EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

NEW YORK
Susquehanna Basin
Water Trail

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For safety and comfort, use our checklist to pack the necessary equipment for your paddle.

BOAT GEAR

- Canoe, kayak, stand-up paddleboard, rowboat, or other vessel, suitable for water conditions and number of people.
- Coast Guard Approved wearable life vest or Personal Flotation Device (PFD). See NYS PFD requirements.
- Helmet, if anticipating rapids, fast currents or extensive hazards
- Whistle, horn or sound signaling device that can be heard half a mile or more
- White light for navigation and emergencies
- Paddles, including a spare
- Bailer or pump
- Small repair kit
- Bow and stern lines, also called painters
- Waterproof storage bags or containers, often called dry bags
- Cable and lock to secure boat, with enough line to tie both bow and stern in a storm or if the boat requires towing

COMMUNICATIONS AND SAFETY

- Float plan with emergency contact information. Have one with you and leave one with a friend or family member.
- Identification such as a driver's license
- Cell phone and portable charger. Keep in a waterproof case, dry bag or Ziploc plastic bag. Secure to your boat or life jacket.
- Portable VHF marine band radio and/or GPS locator.
- Binoculars, for spotting wildlife (especially eagles and heron), as well as buoy numbers and bridge names.

PERSONAL GEAR

- Water bottle. Never drink untreated river water.
- Snacks, secured in dry bag
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Wide-brimmed hat
- Water shoes or old sneakers. Never paddle in flip flops.
- Cold and warm weather clothing. One set in a dry bag, a second in your vehicle.
- Rain gear
- Waterproof bag, toilet paper and sanitary wipes or gel, if no restroom is available. Carry out with you, if no garbage cans are available.
- Insect repellent
- Knife
- First aid kit
- Credit or debit card

FOR LONGER PADDLES

- Tent
- Sleeping bag and pad
- Portable cell phone charger and cord.
- Roll of quarters for any coin-operated shower, laundry or parking meters.
- Extra water
- Meals and snacks
- Portable stove and fuel
- Waterproof matches and/or lighter
- Water jug
- Cooking gear and utensils
- Trash bags. Take all garbage with you, if no garbage cans are available.