

DAY TRIP CANOE CHECKLIST

- Check the weather
- Load canoe:
 - Double check straps (keep straps away from hot muffler)
 - Tie loose ends of straps so they don't fly around in the wind

PACK LIST

- Buoyant rope (throw rope)
- Bailer/bilge pump
- Waterproof flashlight
- Sound signalling devices (like pea-less whistles one per person)
- Waterproof case for electronics (iphone, camera, wallet, binoculars)
- Lifejacket (one per person)
- Paddles (one per person and an emergency one)
- Wallet and directions if needed
- Sunscreen, hats, sun proof clothing.
- Lots of snacks/lunch/food
- Any essential medications
- First Aid Kit
- Water filter (or just bring lots of water)
- Camera
- Scavenger/spot the animal lists
- Map and compass (suggest keeping the map in a dry sack or map holder)
- Sketch pad
- Fishing gear
- A few toys (for the very young)
- Field guides

- Toilet paper and a little trowel
- Bug repellent
- Sandals with straps or little deck shoes
- Sun hats and sun-protective clothing
- Rain gear, which can double as windbreakers
- Extra outfit (in a dry bag) for little kids who will likely get wet and muddy playing
- Binoculars
- Umbrella or pop-up tent for shade
- Seat pads or stadium-style folding seats
- Rope to attach to the bow to help pull the boat on shore
- Little kids backpack

EN ROUTE AND ARRIVAL

- After 10-15 minutes check the canoe again to make sure it is secure (and again periodically through the drive)
- When loading the canoe, be sure to balance it properly: heavy items in the centre, and not along the edges. Don't overfill!