

**CANOE/KAYAK
OPEN HOUSE & B-B-Que**

Jack McCarthy & Kathy Coulson - would like to invite friends and ski club members to join them on a canoe/kayak day on the Connecticut River. A short day trip from Hartland to the take out at North-Star Canoe Rental 3 miles south of the Windsor covered bridge.

DATE: Sat. June 26th / Alternate Rain Day Sun. June 27th

Shove off Time 10AM Trip would be about 2½ to 3½ hrs + stop @ Brewery!

Trip highlight will be a stop along the river at Harpoon Brewery in Windsor, VT. The covered bridge at Windsor is the longest in the US. Great views of Mt. Ascutney and local scenery. Last year we spotted a bald eagle, or he spotted us! A very easy flat water paddle with the current. River distance is roughly 8 miles start to finish. For the more adventurous, the trip could be extended to end at Wilgus State Park in Ascutney making the total run about 12½ miles. Final decisions can be made that day, and the group could even split into different packs.

(See Maps - Heartland to Windsor or Ascutney / River to Perkinsville)

At the end of the day, survivors and party people are invited to share a pot luck Bar-B-que cookout at Jack & Kathy's VT log cabin in Perkinsville. Perkinsville and Ascutney are both villages in the Town of Weathersfield. We're about 7 miles from the river.

Weather permitting, anyone wishing to try camping for the weekend, have 3 choices. Crown Point Campground is about 1½ miles down the road from Jack & Kathy's or Wilgus State Park in Ascutney is located on Rte. 5 right on the river. Other than camping there are a good number of B&B's or reasonable motels in the area. The drive home also isn't that long, consider a day trip drive to Okemo which is about 2 hours +/- from Fitchburg/Leominster.

We'd like to shove off about 10 AM from Heartland, so we can be at Harpoon for early lunch etc.... Cookout could start about 4PM +/- and continue till whenever.

To meet at launch site, from the south come up to VT rte 12 to Rte 91, get on in Westminster VT, take 91 N. Take exit #9 in Heartland on to Rte 5 & 12 N follow Rte 5 thru Heartland Four Corners watch for a bridge overpass crossing 91 it's about 2 miles from the center of Heartland. There's a cart road on your right side, (I'll put up a balloon or sign to mark it out) follow cart road down to river.

We'll work out final details on boat/people shuttle, parking and pick up the day of the trip.

Other info: **Canoe/kayak rentals** <http://www.kayak-canoe.com/pricing.html> they're on the NH side, nearly opposite the State Park in Ascutney.

<http://www.stillriveroutfitters.com/info/home> Located at Harpoon site, you might call for pricing as I can't find it on their web-site.

<http://www.pathoflifegarden.com/> This is the location we'll stop at to head up to Harpoon.

Windsor Covered Bridge <http://www.virtualvermont.com/coveredbridges/windcom.html>

Wilgus State Park <http://www.vtstateparks.com/htm/wilgus.htm>

Crown Point Campground <http://crownpointcampingarea.com/index.html>

RSVP to Jack yukonjax47@gmail.com or Kathy @ kcoulson@net1plus.com

Questions, ideas, more info > Phone # 978-827-6293 our Vt # is 802-263-5808
You can forget about cell phones in most of VT. - This is a good thing!

