

Atlantic Kayak Tours

Tivoli Bays

Tour Description

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Arrival Time: 10:30 AM for an 11:00 start

Meeting Place: Town Landing at bottom of Main St. in Tivoli

Distance: 8-10 miles

Skill Level: This trip is designed for paddlers of any skill level. Calm to moderate sea conditions, with many wakes under normal conditions, but if windy the river can be very choppy.

Equipment: If you bring your own kayak it must be a minimum of 14 feet long and have bulkheads. Everyone should bring a change of clothes and shoes, in the event of a capsize. Your lower legs and feet will be wet the full day, so dress accordingly. Always dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature.

Lunch: Bring a lunch and plenty to drink for our rest stops.

Note: There are no public rest rooms available at the put-in.

Directions: From New Jersey or any place on the western side of the Hudson River, take the New York Thruway to exit 19 (Kingston). After paying the toll take the first right off the traffic circle. Follow signs for route 209 north, which will be a right turn. Route 209 will turn into route 199 after crossing route 9W. Stay on route 199 and cross the Rhinecliff bridge.

Make a left at the second light onto route 9G north. Continue on 9G north for about 6.5 miles until a small sign for Tivoli. The town is a couple of miles past the Tivoli Bays Park entrance. Make a left onto Broadway. Follow Broadway down till just before it dead ends and make a left and cross the railroad tracks. This will be the meeting place.

From Connecticut or any place on the eastern side of the Hudson River, take the Taconic Parkway to Route 199. Follow Route 199 west to 9G North, note your odometer reading, and make a right to head north for about 4 miles to Broadway. Make a left on to Broadway and note your odometer reading. Continue for about 1.3 miles while looking for a railroad crossing on your left, cross the tracks and your at the meeting place.

By train from Manhattan or Albany: Enjoy a beautiful trip by train, followed by a taxi ride. Take Amtrak to the Rhinecliff stop. Call (800) 872-7245 for train information. Call Rhinebeck Taxi (914) 876-2010 ahead. Approximate taxi fare is \$45 each way.

lat/lon: N42.0595/W73.9241

Description

We will start in the Hudson River town of Tivoli and paddle south. This is an excellent area for a day paddle, with the islands and the bays to explore. Heading into the bays of Tivoli we have the opportunity to spot: osprey, great blue heron, green heron, snowy egret, wild turkey, snow geese, red-tailed hawks, kingfishers, deer, and bald eagle. We will stop on one of the islands for our lunch break, which is an ideal time for a hike or an opportunity to try and spot some birds that inhabit this area.

We picked Tivoli for this program because of the natural beauty of the area and the quality of the water. The Hudson River has been getting cleaner each year, in contrast to many other waterways that have been on the decline. The village of Tivoli is located in the magnificent Hudson Valley on the edge of the Catskill mountains, which is one of the most beautiful areas of New York State.

On Dec. 14, 1990, the National Park Service granted a 30 mile area on the eastern shore of the Hudson River (including Tivoli) Historic Landmark Status. Previously recognized by local historians for its importance, it now has National prestige. This is the largest area ever granted this honor. The area is now known as the Hudson River Historic District.

On our trip back up river, we will cross to the western shore and paddle to the Saugerties lighthouse at the mouth of the Esopus Creek. The original lighthouse was built in 1838. The Saugerties Lighthouse Conservancy was formed in 1985 to restore the lighthouse. We hope to get a tour of the lighthouse and donations are accepted.

At the end of the trip, stay and have dinner at Santa Fe, a great place to finish an excellent trip.

