



# TWIN RIVER OUTFITTERS

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## 50 MILER QUALIFYING SCOUT TRIPS

Twin River Outfitters is pleased to be able to offer a 5 day/4 night canoeing and or backpacking treks that meet the requirements for the **Boy Scout 50 Miler Award**. Our company runs various canoe trips from the head waters of the James River 62 miles downriver to the Snowden boat landing which is also an Appalachian Trail access point. This is one of the few places on the East Coast where you can canoe for several days and then switch over to hiking on the Appalachian Trail with out getting into your vehicles. We have customers that literally pull their canoes up the boat ramp then don their back pack and start hiking with out missing a stride. This gives our customers several creative options to meet the 50 Miler Award qualifications from traditional canoe only trips to combination canoe / hiking trips providing a great multi-sport experience. The Boy Scout 50 mile award is a great achievement and we believe we have one of the best places in the State of Virginia to get that award. We have several possible trek formats:

### **Trek Option # 1 5 day, 61 or 57 mile trip: Iron Gate to Glasgow or Snowden**

**50+ miles canoe only trip.** Experience 5 full days of paddling on some very scenic sections of the Upper James River as it winds thru the Blue Ridge Mountains. This trip includes many class I, II rapids and may include our biggest rapid we run called Balcony Falls. Those taking out in Glasgow will avoid the class II+/ III Balcony Falls rapid allowing for a class I & II trip. This trip is wilderness canoe camping at its best. The trip includes a 13 mile stretch of river designated a "Virginia Scenic River." This is a very nice trip with the best chance to see lots of wild life, and plenty of rapids to keep the paddling it interesting.

**Pricing:** \$135.00 per person over weekend, or \$125.00 per person if trip starts on a Monday. Pricing assumes groups of 8 or more.

### **Trek Option # 2 5 day, 52 mile 3 day canoeing 2 days backpacking**

**41 mile canoe and 11 miles backpack trip;** Experience 5 full days of paddling the James River and hiking in the James River Face Wilderness. Wilderness areas require groups of **10** or less for low impact camping. The canoe section starts at Eagle Rock and ends at Locher Tract in the Jefferson National Forest for a total of 41 miles. From there the scouts will change over and don their backs and begin the hike up the Balcony Falls Trail which connects up with the Appalachian Trail. They will hike down to the Matts Creek A.T. shelter spending 1 final night before the hike to the A.T. crossing of the James River and a shuttle ride back to our shop. This trip avoids will avoid the class II+/ III Balcony Falls rapid allowing for a class I & II canoeing trip and a moderate backpacking trip.

**Pricing:** \$86.00 per person for weekends, or \$82.00 per person for trips starting on Mondays. Pricing assumes groups of 8 or more.

Detailed trip plans are available upon request for groups evaluating our 5 day canoe trips.

Pricing includes rental of canoe, paddle, life jackets, river maps, use of dry bags, camping locations, shuttle to and from the river / trail heads, & river safety orientation. Virginia sales tax added to all rates as applicable.

These trip options all meet the requirement for the 50 miler award and allow for some flexibility in selecting a trip that will best fit your group's capabilities. For the 10 hours of service project that is required, we suggest a river clean up project while doing your float which TRO staff can help support. If you are interested in doing a volunteer trail maintenance project please contact Glenwood/Pedlar Ranger Districts @ P.O. Box 10 Natural Bridge Station, VA 24579 (540) 291-2188.



## 50-Miler Award Requirements

The 50-Miler Award is presented to each qualifying individual for satisfactory participation in an approved wilderness trip. In order to qualify for the award the group of which the individual is a member must fulfill all of the following requirements.

1. Make complete and satisfactory plans for the trip, including the possibilities of advancement.
2. Cover the wilderness trail or canoe or boat route of not less than 50 consecutive miles; take a minimum of 5 consecutive days to complete the trip without the aid of motors. (In some areas pack animals may be used.)
3. During the time on the trail or waterway, complete a minimum of 10 hours each of group work on projects to improve the trail, springs, campsite, portage or wilderness area. If after checking with recognized authorities, it is not possible to complete 10 hours each of group work on the trail, a similar project may be done in the unit's home area (There should be no unauthorized cutting of brush or timber.)
4. Unit or tour leader must then file with local council service center. This application gives additional details about planning the trip.

Source:

[www.scoutingbsa.org/Programs/Awards/BSA Non Rank Awards/50 Mile Award.html](http://www.scoutingbsa.org/Programs/Awards/BSA_Non_Rank_Awards/50_Mile_Award.html)

**Call our shop at 540-261-7334 if you have more questions. We would be happy to help you plan a group trip.**