

Slow Rafting down the Pinawa Channel

Guests Responsibility Sheet

It is recommended that each person wears water footwear if possible.

Preparation:

Sign the waiver:

All age 18+ people must sign the waiver form.

Those under age 18 must have their parent/legal guardian sign on their behalf.

Arrange your Pick-up vehicle(s):

1 or more of your personal vehicles will need to be dropped off a **full ½ hour** before your launch time, and left at your pick-up point. This will enable you to drive back to your original drop off point and retrieve all your vehicles. The swinging bridge is located on Pinawa Cemetery Road, 1/4 mile out of town (towards Winnipeg) on hwy 211. Don't forget to have your vehicle keys in a place you will not lose them.

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Ten or more people per raft will be considered the “Carry people” and will load the raft(s) into the transport vehicle at Wilderness Edge. Your group will be required to carrying the raft to and from the pickup spot about 300 meters each time. This normally works out to be about 20 to 30lbs for each person based on 10 people helping. The rest of the group can help load life jackets & paddles.

Drive to launch location:

You will load into your own cars and follow the Wilderness Edge Raft Transport vehicle to the end of the 211 Hwy, about 2 kms distance from Wilderness Edge.

Once at the launch location, the “carry people” will bring the raft to the water launch point. You will lift and put the raft above your heads as you walk down. **EXTEREME CARE MUST BE TAKEN WHEN BRING THE RAFT OR PEOPLE DOWN TO THE WATER! GO SLOW, DO NOT RUSH. BE SURE OF YOUR FOOTING.**

Once launched, steer clear of trees which can puncture the raft, or rocks that can ground the raft. “Carry people” may need to jump into water to dislodge raft if it gets caught on rocks. The ride will be about 1 to 1.5 hours once in the water. If you decide to stop to swim, **make sure no one jumps in head first**, as rocks are numerous in the channel.

End of trip: Take out area.

About 50 ft before the swinging bridge, pull to the left hand side. Land the raft and take the life jackets and paddles out.

“Carry people” will bring the raft back to the parking lot, following the path. Once again you will lift and put the raft above your heads as you walk up. The trail is not wide enough to support people carrying by the side handles. At one point you will encounter a fence, but as long as you carry the raft above your heads, you should be high enough to avoid the top of the fence.

Once in the parking lot with the raft and equipment, the group will load the rafts into the back of the transport vehicle. The drop off vehicles will be driven back to the start point and everyone is now loaded into their vehicles and you drive back to Wilderness Edge. Carry people take the raft off the Wilderness Edge transport vehicle and everyone brings their life jackets and paddles back to our storage room inside.

Cheers and have a great time!