



Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Expedition Logistics Tips

You may be asking: "So how do I get back to my car after starting at one point and ending at another?"

Getting to Wells Street Beach for the Saturday morning start:

Please meet between 7:00 am – 7:30am at Wells Street Beach in Gary, IN to drop off your boats at the starting point. A large NWIPA flag will be used to signal the location of the starting point. From there, proceed to Washington Park in Michigan City, IN in order to leave your car at the finishing point. A National Park Service Bus will be there to shuttle you back to the start. Please RSVP ahead of the event so that we know that we have enough capacity for the shuttles.

Link to Wells Street Beach, Gary IN:

<https://goo.gl/maps/6xWmVU2cRXG2>

Link to Washington Park, Michigan City, IN:

<https://goo.gl/maps/jqqkGsFGwCU2>

Schedule

9:00 am – Depart Wells Street Beach (Segment 1)

10:30 – Stop 1 – Portage Lakefront & Riverwalk - Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (3.7 miles)

10:45 – (possible NPS presentation or greeting)

11:15 – Depart

Link to Portage Lakefront & Riverwalk, Portage IN:

1:30 – Stop 2 - Dunes State Park (6.7 Miles)

(Lunch Plans TBA)

2:30 – Depart

Link to Indiana Dunes State Park, Chesterton IN:



4:00 – Stop 3 – Lake View – Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore – Beverly Shores, IN

(3.95 Miles)

4:15 – (possible NPS presentation)

4:30 – Depart

6:00 – Finish – Michigan City Washington Park (5.5 Miles)

– After party at the North Point Pavilion (pay with separate checks)

Resources:

National Park Service's IDNL Dunewood Campground

Located near Beverly Shores, IN

Phone 219-926-7561 x225

Michigan City Campground

1601 N US Highway 421

Michigan City, Indiana 46360

info@michigancitycampground.com

<http://www.michigancitycampground.com/>

Indiana Dunes State Park

1600 North 25 E.

Chesterton, Indiana 46304

(219) 926-1952

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/>

Sand Creek Campground

1000 North 350 East



Chesterton, IN 46304-9315

Phone: (219) 926-7482

Visitors Bureau's with more info:

Michigan City LaPorte Tourism

<http://www.michigancitylaporte.com/>

Indiana Dunes Tourism

<http://www.indianadunes.com/indiana-dunes-tourism/>

South Shore Visitors bureau

<http://www.southshorecva.com/>

Notes to all Participants:

- Check in with event volunteers at each stop on the trail so we can make sure we don't lose anybody
- While this event is not intended for novice paddlers, it's also not a race so please pace yourself, take in the sights, take photos, make new friends. We wish to keep the paddlers together as a group as much as possible.
- Please read through all the documents available on the NWIPA web site concerning this event, for your safety as well as the safety of your fellow paddlers
- Healthy snacks will be available to participants at each stop, but be sure to bring along plenty of water or electrolyte drink and your favorite energy snack. If you have a preferred paddling snack make sure you have enough to last your intended portion of the expedition.
- Don't get cooked! Bring sunblock, a hat, and sunglasses; we'll be out in the sun the entire day. And did we mention, bring plenty of water.
- Restrooms will be available at each stop.



- There will be safety boats to help out in case anyone gets into trouble; please keep an eye out for your fellow paddlers. Let no one gets hurt on this expedition.
- Pack a lunch or purchase one at the Indiana Dunes State Park will. Bring something quick for breakfast
- Lunch will be available at the concessions at Indiana Dunes State Park;
- There will be shuttles and a vehicle with a multi-boat trailer shadowing the tour. At each stop, those who are unable to continue with the expedition can be transported back to their starting point to Washington Park to retrieve their car.
- Cancellation or postponement of the event may be necessary due to lake and weather conditions, the organizers will make this decision.
- Paddlers may be removed from the expedition if the organizers determine they are unfit to continue, or are causing un-due disruption to the event.
- Do we have to say this? Please, save your alcohol consumption until after everyone is out of the water for each day.