

Ralls County Kayak Race

2018 Safety Letter

Thank you for your interest in the Ralls County Kayak Race. Please read the safety letter below and let us know if you have any questions!

We will have solo or tandem divisions. We will have classes for males and females. Classes will depend on length of kayak. **For simplicity we will determine what division you are in on race day.** That way we avoid any confusion. Divisions that do not have at least 3 registered boats may be merged with another division.

We will be launching from the Indian Creek Beach.

Registration will begin at 8am. At this time we will determine what division you will race in. We will also do safety inspections.

Prior to launching there will be a MANDATORY safety meeting for all participants at 8:45 am at the launch site. Please be registered and ready to go prior to the safety meeting.

When you arrive you will need to:

- Sign the waiver for each racer (even if you signed it online)
- Fill out an emergency contact form for each racer
- Have an approved life jacket for each racer
- A whistle that is attached to the life jacket
- Sufficient water, food and sunscreen for you to complete the race (no alcohol will be allowed)
- Program the race contact number 573-470-3315 in your cell phone and the phone of your ground crew. If for any reason you withdraw from the race please let us know immediately.

Numbers will be issued at registration and must be displayed on both sides of your kayak with no other numbers visible during the race.

We will have safety boats on the water provided by the US Army Corps of Engineers and if possible the Water Patrol.

You will not be able to stop for any reason other than a necessary stop or an emergency. If you stop for any other reason you will be disqualified from the race and you will no longer be under the supervision of race officials and support boats.

Also, if you take any short cuts on the course you will be disqualified. Please be considerate of the route and everyone participating.

We will not be regulating any boat traffic on the lake. Please be aware of other boaters and watercraft.

The race map will be posted on the Ralls County Health Department's website (www.rallscountyhealth.org) and our Facebook page.

Indian Creek Marina will be providing concessions at the end of the race. When you have completed the race please stop by and see them.

Camping is available at the Indian Creek Campground on a first come first serve basis. You can make a reservation online at recreation.gov.

Directions:

From Hannibal: Travel west on Highway 36 for 20 miles, then southwest on Highway 24 for 6 miles. Continue south on Rt. HH for 2 miles, then east on Monroe CR #581 for 3 miles.

From Monroe City: Travel 6 miles southwest on Highway 24, then south on Rt. HH for 2 miles. Continue east on Monroe CR #581 for 3 miles.

From Paris: Travel northeast on Highway 24 for 14 miles, then south on Rt. HH for 2 miles. Continue east on Monroe County Road #581 for 3 miles.

From Perry: Travel west on Highway 154 for 7 miles, then north on Highway 107 for 9 miles. Continue northeast on Hwy 24 for 3 miles, then south on Rt. HH for 2 miles. Go east on Monroe County Rd. #581 for 3 miles.

We hope you enjoy the race!