



Canoe Outpost-Peace River

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Canoe Outpost-Peace River High Water Paddling

Note: First two bold words indicate start and end of trip and third word after slash indicates camping options. At 5' above normal and higher, Canoe Outpost-Peace River does not put canoes/kayaks in above Gardner.

Zolfo Springs to Gardner (19.5 miles): Not available. The water is too high. If you pull over and camp, you are trespassing. It is also hard to find in the river channel, river is flowing thru the woods.

Gardner to Gardner/Upstream: not available, current too strong to paddle upstream

Gardner to Arcadia/Upstream (12+ miles): not available, current too strong to paddle upstream

Gardner to Gardner/Gardner South: not available, current too strong to paddle upstream

Gardner to Arcadia/Gardner South (12 miles): Check-in and park in Arcadia and be transported to Gardner and paddle downstream to camp within the first 10 minutes on the left-hand side south of Gardner on Outpost property. Next day continue paddling downstream to Arcadia (11+ miles) and back to vehicles. You take your camping gear with you. Short, short paddle to campsite.

Gardner to Arcadia/Brownville (12 miles): Check-in and park in Arcadia and be transported to Gardner and paddle downstream (4 miles) toward Arcadia, make camp at Brownville Park for a fee. Next day paddle down to Arcadia (8 miles) and back to vehicles. Must stay down by the water. You take your camping gear with you.

Gardner to Arcadia/Oak Hill (12 miles): Check-in and park in Arcadia and put-in at Gardner and paddle downstream to Canoe Outpost-Oak Hill (approx. 7 miles downstream) to make camp at reserved site. Next day paddle downstream to Arcadia (approx.. 5 miles), back to vehicles. We can guarantee a campsite as long as supply lasts. We can deliver your camping gear to your site or you can take it with you.

Brownville to Arcadia/Oak Hill (8 miles): Check-in and park in Arcadia and put-in at Brownville and paddle downstream to Canoe Outpost-Oak Hill (4 miles downstream) to make camp at reserved site. Next day paddle downstream to Arcadia (4 miles), back to vehicles. We can guarantee a campsite as long as supply lasts. We can deliver your camping gear to your site or you can take it with you.

The 12-mile trip from Gardner to Arcadia is the normal day run, 4 hours of paddling, the 8-mile run from Brownville to Arcadia is the normal half-day trip, 2-2 1/2 hours of paddling at this level. There is no place to stop and take a break, all beaches and islands are under water.

High water means you do not have to paddle! This is float time. Tie together (not with your PFD belts, get ropes) and just float down the river. Stay away from trees near the side (strainers) and stay in the middle of the river. You will have to paddle when the river current takes off thru the woods and leaves you in a dead spot or at the railroad trestle. At the trestle keep right, untie as a group, and go straight through. If you hit the trestle broadside, lean downstream and get the canoe turned into the opening to get through. Don't worry about going backside first, just get through and then get turned around.

The current is very strong and if you tip, your canoe will go down and you'll lose all your gear and possibly the canoe in strainers and/or the trestle. Number One hint in high water: **Put your cell phone in a water proof container and keep it with you!**

If you lose your canoe in a strainer, get in another canoe or get to a dry spot and call 800-268-0083 for help getting the canoe back up. You may have to float down stream before you can get to a dry spot. If you can't get the canoe out of the trestle, just swim back to the Outpost and we'll get it out. If along the way, you tip and the canoe is floating, just float with it until you find a spot to swim it to so you can empty the water. Watch for barbed wire fence and fire ants. At high water, we usually have a rescue boat on the water or can launch shortly.

Please check our water levels at www.canoeoutpost.com/peace.