

Camping Platform Regulations

for

Roanoke River Paddle Trail Camping Platforms

Permits

All camping platform users must carry a valid permit for use. Number of users must not exceed number on permit.

Age Requirements

Responsible party must be 18 or older.

Check In/Check Out

Platform users should occupy camping platforms no earlier than **3 p.m.** of the first day and no later than **11 a.m.** of the last day of rental/permit.

Cooking and Use of Fire

NO open fires are permitted on platforms. Camp stoves are required for cooking.

Toilets

Portable toilets with disposable bags are required.

All Trail and Camping Platform users are encouraged to use the

Basic Principles of *Leave No Trace*

- **Plan Ahead and Prepare**
- **Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces**
- **Dispose of Waste Properly**
- **Leave What You Find**
- **Minimize Campfire Impacts** (Applies to ground campsites. No open fires on RRP Platforms)
- **Respect Wildlife**
- **Be Considerate of Other Visitors**



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Liability Waiver for Roanoke River Paddle Trail Users

This waiver must be read, understood and signed by user.

Paddlers are strongly encouraged to use qualified guides.

Paddling, navigating and primitive camping skills are needed for this trail. Users may not encounter other boaters and may have to rely on personal skills in emergencies.

Some trail sections are remote and may not consistently provide sufficient connections for use of mobile phones.

Platform maintenance is performed periodically. Due to the nature of the environment, users may encounter unsafe conditions on a platform, blocked trails, missing trail signs or other hazards. Users must assess the safety of trails and platforms based on conditions at that time.

Paddlers should check their chosen sources for changing weather and water levels as either can produce unexpected and dangerous conditions.

The Roanoke River Paddle Trailguide, maps and other information provided by Roanoke River Partners, are not intended as the only guides for navigation or camping information on the Roanoke River or its Tributaries. While every effort has been made to make this information as accurate as possible, some map portions may not be to scale, and maps do not identify all landmarks or navigational hazards which are present in the river and its tributaries.

Boating and camping on the Roanoke River and its tributaries are inherently dangerous activities. The Roanoke River basin is home to numerous dangerous plants and animals, including venomous snakes, mosquitoes, spiders, as well as other natural hazards. Users of this Trail and the RRPT camping platforms are urged to use common sense and to take appropriate precautions and care to avoid accidents and injuries. Many of these dangers are a natural part of the Roanoke River basin ecosystem and contribute to the beauty and allure of this region. Paddlers, boaters, and other users of the camping platforms and canoe trail assume these inherent risks and dangers.

I certify that I have read and understand the risks and dangers of using the Roanoke River Paddle Trail and Camping System. I accept these risks and dangers, stated and unstated.

User's Signature

Platforms
Rented

Dates
Rented

Signature Date _____

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

SIGN & RETURN this form **WITH** your check to:

Roanoke River Partners Reservations
PO Box 488
Windsor, NC 27983-0488

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Suggested Gear

Safety

Each paddler should wear a properly fitting life preserver! Suggested safety supplies include: flashlights & extra batteries, safety whistle, basic first aid kits, cell phones in waterproof bag (although they may not always operate in remote areas), knife or multi-tool, maps, proper clothing (and *extra* clothes) for wet weather and cooler seasons, and other items as needed. Extra paddles.

Boats

Canoes, kayaks and small flatboats. Water levels can vary significantly around platforms.

Tents & Tarps

Self-standing tents only. Mosquito fly and ground cloth suggested for summer. Tarps with grommets are useful for rainy weather. Spare rope.

Sleeping

Sleeping bags, cots or thick pads are recommended for wooden platform surface. Plan for cooler weather. Pack sleeping (and other supplies) in waterproof bags.

Cooking & Food Prep

No open fires or wood fires are permitted so bring gas-fired camp stoves or charcoal grills. Bring sufficient water for drinking, bathing and “kitchen” needs. Use biodegradable soap (sparingly). Don’t forget plastic bags for garbage (pack in/pack out). Minimize scraps

Bug Protection

Deer flies (locally called yellow flies) can be particularly annoying in July and August. Repellants do not seem to affect them so use bug-net headgear and suits. (If you should discover a repellent that works, contact us at info@roanokeriverpartners.org!) Mosquitoes respond to DEET and other repellants. Deer flies are not usually a problem on the platforms. Mosquitoes are worst around sunset and can be avoided with tents, repellants or netting. Smoldering bug “coils” may also be useful. Candles are not permitted.

Personal Hygiene/Waste

Portable toilets are required. Don’ forget toilet tissue (pack in/pack out). Large & small plastic bags for trash and storage.

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