

8th Annual Black River Kayak-A-Thon

Saturday, June 23, 2018



Please Read All The Information

The Black River Kayak-A-Thon casual float course is 4 miles from the Put-In at French Creek, downstream to the Take-Out at the Black River Wharf. Visit lorainblackriver.com for registration materials, course maps, and details.

All participants will be required to check in at the Wharf and to haul their equipment to the Put-In at French Creek. Participants will be asked for proof of ownership of equipment (Drivers License, Registration Form) to claim equipment dropped off at the Put-In at French Creek.

1. COMMERCIAL BOAT TRAFFIC

This is class I water; however, it is a navigable river and will be open to large boat traffic during the event.

2. ENTRY FEE & REGISTRATION

Entry fees must be paid on the day of the event. Waiver forms must be signed and submitted the day of the event. Entry fees are \$10 for the casual float per adult and \$5 for kids. Registration opens at 9:00 AM at the Wharf. Please allow at least one half hour to complete the registration and payment process prior to check-in.

3. TRANSPORTATION & SHUTTLES

Participants may provide their own transportation between the (French Creek) Put-In and the (Black River Wharf) Take-Out points. **No parking is available at the Put-In (equipment drop-off only).** Parking is available at the Take-Out (Black River Wharf on 14th St.). Shuttles will be available to transport floaters (not equipment) from the Take-Out to the French Creek/Floater Put-In. Shuttles will begin at 9:00AM and the last shuttle will depart from the Wharf at 11:00AM.

4. SCHEDULE

A mandatory instructional/safety meeting will be held at 11:15 AM at the French Creek Put-In location. The casual float will end at 1:30 PM, followed immediately by snacks and raffles.

Class	Latest Check-In Time	Safety Meeting	Start Time
Casual Float	11:00 AM	11:15 AM	11:30 AM

5. SAFETY

A mandatory instructional/safety meeting will be held at 11:15 AM at the French Creek Put-In location. An approved vest-type life jacket (Personal Flotation Device, PFD) must be worn properly by each participant throughout the race. If a participant is in trouble, other participants shall offer assistance if they are able to do so safely. Boats may be checked by the Ohio Division of Watercraft and/or the United States Coast Guard for a current boat license and approved safety equipment.

6. SNACKS, BEVERAGES, PRIZES AND KAYAK RAFFLE

Snacks and beverages will be provided to all participants starting at 1:30 PM. Casual float participants may pick up a token at each designated stop (1-2). Winning tokens will be gold in color and can be redeemed for prizes. A kayak raffle following the casual float will be open to anyone (5 tickets for \$5 or 15 tickets for \$10) but all float participants will receive one free entry. Raffle winner must be present to claim prize.

7. T-SHIRTS

T-shirts can be purchased upon registration on the day of the event. The t-shirt cost is \$15 and will be subject to availability on a first come, first served basis.

