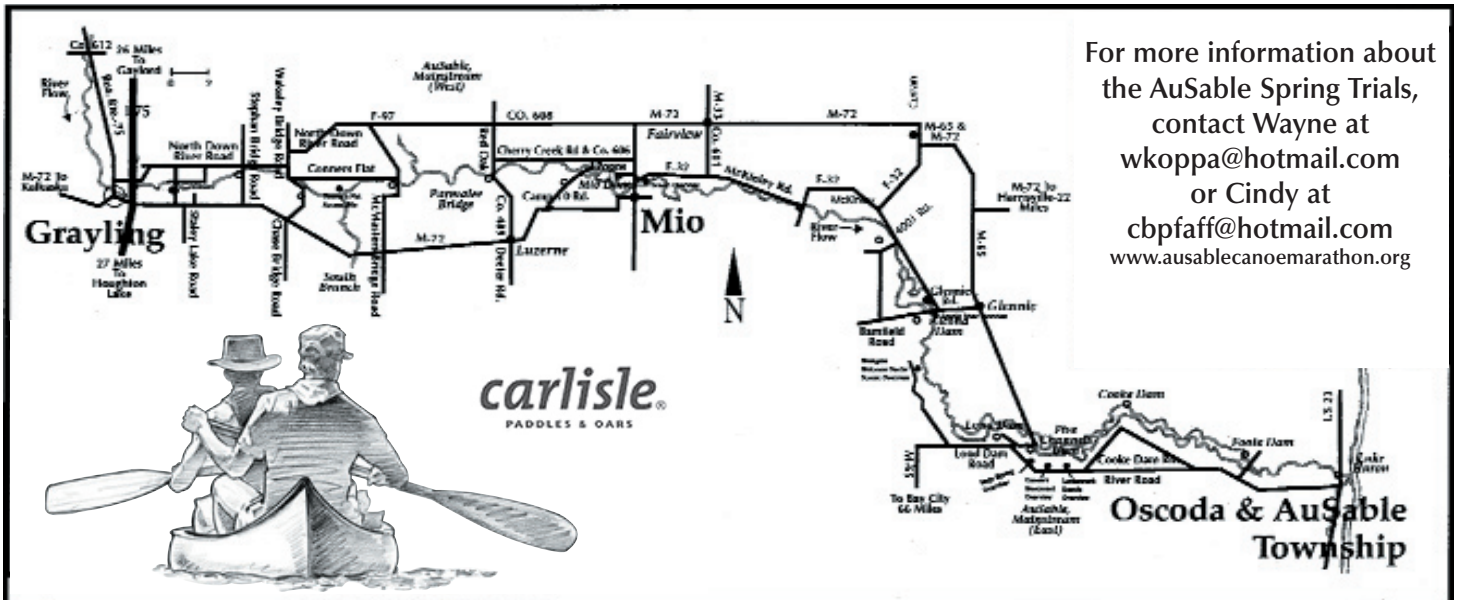
What will the competitors provide? Paddlers will be responsible to provide their own personal floatation device, transportation food and lighting system for night paddling. After securing a starting position with the \$300 down payment (balance due May 14th), the Spring Trials committee will provide each team a list of equipment requirements, pledge sheets, and good ideas of things to bring along. Team members will then be able to start studying the map sets and the stages that they will be paddling. It will be a good idea to study and paddle your assigned stages at the time of day that you will be paddling prior to the event.

Can we use Global Positioning System (GPS)? Absolutely! A GPS is a great aide to river navigation, and is able to tell you exactly where you are on Mio Pond prior to your first portage at 11:00 pm. What GPS does not provide is information such as where the stumps are in Mio Pond. That is why teams need to study the different stages of the river before paddling it for real.

Why livery canoes, not racing canoes? The goal is to provide a consistent standard to be judged by without the expense of purchasing a race canoe. After all, anyone can go fast in a racing canoe, real paddlers get their canoes at liveries... and paddle from Grayling to Oscoda.

Why paddle at night? It's impossible to paddle from Grayling to Oscoda without doing part of it at night. The start and finish times will work well for leaving Grayling and arriving in Oscoda.

Do we need a team captain? Yes. You will need one team captain that never paddles, but runs the team, or you may have two paddling captains as long as they are never on the river paddling at the same time. Your captain(s) will have overall responsibility for the safety of your team. Your paddlers will be very alone on the river except for other paddling teams on their way to Oscoda. Team captains will need to know which direction to go for assistance if needed. It is imperative that you KNOW when and where each stage swap is to be made.



For more information about the AuSable Spring Trials, contact Wayne at wkoppa@hotmail.com or Cindy at cbpfaff@hotmail.com www.ausablecanoemarathon.org

This is not your Saturday family canoe trip! Beginning at 3:00 p.m., all six members of each team will run with their canoe to the river in Grayling, where only two of them will paddle the first stage. At each stage, the canoe will be handed off to the next two fresh paddlers as the entire team makes its way to Oscoda. Are you ready to paddle?

<h2 style="text-align: center;">AuSable Spring Trials</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Registration fee \$1,800 per team</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Registration with application fee of \$300 to secure one of ten standing positions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Balance due by May 14, 2007</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please make checks payable to: ARCM, PO Box 911 Grayling, MI 49738 (989) 348-4425 www.ausablecanoemarathon.org</p>	<p>Team Captain #1 - Name _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Address _____ City _____ State, Zip _____</p> <p>Email Address _____ Birthday _____</p> <p>Male ___ Female ___ Shirt Size _____ Signature _____ Date _____</p>
	<p>Team Captain #2 - Name _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Address _____ City _____ State, Zip _____</p> <p>Email Address _____ Birthday _____</p> <p>Male ___ Female ___ Shirt Size _____ Signature _____ Date _____</p>
	<p>Team Member #1 - Name _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Address _____ City _____ State, Zip _____</p> <p>Email Address _____ Birthday _____</p> <p>Male ___ Female ___ Shirt Size _____ Signature _____ Date _____</p>
	<p>Team Member #2 - Name _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Address _____ City _____ State, Zip _____</p> <p>Email Address _____ Birthday _____</p> <p>Male ___ Female ___ Shirt Size _____ Signature _____ Date _____</p>
	<p>Team Member #3 - Name _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Address _____ City _____ State, Zip _____</p> <p>Email Address _____ Birthday _____</p> <p>Male ___ Female ___ Shirt Size _____ Signature _____ Date _____</p>
	<p>Team Member #4 - Name _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Address _____ City _____ State, Zip _____</p> <p>Email Address _____ Birthday _____</p> <p>Male ___ Female ___ Shirt Size _____ Signature _____ Date _____</p>
<p>Team Member #5 - Name _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Address _____ City _____ State, Zip _____</p> <p>Email Address _____ Birthday _____</p> <p>Male ___ Female ___ Shirt Size _____ Signature _____ Date _____</p>	
<p>Team Member #6 - Name _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Address _____ City _____ State, Zip _____</p> <p>Email Address _____ Birthday _____</p> <p>Male ___ Female ___ Shirt Size _____ Signature _____ Date _____</p>	

Sponsorship Roster



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The canoes will depart from beside the Grayling Post Office at 3:00 P.M. on May 21st, 2007. All six paddlers will run with the canoe to the river where two of the paddlers will depart on stage one. Each team of two will paddle three separate river stages out of a total of nine - handing their canoe off to fellow team members. Total distance is 120 miles. Canoes will be of standard design and be provided by the Marathon Committee. Total team entries will be limited to ten boats. Each team will raise a minimum of \$1,800 or equivalent to a minimum of \$300 per paddler. As a fund raising event for the AuSable Canoe Marathon those that wish to donate can contribute towards an individual paddler, sponsor a paddler for \$300 or sponsor an entire boat for \$1,800. With respect for all money raised each canoe will be provided with lettering to reflect significant sponsorship contributions by a business, service club or individual. Lettering will be provided by the Marathon Committee. Make checks to AuSable River Marathon.

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To learn about the #1 Canoe Marathon in North America, and the AuSable River visit their web site at www.ausablecanoemarathon.org .

The Objective Of the AuSable Spring Trials

“To increase the paddling opportunities on the Au Sable River and to raise funds for the AuSable Canoe Marathon.