



# Grand Island Recreation Department



## Fall Foliage Fun Paddle



Join us to see the fall colors from the water along Woods Creek on Grand Island and Ellicott Creek in Tonawanda / Amherst. These paddles are easy to moderate level paddles and will be approximately 3 hours each. Bring a camera to capture the fall colors or just come out and enjoy. Each paddle is led by an ACA certified instructor and will start with a brief introduction to paddle strokes and paddling safety.

### Easy – Moderate Level Paddle – Woods Creek / East River

**Dates:** Saturday, October 2; Saturday, October 9

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Woods Creek Kayak Launch in Buckhorn State Park – we will paddle Woods Creek up to Baseline Road, turn around and head out to East River (weather permitting). View the fall colors, ducks, turtles, and other birds in the area. Heron, Egret and Osprey have been seen in the area. The Woods Creek portion has minimal current and is fairly protected from wind; East River has a moderate current and waves depending on wind speed and direction. This paddle will be 3-4 miles.

**Ages:** 13 and over - *limited to 6 participants*

**Weather:** The paddle will go light rain or shine. If there is heavy rain or thunderstorms the paddle will be cancelled a refund will be given. Refunds will not be given for cancellations by the participant.

### Easy Level Paddle – Ellicott Creek

**Dates:** Saturday, October 16; Saturday, October 23

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Ellicott Creek Park Kayak Launch, Tonawanda – we will paddle East along the creek toward Sweet Home Road and back. View the fall colors, ducks, turtles, and other birds in the area. The creek has minimal current and is fairly protected from wind. This paddle will be 3-4 miles.

**Ages:** 13 and over - *limited to 6 participants*

**Weather:** The paddle will go light rain or shine. If there is heavy rain or thunderstorms the paddle will be cancelled a refund given. Refunds will not be given for cancellations by the participant.

**What to Bring:** Gear participants should bring include: camera, water bottle, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat etc. Be prepared for the weather and dress in layers that can easily be taken off or put on. Kayak, paddle, and lifejacket are provided. Note, clothing and footwear may get wet from paddle drip and splashing.

**Registration:** Cost is \$15.00 per paddle. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 14. Register online at <https://grandislandny.myrec.com>. Non-Resident cost is \$30.00 per paddle; registration opens Tuesday, September 21. If you need assistance call the Recreation Office at 773-9680.

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