

Clear Creek Overnighter Trip

When: April 18th, 19th and 20th.

Start: Clear Creek near Clarkrange TN

End: Barnet Bridge near Wartburg TN
(about 21 miles)

Cost: This is an official trip. No cost for gear rental for club members.

Preregistration is Mandatory.

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This is a three day canoe trip with two nights of camping on the river. From the put-in on Hwy 127 near Clarkrange there are 21 miles of uninterrupted forest until the next bridge. No houses, no road, no people; just wilderness, clear water, wildlife, and some incredible scenery. Rightfully so, the run is designated as a Nation Wild and Scenic river. It is best known for its rockhouses. For one short section, the entire creek cuts under a deep over hanging ledge. Expect to see turkey, deer, beaver, and the occasional river otter.

The whitewater on this trip is rated as class II/III with one class III+ on the last day. There will be places that require portaging due to log jams, rock jumbles and downed trees in the river. With boats full of camping gear this will be physically demanding, so **PACK LIGHT!** Don't bring anything you wouldn't take on a backpacking trip. Leave the lounge chairs, canned goods, hound dogs and beer coolers at home.

Proper preparation for this trip is critical. Each person will be responsible for carrying their own gear in their own boat and for bringing the necessary food, clothing and camping gear for a three day trip. **You and your gear will get wet.** This is not a big deal as long as you're prepared. I'll do a demo on how to pack and what to bring at the April 9th meeting. Plan on spending 3 or more hours packing the night before the trip. A suggested packing list is on the back of this sheet.

Itinerary

- April 9 6:30pm Packing demo during normal club meeting.
- April 10th 7:30 to 8:45 Canoe Training at the Aquatic Center
- April 14th to 17th Check out personnel gear at UTOP
- April 17th 5:00pm. Meet at UTOP to load the canoe trailer.
- April 18th 9:00am. Meet at Lot 66 on the Ag. Campus for trip
- April 20th return to Knoxville
- April 21th, 4:30pm Unload Equipment at UTOP Loading Bay.

Please call me if you have any questions or if you have signed up and cannot attend.

The Last Wild River

"One need not weep romantic tears for them, but when the last moonshiner buys his radio, and the last, lost wild-rabbit of a girl is civilized with a mail-order dress, Something will pass that was American and all the movies will not bring it back."

| Participants Gear List | | |
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| (to be checked out on an individual basis) | | |
| | UTOP | For the River: |
| | Y | Wet Suit Booties |
| | | Wool Socks / Neoprere Socks |
| | Y | Wet Suit / Dry Suit (Try it on!) |
| | | Bathing Suit |
| | Y | Wool or Polypro Sweater |
| | Y | Paddling Jacket |
| | Y | Poogies (Whitewater Mittens, if temp < 45) |
| | | Warm Fuzzy Hat |
| | | Sunglasses |
| | | String To secure Sunglasses/Glasses |
| | | Knee Pads |
| | Y | Life Jacket |
| | Y | Helmet |
| | | Sun Lotion |
| | | Bailer w rope or carabineer to secure |
| | Y | 1 small dry bag for lunch stuff (optional) |
| | Y | 1 Medium dry bag for wet suit when not being worn |
| | Y | 1 Large Ammo box (optional) |
| | Y* | 1 Large dry bag for Camping Gear |
| | Y* | 1 15' cam strap |
| | | Canteen w means to secure to canoe |
| Gear may be left at the Outdoor Center and retrieved Thursday Evening. | | |
| | | For Camping: |
| | | Trash Compactor Bags |
| | Y | Sleeping Bag (0 degree if its cold) |
| | Y | Sleeping Pad |
| | | Pillow |
| | Y | Tent w ground cloth |
| | | plate and eating utensils |
| | | dry clothes appropriate for temp. |
| | | towel |
| | | flash light |
| | | toiletries |
| | | Rain Gear (your call) |
| | Y | Stove |
| | Y | Pots for cooking |
| | Y | Water Filter |
| | Y | Crazy Creek Chair |
| | | Camera |
| | | Food: |
| | | 2 x Breakfast (Sat & Sun) |
| | | 3 x Lunch (Fri, Sat & Sun) |
| | | 2 x Dinner (Fri & Sat) |
| | | Snacks |

| Group Gear | |
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| (do not check out on your own) | |
| | 3 paddles per canoe |
| | canoe (2 per canoe) |

* UTCH / UTOP gear