

Things you should know . . .

Length: The paddle trip is 7.5 miles.

Launch Point: The Dismal Swamp State Park canal bridge in South Mills, North Carolina. GPS: 36.5057, -76.3551

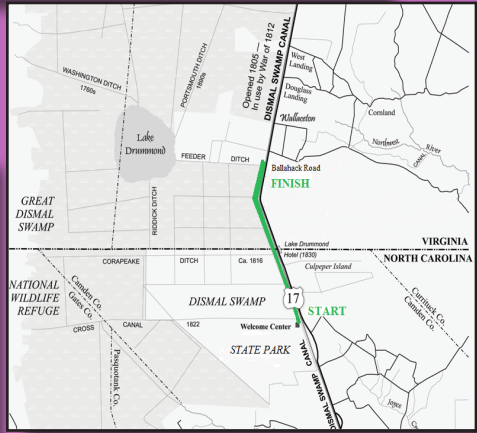
Destination: The Ballahack Boat Ramp on the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail at Ballahack Road in Chesapeake, Virginia. GPS: 36.604, -76.381

Restroom Facilities: Restrooms at the launch point and portable toilets at the end of the paddle.

What To Bring: Your own canoe or kayak and a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) . You may also want to bring binoculars, camera, sun screen, bug repellent, snack, beverage, and a change of clothes.

Interested in renting a canoe or kayak?

To see a list of local vendors, go to CityOfChesapeake.net/Paddle or dismalswampwelcomecenter.com/paddle-for-the-border.



Registration Information:

Registration Fee: \$55 per person
(not refundable unless event is cancelled)

Online Registration: CityOfChesapeake.net/Paddle
There is a convenience fee for using your credit card online.
Note: This is not a Parks, Recreation and Tourism fee.

Mail-in, Walk-in, or Drop-off: Make check or money order payable to the "Chesapeake Treasurer." Please remember to put your driver's license number/ID number on your check. (Returned check fee is \$35)

Registration Form: You must submit a registration form.
Waiver: Each registered person must submit a signed waiver.

REGISTER EARLY - EVENT FILLS QUICKLY

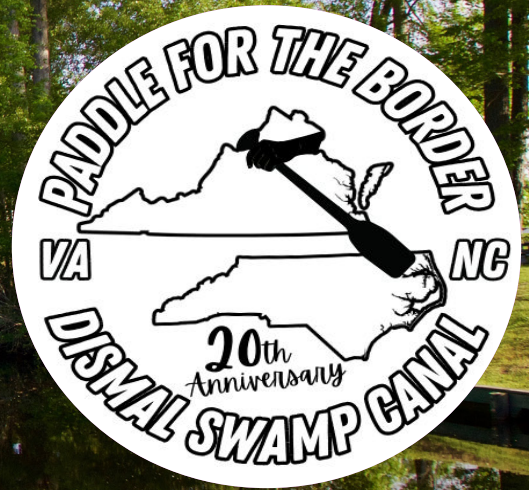
Open Registration: January 6th- April 7th
(Online, Walk In or Drop Off , Mail)

Late Registration: April 8th - Until Full
(Online Only; Add \$10 Late Fee)

For information to obtain registration packets in advance, call 252-771-8333.

Schedule

- Starting at 8:00 a.m.** DROP OFF YOUR BOAT — SOUTH MILLS, NC. Report to the Dismal Swamp State Park adjacent to the Dismal Swamp Rest Area in South Mills, NC. Off-load your boat and passengers. To facilitate registration and launch, please do not arrive before 7:30 AM. GPS: 36.5057, -76.3551
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** DRIVE TO GLENCOE STREET VIA US-17 CHESAPEAKE, VA - Follow Glencoe Street to the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail. Staff will direct you where to park.
- 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** SHUTTLE/REGISTRATION/ BREAKFAST - Take bus shuttle from the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail back to the launch site at the Dismal Swamp State Park adjacent to the Dismal Swamp Rest Area. Pick up registration package. Enjoy breakfast.
- LAUNCH** - Launch canoes/kayaks from the Dismal Swamp State Park adjacent to the Dismal Swamp Rest Area in South Mills, NC.
- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** PICNIC - Lunch on grounds of the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail at the Ballahack Boat Ramp at Ballahack Road in Chesapeake, VA. GPS: 36.604, -76.381



Interested in a campground or overnight lodging?
Contact the Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center in NC (252-771-8333) or Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism in VA (757-382-6411).

Contact

In North Carolina:

Dismal Swamp State Park

Phone: 252-771-6593

Email: dismal.swamp@ncparks.gov

Website: www.ncparks.gov

Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center

Phone: 252-771-8333

Email: dscwelcome@camdencountync.gov

Website: www.dismalswampwelcomecenter.com

In Virginia:

Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Phone: 757-382-6411

Email: Events@CityOfChesapeake.net

Website: CityOfChesapeake.net/Paddle



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PADDLE FOR THE BORDER

Saturday, May 3, 2025

*Paddle the Historic Dismal Swamp Canal
From South Mills, NC to Chesapeake, VA*

Registration begins January 6th

